

Miscellany

Prizes

The McHarg Prize: The Scottish Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists offers a prize of £100 to a trainee who is working in Scotland and who is of senior registrar or registrar grade. Candidates for the prize are invited to submit essays or scientific papers based on their own studies or their original work. It is expected that submissions will range from essays based on literature review to descriptions of clinical work or research in the field. All entries will be considered by a panel set up by the Scottish Executive Committee and it is intended that the successful candidate will be invited to present his paper to a meeting of the Scottish Division.

Submissions must be returned before *31 December 1988* to Dr R. G. McCreadie, Honorary Secretary, Scottish Division, Crichton Royal Hospital, Dumfries DG1 4TG.

The Merck, Sharp and Dohme Prize in Psychiatry: The winner of the 1988 Merck, Sharp and Dohme Prize in Psychiatry (East Anglia) was Dr Christine Vize, SHO at Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge with an entry on 'Puerperal Psychosis'. The second prize was awarded to Dr Deborah M. Girling, Registrar at Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge with an entry on 'Subcortical Dementia: A Review of the Literature'.

The Academic Department of Psychiatry, University of Cambridge, Addenbrooke's Hospital announces that the competition has now been opened for the 1989 MSD Prize: first prize £250; second prize £80. Psychiatric trainees working in the East Anglian Region are eligible. Details: Mrs M. A. Coburn, PGME Senior Secretary, Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge CB1 5EF (telephone 0223 248074, extension 5373).

Appeal for Schizophrenic Twins and Families

The Genetics Section at the Institute of Psychiatry have a long-standing research interest in schizophrenic twins. At present a study is being carried out with Dr Maria Ron of Queen Square of MRI imaging in schizophrenic twin pairs. The Genetics Section would be very grateful if colleagues could let them know of any pairs of twins containing one or more schizophrenics, who would be willing to participate in this, or related studies. Other research involves the genetic study of families containing more than one member suffering from schizophrenia and the Section would be equally grateful to learn of such families. Travelling and other expenses involved in the research would, of course, be paid.

Please contact either Dr Robin Murray (01-703 9361) or Dr Shon Lewis (01-703 5411), Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF.

Honours

Dr Thomas Bewley was awarded an Honorary CBE on 18 July 1988.

Dr Julian Roberts, Consultant Psychiatrist, St James's University Hospital, Leeds has been awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

World Conference on Medical Education

This conference will be held in Edinburgh from 8–12 August 1988 and Professor H. J. Walton, President of the World Federation for Medical Education, will preside. Participation is limited to those invited by the World Federation for Medical Education. This working conference will review the Regional reports and other pertinent documentation. Since the Programme was initiated the World Conference has been regarded as a culminating point in the strategy for world action in medical education.

Further information: World Federation for Medical Education, Department of International Medical Education, University of Edinburgh, The Medical School, Teviot Place, Edinburgh EH8 9AG.

New Publication

ECT—Pros, Cons and Consequences is a MIND Special Report written for the lay reader. Copies are available from MIND Publications Mail Order Service, 4th Floor, 24–32 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD Price 25p each, £2 for 10, £18 for 100 (prices include postage).

Corrections

We were incorrectly informed that Dr J. W. Coid had been appointed Consultant in Forensic Psychiatry in Haringey from 1 September 1987 (*Bulletin*, May 1988, 12, 189). Dr Coid is in fact Consultant in Forensic Psychiatry to the North East Thames Regional Health Authority, Senior Lecturer to the Medical College of St Bartholomew's Hospital (from 1 September 1987).

The John Dunn Medal (*Bulletin*, June 1988, 12, 218) should have read The John Dunne Medal.