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Birthday Honours

In October 1997, Colonel Professor R. R. Tilleard-Cole received the Order of the British Empire.

New psychiatric art Web site

A Web site for a gallery of psychiatric art has been set up by The Cunningham Dax Gallery of Psychiatric Art. Web site address: WWW.PSYCH-ART.ORG.AU/~ECDAX. Further information: The Cunningham Dax Gallery of Psychiatric Art, 35 Poplar Road, Parkville, Victoria, Australia 3052 (Telephone: 03 9342 2394).

New publications

Patients' views have become an increasingly important factor for mental health professionals in their efforts for increased effectiveness in their clinical practice. Children are no exception to this. The multi-professional FOCUS project at the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research Unit aims to assist this process by producing a series of information sheets along the theme of *Involving Children in Decision Making*. This series, launched with a discussion document, details current initiatives in this area and an information sheet outlining the resources currently available. It is envisaged that these sheets will be of use not only to mental health professionals, but will serve as a 'starting point' to young people and parents/carers of children suffering from mental health problems who would like to be involved in treatment decisions but are unsure as to how this might be approached. Further information: Carol Joughin, Project Manager, Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research Unit, 11 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EE (Telephone: 0171 235 2351 ext. 256).

Age Concern have recently published *Drugs and Dementia: A Guide to Good Practice in the Use of Neuroleptic Drugs in Care Homes for Older People*. Reassurance and practical information is offered to care home residents, their families and care homes staff concerned about the effects of neuroleptics. It outlines good practice for care managers, care staff, GPs, nurses, consultants working with older people, pharmacists and inspectors. Copies may be purchased for £5 from Age Concern Mail Order Department, 1268 London Road, London SW16 4ER (cheques made payable to Age Concern England). Credit card orders can be made on 0171 765 7203.

A new report investigating the risks to health and well-being from carbon monoxide exposure in the home has been published by the Institute for Environment and Health (IEH) at Leicester University. The *IEH Assessment on Indoor Air Quality In The Home (2): Carbon Monoxide* reviews information on the range of likely exposures to carbon monoxide in UK homes, and the possible health effects of these exposures. The report can be purchased from IEH, 94 Regent Road, Leicester LE1 7DD, price £25. For further scientific and technical information contact Dr Paul Harrison on 0116 223 1610. For an executive summary (available to editors) contact the Scientific Publications and Information Unit on 0116 223 1618.

Ethnicity: An Agenda for Mental Health, edited by Dinesh Bhugra, sets the scene for identifying and meeting the mental health needs of Black and minority ethnic groups. In addition to multi-disciplinary working, the key emphasis here is in involving commissioners and voluntary organisations in deciding how best to meet the needs of the communities. Copies will be available for £15 from Book Sales, The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG (Telephone: 0171 235 2351 ext. 146).

Seminars in Old Age Psychiatry is a new addition to the College seminar series. Edited by Rob Butler and Brice Pitt, it provides an impressive and comprehensive review of the diagnosis and management of psychiatric problems associated with old age. All the major disorders and approaches to treatment are covered. An essential text for trainees and clinicians. Copies are available for £17.50 from Book Sales, The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG (Telephone: 0171 235 2351 ext. 146).

Reciprocity Between the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists Revised Statement (Council Report CR66) has recently been published. Although the nature and duration of training programmes and the timing and content of professional examinations differ between the two Colleges, each recognises broad equivalence and grants due recognition for such. The two tables of this document set out in detail reciprocal recognition of training and assessment, and also any exemptions allowed by the two Colleges. This statement replaces the earlier