

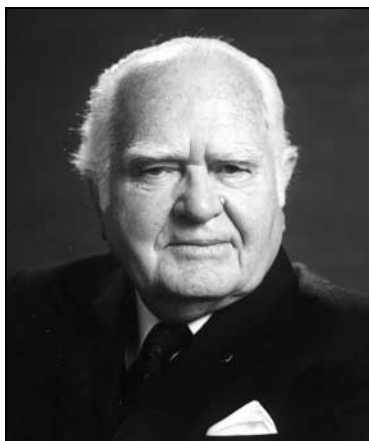


great demand as a visiting professor, and spent extended periods teaching in South Africa, Australia and Canada.

In 1966 he married Nastioch Stahovich. He died in France on 12 January 2000, and he is survived by his wife and three step sons.

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Michael Feldman



Joze Jancar

Formerly Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist, Stoke Park Hospital, Bristol

Joze Jancar was one of the greatest figures in the field of the care of those with learning disability in the latter half of the last century.

Joze was born near Ljubljana, in Slovenia, then part of Yugoslavia, on 23 May 1920. While at school, at Christmas 1939, he was a guest of King Peter II of Yugoslavia as one of the 40 best students from that country. He was awarded the King Peter II Medallion.

In 1942 Joze became a medical student at the University of Ljubljana, but his studies were interrupted when the Italians invaded Yugoslavia and he and his wife-to-be, Marija, a fellow medical student, were interned. They were held in a room with about 18 other internees, from whom a number were called out each day and shot, depending on how many Italians had been killed by partisans the previous night. Fortunately, Joze and Marija were among the lucky survivors and, in due course, found themselves in a displaced persons' camp in Lienz in Austria, where they married in October 1945. Working at the camp was Iris Murdoch, the novelist, who became godmother to their daughter, Sonja. As a confirmed Royalist, Joze was *persona non grata* with

President Tito and it was not safe for him to visit his native land again until after Tito's death.

At the end of the war Joze and Marija arrived in England, via Eire. They spoke very little English, and were employed as nurses in Bristol, on the wards of Hortham Colony (as it was then called) and the Bristol Royal Infirmary. Eventually, through the good offices of the late Dr John Lyons, medical superintendent of Hortham Colony, Joze was able to resume his medical studies at University College, Galway. Still with very little command of English, his interview for acceptance at the College was conducted in Latin.

Joze qualified MB, BCh, BAO in 1952 and entered the field of mental health as an assistant medical officer at Ballinasloe Mental Hospital, Galway. He obtained his specialist qualification, the Diploma in Psychological Medicine in 1955, becoming a registrar at Mercers Hospital, Dublin, before being appointed junior hospital medical officer in the Stoke Park Mental Handicap Hospital Group, Bristol, in 1956: this at a time when learning disabilities was the least glamorous, fashionable or respected branch of medicine, surviving on shoe-string budgets, with very little known of the causes and prevention of the condition. Joze rose through the rank of senior hospital medical officer, to be appointed consultant psychiatrist in 1962.

Joze was to play an immense part in transforming the Stoke Park Hospital Group from a predominantly custodial institution into one with an open therapeutic philosophy, and into becoming a Department of Mental Handicap of Bristol University. To the end, Joze always referred to his patients as people 'with mental handicap' rather than using the politically correct euphemism, 'learning disabilities', which he regarded as projecting too limited an image of the real problem.

Joze observed with ever-increasing sadness and bitterness the destruction and dismemberment of the comprehensive hospital-based service for people with learning disabilities and their families (in the development of which he had played such an important part) without the provision, in its place, of an adequate caring community service.

In the face of the general public's unrealistic expectations of psychiatry, one of Joze's favourite sayings was 'We are physicians not magicians!'

Throughout his career, and after his retirement in 1985, Joze continued the long tradition of research at Stoke Park, established by Professor Berry, Dr Ronald Norman and Dr John Fraser Roberts. Apart from his joint authorship with the consultant pathologist, Dr Robert Eastham, of the major textbook, *Clinical Pathology in Mental Retardation*, he published over 100 papers, many of which

he presented at 26 International Conferences all over the world. Joze was awarded the Burden Research Gold Medal and Prize in 1971, was Blake Marsh Lecturer of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 1974 and, in 1985, received the prestigious Distinguished Achievement Award for Scientific Literature, of the IASSMD (The International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency), of which he was a Fellow. Just prior to his death, Joze had been nominated for the Scientific Research Award of the Kennedy 2000 International Awards in Mental Retardation, the recipient of which has yet to be announced.

Among the many other well-deserved honours, of which Joze was justly proud, were his appointment in 1979 as Liveryman and Freeman of the City of London, his Vice Presidency of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 1981 and his election in 1998 as an Honorary Fellow of the College.

As a young man he was a cross-country ski champion and continued to take an active interest in all sports, but particularly rugby football, and was a member of Bristol Savages. He was devoted to his closely-knit family of Marija and their children Sonja, Joseph and Martin.

Joze was a most loyal colleague and friend, a warm, compassionate man, with a deep concern for those less fortunate than himself. His keen sense of humour lightened the burden of all those with whom he came in contact. This was very apparent in the last few painful weeks of his life, even though he was fully aware of the inevitable outcome of his illness. At this time he was sustained by his deep Roman Catholic faith. He died on 14 March 2000.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol, at 12 noon on Tuesday 23 May.

His irreplaceable presence will be especially missed at the annual dinner given for Honorary Fellows of the College, an event due largely to his inspired suggestion made in 1991.

