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## Miscellany

### Professor Hamid Ghodse

Professor Ghodse, St George's Hospital, London, a Fellow of the College, has been elected President of the International Narcotics Control Board.

### Schizophrenia Research Award

This bi-annual scientific award, amounting to US\$25,000, granted by the Janssen Research Council, Beerse, Belgium, under the auspices of the CINP (Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum) is open to any young investigator (less than 45 years old on 1 January of the year of the award) who has performed outstanding research in the area of the clinical neuroscience of schizophrenia at a university institute or other acknowledged scientific institution that is independent of the pharmaceutical industry. Further information: Dr Bernd Saletu, Department of Psychiatry/School of Medicine, University of Vienna, Währinger Gürtel 18–20, A-1090 Vienna, Austria.

### Annual Meeting 1993 audio cassettes

Audio cassettes of the College's 1993 Annual Meeting are available from QED Recording Services Ltd., Lancaster Road, New Barnet, Herts EN4 8AS (telephone 081 441 7722; fax 081 441 0777). Mail order prices (including VAT and postage and packing): £7.00 per tape; £295.00 for complete set of tapes in presentation album.

### New publications

The Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (AAPP) in conjunction with the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Philosophy Group will begin publication of a new journal, *Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology* (PPP) in 1994. This international journal, to be published by the Johns Hopkins University Press, will focus on philosophical aspects of psychiatry and clinical psychology and is now seeking manuscript submissions. Further information: Linda Muncy, Administrative Secretary, AAPP, Department of Psychiatry, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, 5323 Harry

Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75235-9070, USA (telephone 010 1 214 648 3390).

The Royal College of Nursing has recently published *Guidelines for Assessing Mental Health Needs in Old Age*. Further information: Pauline Ford, Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1M 0AB (telephone 071 409 3333).

A research paper *Elderly Homeless People Sleeping on the Streets in Inner London: an exploratory study* by Maureen Crane is available from the Age Concern Institute of Gerontology, King's College London, Cornwall House Annexe, Waterloo Road, London SE1 8TX, price £7.00 including postage and packing. Please enclose cheque with orders, made payable to King's College London.

The Mental Health Act Commission has published its first Practice Note which gives guidance on the administration under the Mental Health Act of Clozapine and other treatments requiring blood tests. Copies of the Practice Note can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Mental Health Act Commission, Maid Marian House, 56 Hounds Gate, Nottingham NG3 6BG.

*Primary Health Care in London: Quantifying the Challenge* has been published by the King's Fund Institute. It costs £12.00 and is available from Bournemouth English Book Centre, 9 Albion Close, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset BH12 3LL (telephone 0202 715555; fax 0202 715556).

*Shared Care of Patients with Mental Health Problems. Report of a Joint Royal College Working Group* is published as Occasional Paper 60 and is available from the Sales Office, Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7 1PU, price £6.00, including postage. (Telephone 071 823 9698.)

### Call for papers

There is a call for papers for a forthcoming special issue on Women's Mental Health to be published in 1994 in the *Journal of Mental Health Administration*

(JMHA); deadline for manuscript submissions: 1 December 1993. Further information: Dr Bruce Lubotsky Levin, Journal of Mental Health Administration, Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida, 13301 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33612-3899 (Telephone 010 1 813 974 4500; fax 010 1 813 974 4406).

#### Dr Günter Ammon

Honours were paid to Dr Günter Ammon, the Berlin psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, on the occasion of his 75th birthday. The Society for Medicine and Law of Israel awarded him the Maimonides Purple Decoration for an outstanding contribution to the scientific community and mankind; Dr Ammon has been elected to be the first German honorary member since the October revolution of the St Petersburg

Society for Psychiatry and Neurology; and the Brazilian Society for Psycho-Somatic Medicine awarded Dr Ammon with the title of Honorary President of their Society.

#### Press Complaints Commission

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## Forthcoming events

**The First European Congress on Disorders of Personality** with the theme *Treatment Strategies, Assessment and Theory* will be held from 14–17 June 1994 at Nijmegen, The Netherlands. Deadline for abstracts: 1 February 1994. Further information: FECDP: Congress Organisation, PO Box 9111, 6500 HN Nijmegen, The Netherlands (telephone 31 80 61 22 32/61 21 84; fax 31 80 56 79 56).

A European conference with the theme **Policy – Service – Quality: on support for a good life for persons with intellectual handicap** will be held from 26–28 January 1994 in Skövde, Sweden. Further information: European Conference, Local Organising Committee, Barbro Tuveesson, Ekängsvägen 37, S-541 41 Skövde, Sweden (fax 46 500 430 004).

The 1994 European Regional Conference of the World Federation for Mental Health, **Conflict and Mental Health**, will be held from 1–4 September 1994 in Belfast. Further information: Project Planning, Montalto Estate, Spa Road, Ballynahinch, Northern Ireland BT24 8PT (telephone 44 238 561993; fax 44 238 565073).

**The Fourth International Conference on Innovations in Community Psychiatry** will be held from 23–25 March 1994 at the University of York. Further information: The Conference Secretariat, International Institute for Community Psychiatry, PO Box B135,

Huddersfield HD1 1YG (telephone 0484 532102; fax 0484 425699).

A national conference **Sex Offenders and Their Victims – How We Learn Together to Protect Children** will be held at the Whitworth Hall, University of Manchester on 4 and 5 November 1993. Further information: Julie Friend, Conference Organiser, NSPCC, North Manchester, Salford, Bolton & Wigan CPT, 5 Wynnstay Grove, Fallowfield, Manchester M14 6XG (telephone 061 224 3366; fax 061 224 0344).

A seminar **Mental Disorder and the Courts: the interface** will be held in the Morrison Hall, The Atkin Building, Gray's Inn, London on 14 October 1993 (6.15 p.m.–9.30 p.m.). Further information: Anthony Heaton-Armstrong, 4 Paper Buildings, Temple, London EC4 7EX (telephone 071 583 7765).

An international conference **Schizophrenia: new perspectives on development and treatment** will be held from 7–10 February 1994 in Oslo. Further information: Conference Secretariat, Child Psychiatric Clinic, University of Oslo, PO Box 59, Vinderen, 0319 Oslo, Norway.

**Recent Advances in the Psychotherapy of Psychosis:** the first joint conference of the Psychotherapy Section of the College and the Association of University