

Special Interest Groups

In June 1987 Council approved the establishment of 'Special Interest Groups'.

Procedure for establishing a Special Interest Group:

- (1) Any Member wishing to establish a Special Interest Group shall write to the Registrar with relevant details.
- (2) The Registrar shall forward the application to Council.
- (3) If Council approves the principal of establishing such a Special Interest Group then it will direct the Registrar to place a notice in the *Bulletin*, or its equivalent, asking Members of the College to write in support of such a Group and expressing willingness to participate in its activities.
- (4) If more than 50 Members reply to this notice, then Council shall formally approve the establishment of the Special Interest Group.

- (5) The administrative support provided will be similar to that enjoyed by College Divisions. It should be noted therefore, that the College will maintain the list of members, prepare and distribute notice of meetings but will not provide staff to attend meetings, organise conferences etc.

In accordance with this procedure, Council has approved the establishment of a Special Interest Group in Biological Psychiatry. Members are invited to write in support of this Group and express willingness to participate in its activities. Members should write to Mrs Jean Wales at the College. If 50 members reply to this notice for each Group, then Council shall formally approve the establishment of this Special Interest Group.

Professor A. GATH
Registrar

The Ferdinande Johanna Kanjilal Travelling Fellowship

The Travelling Fellowship has been established from funds donated by Dr G. C. Kanjilal, in memory of his wife, Ferdinande Johanna.

The Fellowship, value £2,000, will be awarded every two years by the Royal College of Psychiatrists to further the experience of senior trainees in psychiatry from countries overseas.

The award is intended to cover the expenses, either wholly or in part, of such trainees who wish to come to the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland, for a short period of a further study, research or clinical training.

Applicants must submit an account of their previous psychiatric experience and their training needs, and describe the way in which they consider that the use of the Fellowship might benefit psychiatric services in their home countries.

All applications must include the following:

- (a) a *curriculum vitae*

- (b) the names and addresses of two referees, who are aware of the applicant's work and aspirations, and who can attest to his/her fluency in English
- (c) a proposal as to how and where the applicant might spend his/her time, with confirmation, if possible, from the host centre(s) in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland
- (d) an account of any original research, published or unpublished papers or reviews.

Applications for the Travelling Fellowship should be submitted to the Dean of the College by 30 June 1993, and will be assessed by the Dean in consultation with the Overseas Liaison Committee.

Members and Fellows of the College working in countries overseas are requested to bring the above to the attention of their trainees.

Office of the Dean