W. Alan Heaton-Ward

Joseph Vincent Glass

Formerly Resident Medical Superintendent at St Davet's Hospital, Monaghan, Eire

Dr Glass died, aged 92, on 3 March 2000. He was born in 1908 in Dublin and read medicine at University College, Dublin, graduating MB, BCh, BAO in 1932. At the university he was an outstanding athlete, particularly at rugby – a game he



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continued to enjoy subsequently as a member of the senior XV of the Clontarf Rugby Club.

After 'house jobs' in Dublin and in hospitals in England and Wales, he began his psychiatric career as an assistant medical officer at Carlow District Mental Hospital, Eire, where he was greatly influenced by the then superintendent, Dr Green, whose progressive methods of psychiatric treatment were well known.

In 1962 Glass was appointed to a World Health Organization Fellowship and

travelled in Finland, Holland and Switzerland, and was able to incorporate the best of their psychiatry in his subsequent treatment of patients.

He was appointed medical superintendent at St Davet's Hospital in 1948 and continued his distinguished career there until he retired in 1972. In 1935 he gained the DPM (Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ireland), and in 1971 he was elected to the Foundation Fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Murielle Slocock, and is survived

by their son, Tim, his wife and their three children.

Henry Rollin

John Daniel Sullivan and John Dixon Richardson

We would like to note the sad deaths of Dr John Daniel Sullivan, who passed away in January 2000, and Dr John Dixon Richardson, who passed away in April 2000.

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Alois Alzheimer Award

Novartis Pharma Germany sponsors the Alois Alzheimer Award (AAA) for outstanding achievements in the research of Alzheimer's disease and/or other neurodegenerative disorders. The research of the future award-winner should have led to new insights into the aetiology, pathology, diagnosis or treatment of Alzheimer's disease. The AAA is endowed with US\$20 000 – applications or proposals for nominations (eight copies) should be directed to the Secretary of the Jury Board, Professor Dr H. J. Molle, Chairman of the University Hospital of Psychiatry, Nussbaumstrasse 7, 80336 Munich, Germany. Please include a short curriculum vitae and reprints of up to three relevant papers.

The deadline for applications/nominations is 31 December 2000. The Jury Board consists of: Professor K. Beyreuther, Heidelberg; Professor C. G.

Gottfries, Göteborg; Professor S. Henn, Mannheim; Professor R. Levey, London; Professor Dr J. M. Orgogozo, Bordeaux; Professor K. Maurer; Professor H. I. Moller; and Professor Dr B. Winblad, Huddinge.

Self-help CD-ROM to tackle anxiety or depression

Following successful field testing, the Mental Health Foundation has launched a new self-help CD-ROM for anyone experiencing mild to moderate anxiety and/or depression. The CD-ROM, *Restoring the Balance*, is specifically designed to provide users with information and strategies for managing anxiety or depression. Although primarily designed for use in primary care settings, such as general practitioner surgeries where a practitioner is available to provide post-session support, this new program

can also be used on its own by mental health service users. Its straightforward graphics make it particularly suitable for people who have little or no previous experience of using computers, and the CD-ROM comes complete with worksheets.

Restoring the Balance has been successfully field tested in a primary care setting with patients experiencing anxiety and depression. In comparison with a control group, use of the program by patients was found to have a positive impact on calmness and mood, measured on the Hospital Anxiety and Depression scale.

Restoring the Balance, price £25 for single user or £85 for multi-users is available from the Mental Health Foundation on tel: 020 7535 7441/7455. For further information contact Lesley Warner, Mental Health Foundation, tel: 020 7535 7422; e-mail: Lwarner@mhf.org.uk.

forthcoming events

The Forum on Learning Disability is holding a 1-day conference at the Royal Society of Medicine, London W1G 0AE on **Seven ages: transition and support in the lives of people with intellectual disabilities** on Thursday 7 December 2000. The conference is concerned with the life span development of people suffering from learning disabilities and the importance of transitions from birth through to death. A number of eminent international speakers will be contributing to the day. For registration enquiries please contact Deborah Johns on tel: 020 7290 2984; e-mail: deborah.johns@roysocmed.ac.uk. This conference qualifies for five CME points. Registration fees: RSM Fellows, Forum members: £30.00; non-Fellows, non-Forum members: £60.00. Fee includes coffee, lunch and tea.

A 1-day conference, **Serving the community: using health services research**, will be administered by Mole Conferences for The Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London and the south London and Maudsley NHS Trust. The conference will be held at The Weston Education Centre, King's College London, in February 2001. For further information and booking forms please contact: Mole Conferences, 26 Church Road, Portslade, Brighton BN41 1LA; tel: 01273 242 634; fax: 01273 235 095; e-mail: enquiries@mole-conference.com.

Professor R. N. Mohan, consultant in old age psychiatry and clinical tutor, Northern Birmingham Mental Health NHS Trust, is the organiser of two courses aimed at preparing trainees for the MRCPsych part II examinations. **Critical**

review paper preparation course MRCPsych part II will be held on 24 and 25 January 2001 and **MCQ/PMP course MRCPsych part II** will be held on 14 and 15 February 2001 at the Birmingham Medical Institute. For further information contact Mrs Denise Makepeace, tel: 0121 685 6574.

Merton 2001 is running the **Fifth workshop on evidence-based psychiatry** at Merton College, Oxford, 4–6 April 2001. Evidence-based medicine provides a coherent approach to meeting the information needs of clinicians. Following a similar format to the four successful workshops at Merton College (1997–2000), this workshop will equip participants with the basic skills necessary to apply the principles of evidence-based medicine in psychiatry.