

News Items

The Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust

The Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust has established an annual Fellowship entitled 'Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Fellowship'. The Fellowship was founded this year with the approval of Her Majesty to commemorate her 80th birthday. The trustees of the Trust will select annually a Fellow who will be invited to produce a monograph on a subject of interest to Her Majesty and within the purposes of the Trust. The monograph will be published and launched with a public lecture.

The first holder of the Fellowship is to be Lord Campbell of Croy, whose subject will be the progress and prospects for overcoming disability. Further enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary of the Trust, Gordon McLachlan, 3 Prince Albert Road, London NW1 7SP.

International Year of Disabled People

The UK was co-sponsor of a United Nations Declaration that 1981 should be designated an International Year of Disabled People. Objectives include helping disabled people in their physical and psychological adjustment to society; promoting all national and international efforts to provide disabled people with proper assistance, training, care and guidance; encouraging study and research projects designed to facilitate the practical participation of disabled people in daily life (e.g. improving their access to public buildings and transportation systems); educating and informing the public of the rights of disabled people; and promoting effective measures for the prevention of disability and for the rehabilitation of disabled people. These objectives apply to people affected by mental illness or handicap as well as those who are physically disabled.

An official Steering Group has been established to co-ordinate the Government's response to the Year and a number of initiatives are planned. It is hoped that the main impetus for the Year will come from the voluntary sector. The Government is funding the Secretaries for Voluntary Organizations' Committees in each of the home countries to stimulate and co-ordinate activities at national and local level. The International Year of Disabled People offers a unique opportunity to stimulate professional interest in disability and its prevention.

Examples of Medical Audit—1

Dr Ann Lloyd Jones examined the care offered to 47 epileptics in a Cardiff group practice (*Journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners* (July 1980) 30, 396-400). Since 1960 the diagnosis was always confirmed by specialist and EEG. Over half the patients considered themselves unacceptable to society, and of 17 with problems of various kinds 9 had no regular follow-up. In 50 per cent of cases it was the patient and not the doctor who decided the frequency of consultation. She suggests that the practice could offer regular contact to all, with consequent improvement in the care offered. Less than half the patients were on only one drug. Where serum level measurements were used the values obtained often affected management. Again there seemed to be scope for improving drug treatment—better control, fewer toxic or drug interactions—by more use of single drugs and serum measurements.

The Centenary of Dr Ernest Jones

Dr Ernest Jones (1879-1958), the distinguished psychoanalyst, was born in Gowerton, Swansea. During and around 1979 a number of events took place to celebrate the centenary of his birth.

In the Autumn of 1978 the Welsh Psychiatric Society held a conference in Swansea which was devoted to his life and work. A short bilingual biography by Dr T. G. Davies was published last year, and Dr Davies also gave a public lecture at University College, Swansea. The culmination of these events took place on 21 June 1980 when his widow, Mrs Katherine Jones, unveiled a plaque on the house in Gowerton where he was brought up.

Curt P. Richter Prize

Entries for the Curt P. Richter Prize (1981) in psychoneuroendocrinology (*Bulletin*, December 1979, p 182) are welcomed. Manuscripts should be submitted in quadruplicate by 2 January 1981 to Dr Fleur L. Strand, International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology, Biology Department, New York University, Washington Square, NY 10003, USA.