

the specialist drug services. Prison medical officers can ensure that discharged prisoners receive further medical care of both primary and specialised nature.

Training, and the cost of training, should be built into services. Personnel who encounter drug misusers need to acquire knowledge of the forms of HIV disease, of its recognition and of factors which hasten or retard its advance. Moreover staff who care for, or are likely to care for HIV-positive individuals require knowledge of drug misuse and its management.

Planning and coordination should take place urgently so that services are ready to care for an increased number of infected drug misusers. Regional Drug Advisory Committees and Regional Drug Problem Teams can contribute to policy formation; so can AIDS Advisory Committees, provided they include members with expertise in drug misuse. District health authorities and social service departments should each possess a nominated individual to ensure that services are in place.

The report, with its thoughtful and humane approach, gives an important lever to psychiatrists and others in pressing for increased provisions in the field of drug misuse. Further central funding is available; it is important that a portion of the sums is used for improvement of the psychiatric services. Applications should be made under the terms of Circular EL(89)P/36.

The College has already held a conference on the subject in conjunction with the Department of Health and has given a further lead by approval and publication of two documents. The papers deal respectively with manpower and training requirements for substance misuse (*Psychiatric Bulletin*, 1989, 13, 158) and with a recommended model of drug dependence services at district level (*Psychiatric Bulletin*, 1989, 13, 322–324).

J. S. MADDEN

*Chairman, Substance Misuse Section
Royal College of Psychiatrists*

Psychiatric Bulletin (1989), 13, 464

Forthcoming events

A major international symposium on the **Concepts, Classification and Diagnosis of Mental Disorders**, sponsored by the Mental Health Unit of Newcastle Health Authority, will take place on 24 October 1989 at the Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne. The theme will be whether the major functional psychoses are independent or part of a continuum. Main speakers will include Professors Sir Martin Roth, Robert Kendell, Gerald Klerman and Dr Tim Crow and it will be chaired by Professor Ken Rawnsley. The symposium is open to all mental health professionals, managers, Health Authority members and social policy analysts. Further information: S. F. D. Neequaye, Research and information Officer, St Nicholas Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3XT (telephone 091 285 0151; fax 091 213 0821).

There is a call for papers for the **International Congress on Treatment of Mental Illness and Behavioural Disorder in Mentally Retarded Persons** (Recent Developments and Current Issues) to be held in Amsterdam on 3 and 4 May 1990. Further information: PAOS, PO Box 325, 2300 AH Leiden, The Netherlands (telephone 010 31 71 278027).

The World Psychiatric Association will be holding a Regional Symposium in Hong Kong from 22–25 May 1990. It will be hosted by the Hong Kong Psychiatric Association and the theme is 'Psychiatric Treatment in the 21st Century'. It is intended to bring together

psychiatrists from all over the world to discuss all issues relating to psychiatric treatment, present and future, and will also serve as the venue for the newly elected Executive Committee of the WPA to assume their duties. Further information: WPA Regional Symposium, Swire Travel Ltd, 18th Floor, Swire House, 9 Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Management Skills for Psychiatrists: Two 3-day courses will be held at the White Hart Centre, Harrogate – *Management Skills for Senior Registrars in Psychiatry* (15–17 November 1989) and *Managing Psychiatry – The Future Management Role of the Consultant Psychiatrist* (22–24 November 1989). Fee for each course £250. Further details: John Sturt (telephone 0602 260214) or Dr Helena Waters (telephone 0742 750382). Application forms: Mrs Olive Moore, The White Hart, Cold Bath Road, Harrogate HG2 0NF.

A conference entitled 'The Understanding and Management of Violent and Aggressive Behaviour' will be held at Rampton Special Hospital on 6 September 1989. Fee: £25 (includes coffee, buffet lunch, and tea). Further details: Glenn Ford or Gerry Carton, Rampton Hospital, Retford, Notts DN22 0PD (telephone 0777 84321).

The **Annual Conference of the Association of Behavioural Clinicians** will be held in the Monckton Theatre, St George's Hospital Medical School, London SW17 on 13 October 1989. Attendance is free. Anyone wishing to attend should contact: Mrs

June Lake (telephone 01 672 9944, extension 55543) before 15 September 1989.

