

Miscellany

Appeal from Albania

Dr Afrim Dangëllia writes that psychiatry in his country is undergoing many difficulties. Psychiatrists there need books on the treatment of mental disorders and on psychotherapy. The majority of Dr Dangëllia's colleagues read English. Would any Members of the College who are able to help, please write to: Dr Afrim Dangëllia, Spitali Klinik Psikiatrik Nr. 5, Tirana, Albania.

Back issues of Journal

Back issues of *The British Journal of Psychiatry* from January 1972–December 1978 inclusive are available from Dr J. D. Haldane, 54 Hepburn Gardens, St Andrews, Fife, Scotland KY16 9DG.

Awards

The winner of the 1991 Merck award in Scotland was Dr Allan Scott, a Lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry, Edinburgh University, and now Consultant Psychiatrist at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital. The award will enable him to visit the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, to gain experience in the general principles of quantitative in vivo specific ligand/receptor binding techniques in man using SPET which he hopes to apply to further studies in ECT. On his return he will present a paper at a quarterly meeting of the Scottish Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

The Merck award(s) (total annual value £1,500), to be made by the Scottish Division, are open to members of the College working in Scotland who are trainee psychiatrists or are consultants within three years of their first appointment. The award(s) may take the form of a research or travelling grant.

Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a statement of current interests and planned research or study, and the names of two referees before 30 September 1992 to Dr I. M. Pullen, Secretary, Scottish Division (Royal College of Psychiatrists), Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Edinburgh EH10 5HF.

The 1993 IPA Research Awards in Psychogeriatrics, sponsored by Bayer AG, will be presented at the Sixth Congress of the International Psychogeriatric Association to be held from 5–10 September 1993 in Berlin. Only unpublished results of original research in psychogeriatrics will be considered. Submission deadline: 1 December 1992. Further information: IPA Secretariat, 3127 Greenleaf Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091, USA (telephone 708 866 7227; fax 708 866 6984).

Neuroscience

Posters in Neuroscience is a medium for rapid publication of innovative papers in neuroscience. Research papers will be reviewed by two referees in less than three weeks and posters from conferences will be chosen by meeting organisers and by one/two referees present at the conference chosen by the Editorial Board. Further information: Giardini Editori S. A., Piazza Monte Ceneri, 13, CH 6901 Lugano, Switzerland.

New publications

The MIND Guide to Advocacy in Mental Health is available at £5 plus 75p p&p from MIND Mail Order Service, 24–32 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD.

Two WHO reports – *Priorities for Collaboration with Countries of Central and Eastern Europe in the Field of Mental Health* and *The Mental Health Problems of Migrants* are available from: WHO Regional Office for Europe, Scherfigsvej 8, DK-2100 Copenhagen Ø, Denmark (telephone 45 39 17 17 17; fax 45 31 18 11 20).

Six reports assessing the trends that will reshape health care in the 21st century have been published by the King's Fund London Initiative: *Medical Advances and the Future of Acute Services*, by Barbara Stocking, King's Fund Centre, £7.00; *An Optimal Balance? Primary Health Care and Acute Hospital Services in London*, by Jane Hughes and Pat Gordon, King's Fund Centre, £7.00; *Undergraduate Medical Education: London and the Future*, by Angela Towle, King's Fund Centre, £7.00; *Health Care Labour Markets: Supply and Change in London*, by Ian Seccombe and James Buchan, Institute of Manpower Studies, £10.00; *London's Legacy, Aspects of the NHS Estate in London*, by Richard Meara, Meara Associates, £10.00; and *Managing London's Health Services*, by Stephen Halpern and Joyce Rowbottom, Institute of Health Services Management, £7.00. A set of these working papers can be purchased from BEBC, 9 Albion Close, Poole, Dorset BH12 3LL at a total cost of £48.00, plus £6.00 postage and packing.

Human tissue

The Nuffield Council on Bioethics has set up a Working Party on The Medical and Scientific Uses of Human Tissue. The terms of reference of the Council include the identification and definition of ethical questions raised by recent advances in biological and medical research in order to respond to, and to anticipate, public concern.