

Annual Elections

Honorary Officers

Fellows and Members of the College are reminded of their rights in connection with the forthcoming elections for the offices of Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, Editor, Librarian and Sub-Deans. All Honorary Officers except the Registrar, Professor R. G. Priest, who has served five years, are eligible for re-election.

The nominating meeting of Council will be held on 16 March 1988, and the last date for receiving nominations will therefore be 13 April 1988. The relevant Bye-Laws and Regulations are printed below.

Extracts from Bye-Laws and Regulations

Bye-Law XII THE OTHER HONORARY OFFICERS

1. The Council shall, in accordance with the Regulations, make its nominations for the offices of Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, Editor, Librarian at the first meeting after the name of the President for the next ensuing College year has become known. Written nominations for the above Honorary Offices, accompanied in each case by the nominee's written consent to stand for election, may also be lodged with the Registrar at such time as may be prescribed by the Regulations, provided that each such nomination is supported in writing by not less than twelve Members of the College who are not members of the Council.

2. The Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, Editor and Librarian shall be elected from amongst the Fellows by the Members of the College, in each case in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Regulations.

Regulation XII ELECTION OF THE OTHER HONORARY OFFICERS

1. The method of electing the Honorary Officers other than the President, the Vice-Presidents, and Sub-Deans shall be the same as that for electing the President,* save that nominations from Members of the College who are not members of the Council shall be lodged with the Registrar between the first day of January in any calendar year and the date which is four clear weeks after that meeting of the Council which is the first held after the name of the President for the next ensuing College year has become known, or (as the case may be) which is four clear weeks after that meeting of the Council which, in the case of a tie on the second ballot, determines the election of the President.

*i.e. Written nominations, accompanied in each case by the nominee's written consent to stand for election, may be lodged with the Registrar, provided that each such nomination is supported in writing by not less than twelve Members of the College who are not members of the Council. An election by ballot shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations.

Obituary

Editor: Henry R. Rollin

RODNEY WILKINS, formerly Principal Medical Officer, Department of Health and Social Security, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1

Rodney Wilkins died in May 1987 at the age of 63 years, after a long illness, having retired in February 1987. Those who knew him were saddened by his illness but heartened by his resolution and fortitude in dealing with it.

He received his medical education at Edinburgh University, qualifying in 1949 with first class honours in all clinical subjects of the pre-final University Examinations. His qualifications included MRCS LRCP in 1949, DPM London in 1955 and MRCPsych. He did his National Service in the RAMC from 1950–52, spending some time working in the British Military Hospital in Khartoum, which gave him a certain international interest in health.

He then became engaged in clinical psychiatry and worked at Shenley and Hill End Hospitals from 1953–1960 where he became increasingly interested in the development of community mental health services. He was appointed, in 1962, a Senior Medical Officer in the Mental Health Division at the then Ministry of Health. He became increasingly involved with policy for the mentally handicapped and presented a paper in 1967 to the RMPA setting out the early thinking on these matters. He went on to make a major contribution to establishing and shaping government policy for services for the mentally handicapped. He was promoted to Principal Medical Officer in 1968.

During the latter years of his time at the Department of Health and Social Security he turned his mind to services for the elderly with mental disorder, the so-called

psychogeriatric services of earlier days. In keeping with his academic knowledge, professional sensitivity and political awareness, he was eager to keep abreast of the social and demographic changes and saw that the problems of the elderly and those who care for them deserved high priority. He was able to set out policy and priorities as to principles of care and services and to increase the number of psychiatrists providing specialised services to elderly patients in each district.

As well as stimulating and advising the government on mental health matters he was much in demand as a consultant by the World Health Organization and using his skills in writing reports for them of certain keynote meetings.

He was ideally suited to contribute to the work of the Mental Health Division, which is particularly noted for the high professional, public and political profile of its work.

He was appointed a CBE in 1983 which clearly recognised the esteem in which he was held and marked his contribution to the development of mental health services.

His wisdom, wit, elegant writing, and penetrating understanding set high standards for all who worked with him.

He was always a private and modest man who enjoyed a close family life. He is survived by his wife Kathleen and their two sons.

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The deaths of the following have also been reported:

JOHN BOSTOCK, Professor, 106 Bonney Avenue, Clayfield, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

JOHN FRANCIS GABRIEL CLARKE, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist; 2 Kilpedder Grove, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

MICHAEL ALFRED FRANCIS CONNOLLY, Private Practice, P.O. Box 25, Dural, New South Wales, Australia.

WILLIAM JOSEPH COYNE, formerly Prison Governor, Central Mental Hospital, Dublin.

MARGOT CUTNER, 27 Wessex Gardens, Golders Green, London NW11.

LLOYD MILNER FRANKLIN, 2/148a Tasman Street, Nelson, New Zealand.

GEORGE MACMILLAN KING, formerly Physician Superintendent, St Cadoc's Hospital, Newport, Wales.

MICHAEL RAYMOND LEAHY, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, St James' Hospital, Leeds.

SAMIR QUSTANDI LIDDAWI, Consultant Psychiatrist, P.O. Box 9047, Amman, Jordan.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER PENTON, formerly Director, Army Personnel Research Establishment; 17 Springpark Drive, Beckenham, Kent.

JULIUS LOUIS ROWLEY, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Cassel Hospital, Surrey.

Forthcoming Courses

The Centre for Postgraduate Psychiatry, University of Birmingham, will be holding a one-year course entitled **'Individual Work with Children and Young People and with their Families in Varied Settings—A Psychodynamic Approach'** commencing September 1988. It will be held weekly and is designed for teachers, social workers, occupational therapists, psychiatrists and other professional workers involved with children. Further details: Christine Neal, Centre for Postgraduate Psychiatry, Uffculme Clinic, Queensbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8QD (telephone 021 449 4481).

There will be courses on **'The Child with a Facial Deformity'** (28 March 1988) and **'Hypnosis in Childhood'** (16 June 1988) held at the Institute of Child Health; fee for each course £35. Details from the Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1EH (telephone 01 829 8692).

Applications are invited for admission to a two-year, part-time **MSc in Psychotherapy** at the University of Warwick commencing in October 1988. Applicants should have completed their MRCPsych and have training and experience

in some form of psychotherapy. Attendance is one day per week. Further details: Dr John D. Davis, Department of Psychology, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL (telephone 0203 523044).

Applications are invited for a multi-disciplinary course in psychotherapy starting its eighth annual intake in October 1988. The course is part-time, extending over two years, and leading to the University qualification of **Diploma in Psychotherapy**. Completed application forms should be returned by 30 April 1988. Application forms and further details: The Secretary, Sub-Department of Clinical Psychology, New Medical School, Ashton, PO Box 147, Liverpool L69 3BX.

The Tavistock Clinic will be holding a course entitled **'Therapeutic Approaches to Parents and Infants'** for professionals already working clinically with parents and infants on Tuesdays at the Clinic from 1.45–6.00 pm for three terms starting in October 1988. Further details: Training Office, The Tavistock Clinic, Tavistock Centre, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA.