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Honour

Professor J. K. Wing, formerly Director, MRC Social Psychiatry Unit, Institute of Psychiatry, London and now the College's Research Director, was awarded a CBE in the New Year's Honours List.

Awards

Applications are invited for the Annual Mental Health Promotion Award in 1990. A prize of £200 will be awarded to the author of any article published within the last two years which is judged to be the best in the field of mental health promotion for the general public. Applicants need not be mental health professionals and the papers submitted can include those published in newspapers, magazines, radio broadcasts, etc, as well as scientific journals. Articles submitted for publication but not yet printed will not be accepted.

A reprint or copy of the article with its authorship, date and place of publication, should be sent to: Mrs J. Goodwin, The Bruce Burns Memorial Trust, Room 403, 146 Hagley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B16 9PA.

Joint authorship is acceptable but the award will normally be made to the principal author. The closing date for applications will be 1 March 1990. The award has been made possible through the support of the Medical Sciences Liaison Division of Upjohn Ltd.

The Schizophrenia Association of Great Britain intends to offer a prize, known as the Annette Award, for research in the field of schizophrenia. In 1990 the award will be of £500. It will be offered for an account, not exceeding 5,000 words of an original piece of research (published or not) which is solely the work of the applicant. It is aimed at young researchers under the age of 35 in University departments, research units and hospitals in the United Kingdom working in the fields of psychiatry, the neurosciences, biology or allied disciplines. Further details are available from the International Schizophrenia Centre, The Crescent, Bangor LL57 2AG.

Dr A. O. A. Wilson, a Fellow of the College, of the Murrayfield Clinic, Edinburgh, has been awarded the Bekhterev Medal. Professor Kabanov of the Bekhterev Institute in Leningrad has said that this was for Dr Wilson's service to rehabilitation internationally. Dr Wilson is immediate Past President of the World Association for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation, and has developed an exchange between young Russian and Scots psychiatrists.

New publications

Dementia: Money and Legal Matters gives information on how to deal with the income and bills of sufferers from dementia in the early stages through to severe dementia when the signature of the sufferer is no longer valid. Copies are free to individual carers in Scotland, £1 to others, from Scotlish Action on Dementia, 33 Castle Street, Edinburgh EH2 3DN.

The National Development Team for People with a Mental Handicap have published a report entitled Towards a New Deal for People with Learning Difficulties and Their Families in Tower Hamlets. It costs £3 and is available from PO Box 21, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 1AY. (Please make cheques payable to the Department of Social Security).

The 1990 edition of Holiday Ideas from Cruse contains details of nearly 200 holidays selected for bereaved or lonely people to suit all ages and pockets. They include a large number of holidays outside the mass tourist circuit. The booklet costs £2.00, including postage and packing (send money with order) and is available from Cruse – Bereavement Care, Dept H.B., 126 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1UR. (Allow 28 days for delivery.)

Latin American Mental Health Professionals

A Society of Latin American Mental Health Professionals working in the United Kingdom is being formed and will maintain close links with similar societies (e.g. the American Society of Hispano-American Psychiatrists). Its chairman is Dr G. Berrios and the Secretary is Dr R. Araya. Its first official gathering is planned for early 1990. Further information: Dr Ricardo Araya, Senior Registrar, The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ.