

Needless to say he is greatly missed by his family, and by his numerous friends and colleagues.

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Amedeo Limentani, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Portman Clinic, London



Dr Adam Limentani, the eminent psychoanalyst, died suddenly on Friday 9 September, 1994 after a long illness. He was 81 years old.

Adam Limentani made substantial contributions to the organisation and functioning of the British Psycho-Analytical Society,

initially in the education and training of students and later, as President (to which post he was appointed in 1974), to the overall structure and character of the Society. While he mainly committed his considerable energies to psychoanalysis he was always concerned with its applications in the daily work of psychiatrists and other professionals in the field such as social workers and probation officers.

As President of the International Psychoanalytical Association, to which position he was elected in 1981, he took an active interest in the development of psychoanalysis in many different parts of the world thus contributing fundamentally to the psychodynamic component of psychiatry in Europe, the United States, Canada, the Far East and South America. In recognition of his many contributions to the understanding and treatment of those in need of psychological help he was accorded the rare honour, a few months before his death, of being elected Honorary Vice-President for life of the International Psychoanalytic Association.

Adam Limentani came from a well-established Jewish Roman family but emigrated to England in 1938 because of the introduction of racist laws in Italy. He had been an outstanding medical student and subsequently participated in studies to differentiate psychosomatic from neurotic

disorders and he had also worked under Cerletti, a pioneer of electro-convulsive therapy.

During the war he worked in the Emergency Medical Service in Mill Hill where the clinical side of the Maudsley Hospital had been evacuated and where he met Aubrey Lewis, whom he acknowledged as an abiding influence throughout his career. From 1941 to 1946 he held a post with the rank of major in the RAMC at a military mental hospital in Talgarth, South Wales.

After appointments at Shenley Hospital, St Bartholomew's Hospital and the Italian Hospital in turn, Limentani, in 1962, received an appointment of consultant psychiatrist at the Portman Clinic. There he became one of the foremost contemporary exponents of international repute, of the psychoanalytic approaches to sexual deviancy and criminality. From his broader psychoanalytic practice, he produced seminal works on clinical issues and problems of technique which had a substantial influence on a wide field of psychoanalysts and psychotherapists. His writings have been translated into many languages. His book, *Between Freud and Klein* was published in 1989.

Limentani was first and foremost a clinician and his reputation was such that people from all walks of life, including some from overseas, came to him for treatment. He was remarkably generous to his colleagues: no matter how heavily pressed he would always find time to discuss a colleague's paper with him or to talk over and offer support when an individual was experiencing personal difficulties.

Dr Amedeo Limentani, MD Rome, FRCPsych, DPM, DTM, Honorary Member of the British Psychoanalytic Society, Honorary Archivist and Honorary Vice-President of the International Psychoanalytic Association, was above all a profoundly humane man who cared deeply for those whom he loved and for those whom he could help. He leaves a wife, Denise, and a daughter, Carol.

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The deaths of the following have also been reported:

- FRANK AUTRIDGE BLEADEN, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, 5 Swans Lane, Brant, Broughton, Lincoln.
- ELIZABETH JEAN DABBS, Consultant Psychiatrist, Blackberry Hill Hospital, Stapleton, Bristol.
- GAVIN FLEMING, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Hartwood Hospital, Hartwood, Lanarkshire.

JAMES BERTRAND GORDON-RUSSELL, retired Consultant Psychiatrist, Wick Cottage, 16 Over Lane, Almondsbury, Bristol.

JAN TEODOR LEYBERG, retired, 1 Old Globe Cottages, Cox Green Road, Egerton, Bolton.

DEIRDRE PAULLEY, retired, The Stockwell Centre, Colchester, Essex.

DAVID PERK, Consultant Psychiatrist, 316 Roxdale Gardens,

Lloys Ellis Avenue, Lower Houghton, Johannesburg, South Africa.

ERWIN RINGEL, Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology, University of Vienna, Austria.

BARBARA SHORVON, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, 15 Stamford Brook Road, London W6.

JOHN WILLIAM WISHART, formerly Medical Superintendent, St Saviour's Hospital, Jersey, Channel Islands.

Miscellany

Postgraduate degree on research into mentally ill disordered offenders

The Mental Health Foundation's Committee on Mentally Disordered Offenders is inviting applications from professional practitioners who have a special interest in research into mental health and offending behaviour and who wish to take a postgraduate degree to equip them for research in this field. A maximum of £10,000 will be awarded which will include university fees and student expenses. Application forms can be obtained by writing to Caroline Newman, Senior Projects Officer, The Mental Health Foundation, 37 Mortimer Street, London W1N 8JU. The closing date for completed applications is 31 January 1995. The award will be made in March 1995.

New diploma for health carers

Rampton Hospital has recently launched a diploma level course in behavioural studies which has been validated and approved by

Sheffield Hallam University. Other courses recently launched by Rampton Hospital include a diploma in management of the mentally disordered offender and a diploma in care and management of suicidal and para-suicidal behaviour. Further information is available from the Staff Education Centre, Rampton Hospital, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0PD.

New publications

Promoting Care and Justice: report of the Mental Health Foundation's regional conferences on improving services for mentally disordered offenders has recently been published, price £9.50.

Booklets entitled *Understanding Childhood Distress* and *How to Assert Yourself* are available from MIND Publications, Granta House, 15-19 Broadway, London E15 4BQ. Each costs 45p, plus a large stamped addressed envelope.