

Miscellany

New publications

WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence: Twenty-fifth Report. 1989. 48pp. Sw.fr.6.00

This report conveys the views and recommendations of an expert committee commissioned to assess selected narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and to determine which should be recommended for control under existing international treaties. Substances covered include sedative-hypnotics, opioid agonist-antagonist analgesics, stimulants and miscellaneous drugs.

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Care of Elderly People with Mental Illness: Specialist Services and Medical Training. 1989

This is a joint report of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Psychiatrists. A summary was published in the April 1989 issue of the *Psychiatric Bulletin* and copies are available from the College's Publication Department, price £5.00.

Focus on Falls

Focus on Falls is a year of action on falls among elderly people. A fall frequently points to an underlying illness or problem which should be investigated. Age Concern Scotland will study the causes of falls and how they can be prevented. They will also find out the best ways to help victims regain their health and confidence. Further information: The Director, Age Concern Scotland, 54A Fountainbridge, Edinburgh EH3 9PT.

Institute of Medical Ethics

The Institute's new address is 11-13 Cavendish Square, London W1M 0AN.

The Centre for Social Ethics and Policy (University of Manchester)

This is an independent centre devoted to research and education on the ethical and social policy issues confronting society. Its future development depends on its securing regular financial contributions from the wider community in addition to the very limited resources available from the university. Further information may be obtained from any of the directors - Professor Anthony Dyson, Dr John Harris, Dr Mary Lobjoit or Dr Margaret Brazier - The Centre for Social Ethics and Policy, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL.

MIND Book of the Year

The Rt. Hon. Norman Tebbit MP presented the MIND Book of the Year - the Allen Lane Award - to J. Bernlef for his novel *Out of Mind* (Faber & Faber) on 14 March 1989. The award is made each year for the work of fiction or non-fiction which makes the greatest contribution to public understanding of mental illness or mental handicap.

Appointments

Yorkshire Regional Health Authority

Dr L. M. Brown, Consultant in Mental Illness, York District, 1 July 1988; Dr J. M. Werner, Consultant in Mental Illness, Airedale District, 11 July 1988; Dr M. Loizou, Consultant in Mental Illness, Harrogate District, 12 September 1988; and Dr A. D. Kingscote, Consultant in Mental Illness, Harrogate District, 6 November 1988.

North East Thames Regional Health Authority

Dr A. Nikopota, Consultant in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Barking, Havering and Brentwood Health Authority, 1 January 1988; and Dr A. El-Hadi, Consultant in Child Psychiatry, Barking, Havering and Brentwood Health Authority, 1 February 1988.