

## NEWS ITEMS

### THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

The Section of Psychiatry announces the following programmes of talks and discussions during 1979, at 1 Wimpole Street, London W1 (telephone 01-580 2070):

9 January	Planning community services for the mentally retarded	Lorna Wing, Peter Mittler and John Corbett
13 February	Innovations in day care for the chronic mentally ill	D. H. Bennett, Brenda Morris and Sydney Brandon
13 March	Innovations in residential care for the chronic mentally ill	Peter Jeffreys, Til Wykes and Donal Early
10 April	Self-help by patients and relatives	Stuart Sutherland, L. D. Mackirdy and J. L. T. Birley
8 May	Epidemiology of depressive disorders	Scott Henderson, Paul Bebbington and Gene Paykel
12 June	Management of schizophrenia in the community	Julian Leff, Steven Hirsch and another to be announced

### THE NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

The first organizational meeting of the North American Society of the Royal College of Psychiatrists of Britain was held on 10 May in Atlanta, Georgia during the APA Convention. The following officers have been appointed: Chairman, David Davis, M.D., University of Missouri-Columbia; Secretary, Michael F. Cleary M.D., Scottsdale, Arizona; Co-Treasurers, Isaac Sakinofsky, M.D., McMaster University, and Lawrence D. Sharpe, Columbia University; Councilors, Perry C. Talkington, M.D., Past-President APA, Dallas, Texas; John Ewing, M.D., University of North

Carolina; Harry Prosen, M.D., President-elect CPA, University of Manitoba; and Quentin Rae-Grant, M.D., University of Toronto.

A meeting was held on Thursday, 19 October, in the Bedford Room in the Hotel Nova Scotia, during the Canadian Psychiatric Association meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia. It is intended that thereafter, meetings will be held each year alternately in association with the APA and CPA, with additional regional meetings to be arranged.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Psychiatric Postgraduate Centre, Morgannwg Hospital

The Spring Term of lectures, tutorials and clinical demonstrations in psychological medicine and allied subjects commences on 19 January and continues until 6 April, each Friday between 10.15 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. Full details from Dr Marshall W. Annear, Morgannwg Hospital, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan CF31 4LN.

### The Schizophrenia Association of Great Britain

A conference on the Biological Basis of Schizophrenia will be held on 16-17 May at Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1. Details from the Hon Secretary, Mrs Gwynneth Hemmings, Tyr Twr, Llanfair Hall, Caernarvon LL55 1TT.

### Cruse (National Organization for Widows and their Children)

The sixth annual course of seminar and discussion groups on Counselling before and after Bereavement will be held from 11 January-15 March at the Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3. Details from Dr Dora Black, Cruse, Cruse House, 126 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey (telephone: 01-940 4818/9047).

### World Congress of Sexology

The World Congress of Sexology will be held in Mexico City from 16-21 December. Details from Dr Juan Luis Alvarez-Gayou, Apdo. Postal 61-057 Cd de Mexico, Mexico.