
Miscellany

Awards

The Schizophrenia Association of Great Britain offers a prize known as the Annette Award, for research in the field of schizophrenia. The next award will be in 1995 and will be of £500. It will be offered for an account, not exceeding 5000 words, of an original piece of research. The aim of the award is, above all, to encourage and reward young researchers in university departments, research units and hospitals within the United Kingdom working in the fields of psychiatry, the neuro-sciences, biology or allied disciplines. Further details from the International Schizophrenia Centre, The Crescent, Bangor, LL57 2AG.

The Theodore and Vada Stanley Foundation, in collaboration with the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, welcomes applications for the 1994 Stanley Foundation Research Awards Program. The purpose of the awards is to support research directly related to the causes or treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. Deadline for receipt of applications is 1 April 1994. Further information: E. Fuller Torrey, MD, Chair, or Bonnie Tognetti, Stanley Research Awards Program, c/o NAMI, 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 302, Arlington, VA 22201, USA (telephone 703 524 7600; fax 703 524 9094).

Teaching psychiatric ethics

At a Philosophy Group Workshop on this topic during the Royal College Annual Meeting in Scarborough it was proposed that a Network should be set up for those with an interest in this area. The Network would seek to bring together those in the College with relevant experience, information and skills, and make these generally available through written materials, conference proceedings and training workshops.

Anyone interested please contact: Drs Bill Fulford, Tony Hope, Sidney Bloch, c/o Oxford Practice Skills Group, Medical School Office,

John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford OX3 9DU.

The Merck Prize in Psychiatric Research

The winner of the 1993 Merck Prize in Psychiatry (East Anglia) of £800 is Dr Andrew Tarbuck, Senior Registrar at Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge with entries on 'Cognitive Function, Age and Depression' and 'Cognitive Rating Scales: a comparison of the Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) and the Middlesex Elderly Assessment of Mental State (MEAMS).

The second prize of £400 has been awarded to Dr Catherine Walsh, Department of Psychiatry – Addenbooke's, with entries on 'Age of Onset of Schizophrenia in Multiply Affected Families is Early and shows no Sex Difference' and 'Gaba(a) Receptor Subunit Genes as Candidate Genes for Bipolar Affective Disorder – An Association Analysis'.

Young witnesses of violence

Dr Dora Black, Honorary Consultant at Great Ormond Street, is leading a special clinic at the Royal Free Hospital which will treat children from all parts of the United Kingdom in helping to cope psychologically with the violence and trauma they have witnessed at home or on the streets.

New publication

The Mentally Disordered Offenders Project has published the *MDO Handbook* to provide guidance to all those working with mentally disordered offenders; price £3 to statutory agencies, £1.50 to individuals. Cheques should be sent to Surrey Care Trust (MDO Project), Farnham Road Hospital, Guildford GU2 5LX.