

THE COLLEGE'S MEDALS AND PRIZES

The Court of Electors have recently reviewed College prizes, and have instituted a new Research Prize to supersede the Bronze Medal and Prize and the Divisional Prizes.

GASKELL MEDAL AND PRIZE

In addition to the Medal the award attached to this prize is £150. The annual examination for the prize will be held in April or May, 1979. Entries should be sent in by 31 March 1979.

The Prize has always been considered one of the foremost academic distinctions obtainable in clinical psychiatry, and members are asked to bring it to the notice of suitable candidates at their hospitals who may be eligible to compete.

Full particulars of the Regulations are given below, and entry forms may be obtained on application to the Dean.

Regulations

The examination must be held in England according to the terms of the Trust.

Candidates must produce evidence of (a) having been qualified medical officers in one or more psychiatric hospitals or clinics in psychiatry in the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the Commonwealth or in the Republic of Ireland for at least two years; (b) having passed the M.R.C.Psych., examination or possessing any other degree or diploma in psychological medicine.

Candidates must be over 23 and under 35 years of age on 1st January of the year of the examination.

The examination includes a written paper, a clinical and an oral.

An entry fee of £5 is charged, returnable to bona fide candidates.

RESEARCH PRIZE

A College Prize will be awarded for Research.

The value of the prize will be £150.

A limit of two such prizes will be awarded each year.

No prize will be awarded if a sufficient standard is not reached.

The Examiners for the Research Prize will be nominated jointly by the Court of Electors and Research Committee.

Entrance for the Prize will be limited to Members (or Inceptors) of the College below the rank of Consultant Psychiatrist (or equivalent).

Reports of research carried out by candidates for the prize should be submitted to the Dean by the 31 March of each year. Reports received after this date will be accepted as entries for the Prize for the following year.

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The Awards for 1978

The Gaskell Medal and Prize has been awarded to Dr Pamela Jane Taylor of Guy's Hospital.

The Bronze Medal and Prize has been awarded to Dr Stuart Arthur Checkley of the Institute of Psychiatry.

THE JCHPT, ACCREDITATION AND THE EEC

1. From the Chairman, Education Committee's Working Party of Trainees

The Joint Committee on Higher Psychiatric Training (JCHPT) was set up to monitor the standards of higher training in psychiatry and also 'to accredit completion of training by the award of an appropriate certificate'.* Other branches of medicine

* The Joint Committee on Higher Psychiatric Training: First Report—1975.

have gone ahead with their accreditation exercises. The JCHPT decided not to proceed until we see whether the Government accepts the recommendations of the Merrison Committee. If that happens the likely consequences may be as follows: A trainee will apply for enrolment on completion of a 3-year period of post-registration general professional