The **8th International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect** will be held at the Congress Centre, Hamburg from 2–6 September 1990. Further information: Hamburg Messe Congress GMBH, PO Box 30 24 80, D-2000 Hamburg 36, Federal Republic of Germany.

The **Regional Psychiatric Symposium of the World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry** will be held from 10–11 October 1989 in Budapest. Further information: Congress Bureau Motesz, POB 32, Budapest, H-1361, Hungary.

The EEG Society of Great Britain is organising a postgraduate residential **Course in Clinical Neurophysiology** at Wadham College, Oxford from 2–6 April 1990. Registration forms should be returned by 1 January 1990. Further information: Dr K. R. Mills, Clinical Neurophysiology Unit, University Department of Clinical Neurology, The Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford OX2 6HE.

A conference entitled '**Caring and Community: The Experience of l'Arche**' will be held on 5 December 1989 at Church House, Westminster, London. Further information: L'Arche UK National Conference, Michael Gibberd Conferences, 8 Fielden Square, Todmorden, Lancashire OL14 6LX.

Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine (University of London) will be holding the **annual intensive five-day course on Medical Ethics** from 18–22 September 1989. Further information: Dr Raanan Gillon, Health Centre, Imperial College, London SW7 2AZ (telephone 01 589 5111, extension 3088; fax 01 584 7596) regarding course programme or Mrs Pamela Manser, Continuing Education Centre (telephone 01 589 5111, extension 3034; fax 584 7596) regarding registration etc.

The Society for the Study of Addiction to Alcohol and Other Drugs will be holding their annual symposium on **Crime, Alcohol and Other Drugs** in the Fletcher Suite, Leicester Polytechnic on 16 and 17 November 1989. Further information: Mrs Noreen Rooney, Department of Addictive Behaviour, St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, London SW17 0QT (telephone 01 672 9944, extension 56147).

The **Third International Conference on Incest and Related Problems: Working Together** will be held from 7–9 August 1989 at the Logan Hall, The Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London University. Further information: The Conference Officer, PO Box 32, Northolt, Middlesex UB5 4JO (telephone 01 423 2029).

The **10th Anniversary POP (Paediatric, Obstetric, Psychiatric) Conference** will be held on 27 September 1989. A one-year part-time diploma course in '**Affective Communication and Therapy in Fertility and Child Bearing**' will be held by the Joint Academic Unit of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Reproductive Physiology. Further information: Mr B. G. Daly, The Postgraduate Teaching Centre, The London Hospital Medical College, 47 Turner Street, London E1 2AD (telephone 01 377 7637).

The University of Bologna Institute of Psychiatry will be holding the **3rd European Symposium on Suicidal Behaviour and Risk Factors** from 3–6 October 1990. Further information (*to be requested before 30 September 1989*): Dr Maurizio Bellini, Organising Committee Coordinator, Istituto di Psichiatria, via S. Luca 9/2, 40135 Bologna, Italy.

The **Social, Community and Rehabilitation Section** of the College is holding a **residential conference** on 17 and 18 November 1989 at Stratford-upon-Avon. Topics will include psychiatric practice in a multi-ethnic society and a debate on the constraints on further development of community psychiatry. The meeting will include contributions from the Social and Community Section of the Dutch Psychiatric Association. Further information: Jean Wales, Royal College of Psychiatrists.

The **36th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry** will be held at the New York Hilton, New York City, from 11–15 October 1989. Further information: AACAP Annual Meeting, 3615 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016, USA.

A seminar on the **Work of Donald Winnicott** will be held on 20 September 1989 at North Devon District Hospital. The South West Region Annual Psychotherapy Conference will be held on 24 November 1989 at the Post Graduate Centre, Wonford Hospital, Exeter on '**Psychotherapy in In-patient Settings**'. Further information about both events: Dr Jeremy Holmes, North Devon District Hospital, Raleigh Park, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 4JB.

The second North West Regional Health Authority course '**Theory and Practice of Therapeutic Communication with Children and Adolescents**' will commence October 1989. This is a half a day per week course extending over six academic terms and is an introduction to psychodynamic and psychoanalytic psychotherapy with children. Course Director: Dr Adrian Sutton. Further information: Mr Andy Morris, Training Office, North West Regional Health Authority, Gateway House, Piccadilly South, Manchester M60 7LP (telephone 061 237 2250).

Contributions for this section should be submitted two months in advance of publication