

Miscellany

The Scottish Buddhism, Psychiatry and Psychology Group was formed at the end of 1991 following a conference 'The meeting of Buddhist and Western Psychology' held at Skirling House, a Buddhist retreat centre in the Scottish Borders. This conference attracted considerable interest and benefited from the attendance of Drs M. Walley and K. Dwivedi of the Buddhism, Psychiatry and Psychology Group based in South of England. Many important issues concerning the integration of Buddhist concepts into therapeutic work were raised and the acute need for an appropriate Scottish forum to examine further these issues was identified.

Although initially aimed at practising Buddhists of all traditions involved in mental health, we also hope to be of value to those interested in Buddhism and wishing to deepen their knowledge or apply specific therapeutic techniques derived from meditation or other Buddhist practices. The Group presently consists of psychiatrists, social workers and psychotherapists. However those from all, or indeed no discipline are welcome. We plan to hold further residential conferences and evening meetings initially in Central Scotland.

Anyone interested in the Group and wishing details of future activities please contact The Scottish Buddhism, Psychiatry and Psychology Group, c/o Skirling House, Skirling, Biggar, ML12 6HD, Scotland.

Astra Arts Award

The second Astra Arts Award presentation took place at the Thomas Coram Foundation on 15



January 1992 and was restricted to mental health hospitals and units. The winners were from the Florence Street Day Centre, which is based in The Gorbals, Glasgow, with a series of sculptures entitled 'Men of War and Men of Peace'. The runner-up was Earls House Hospital in Durham. The prizes were presented by the President of the College, Professor Andrew C. P. Sims.

New publications

What Prevents Suicide? By Louis Appleby is a transcript of the first Richard Finlayson Lecture given at the 1991 Samaritan National Conference at York University. Richard Finlayson was, until his death in 1987, a consultant to the Samaritan movement with a particular interest in volunteer support. Dr Appleby, Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant, Department of Psychiatry, Withington Hospital, University of Manchester, is the English national representative to the International Association of Suicide Prevention (IASP). Copies of the transcript can be obtained from the General Office of The Samaritans, 10 The Grove, Slough, SL1 1QP.

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Romanian medical journal

Revista Medico-Chirurgicala (Medical Surgical Journal) is published quarterly and is the oldest medical journal in Romania (first issue – 1887). It publishes papers in all fields of medicine, general reviews, medical progress etc and manuscripts of original research from any country are welcome. Further information: Dr Traian Mihaescu, Deputy Editor, *Revista Medico-Chirurgicala*, 16 Independentei Blvd., P.O. Box 25, IASI 6600, Romania.