

study'—Elizabeth Monck and Rebecca Dobbs, Institute of Child Health. All meetings will be held at the Institute of Child Health, 30 Guildford Street, London WC1 (except the meeting on 5 June for which a venue is yet to be arranged). Information: Honorary Secretary, ACPP, 4 Southampton Row, London WC1.

The Second Conference of the Sigmund Freud Centre of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (in collaboration with the Psychoanalysis Trust, University College, London and Keren Sigmund Freud, Jerusalem), entitled 'The Varieties of Transference Interpretation', will be held from 27 to 29 August 1985. Information: Professor J. Sandler, Psychoanalysis Unit, University College, 26 Bedford Way, London WC1.

The **Department of Psychiatry at the University of Leeds** is holding a residential conference to examine the teaching of the behavioural sciences to medical undergraduates on 11 and 12 July 1985 in Leeds. The purpose of the conference is to highlight some of the practical difficulties experienced in this burgeoning area of the medical curriculum. Information: Sheila Turner, Secretary, Department of Psychiatry, University of Leeds, 15 Hyde Terrace, Leeds LS2 9LT.

The **First World Congress on Drugs and Alcohol** will be held in Tel Aviv, from 15 to 19 December 1985. Information: Congress Secretariat, First World Congress on Drugs and Alcohol, PO Box 394, Tel Aviv 61003, Israel.

The **Association of Psychopharmacology of Europe** will hold its first meeting on 2 and 3 May 1985 in Copenhagen. Topics include benzodiazepine receptors and trans-cultural aspects of classification of psychiatric illness. Registration forms: Dr Per Bech, Department of Psychiatry, Frederiksborg General Hospital, DK 3400, Hillerod, Denmark. Information: Dr Michael Trimble, National Hospital, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG.

A one-day conference entitled '**Handling Crises in the Community**' will be held at St George's Hospital, London on 14 March 1985 to review the community management of crises which involve mentally ill, mentally impaired, elderly and offender patients. Fee (including refreshments): £20. Cheques should be made payable to 'St George's Hospital Medical School' and sent to Dr L. Hems, Department of Psychiatry, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE, from whom further information is available.

News Items

MRC Child Psychiatry Unit

Arrangements have now been completed for the establishment of an MRC Unit for research in child psychiatry under the direction of Professor Michael Rutter at the Institute of Psychiatry and Maudsley Hospital, London SE5.

The Unit will undertake research on child development and childhood psychiatric problems. Studies will be made of the ways in which different environmental factors within the family and at school can affect a child's development and how experiences and behaviour in childhood are linked with behaviour and psychiatric illness in adult life. One of the major strategies of the research programme will be the study of particular groups over long periods, even decades.

MHA 1983—Review of Treatment, Section 61

The Mental Health Act Commission has issued a circular entitled 'Mental Health Act 1983—Review of Treatment, Section 61' which notifies Authorities of the arrangements for reports to be given by RMOs under Section 61 of the Act, and also provides a sample of the new form to be used for this purpose. It is important that all staff who need to know about the provisions of the Mental Health Act should be familiar with this circular.

Copies are available on request from the Mental Health Act Commission, Room 22, Hepburn House, Marsham Street, London SW1P 4HW (01-211 4946).

The North American Society of the College

David Davis, Professor of Psychiatry and Founding Chairman of the North American Society of the Royal College of Psychiatrists has now stepped down from the chairmanship of the Society and is succeeded by Dr Isaac Sakinowsky, Professor of Psychiatry, St Michael's Hospital, 30 Bard Street, Toronto, Ontario. The American Treasurer, Dr Larry Sharpe, has now been replaced by Dr Warren Taft, 340 N. Central Avenue No. 100, Brea, California 92621.

Hospital Histories in the College Library

The list of hospital histories printed in the *Bulletin* (February 1984, 8, 33–34) elicited considerable interest from members. As a result, the library collection has now expanded to include over eighty such histories—thanks to those who either donated books or drew attention to gaps in the collection. Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the updated list of hospital histories should contact the Librarian, Susan Floate, at the College.