

and a former Director of the Health Advisory Service, has caused great sadness—not least among her friends in the Section for the Psychiatry of Old Age of the College. She was unique in many ways: she was the only geriatrician whom our College has honoured with election to the Membership under Bye Law III.2. (ii), and subsequently to the Fellowship.

As a young doctor she was exceedingly bright; the vigour of her intelligence and enthusiasm remained with her to the end. She graduated from University College, Wales, and from UCH in 1936 and proceeded to the MD for which she was awarded a gold medal. Her early career was dogged by the difficulties, greater in those days even than now, of pursuing a medical career while raising her family. Ultimately she joined the geriatric unit in Sunderland, already well known, and developed it into a world-famous centre in which, during the fifties and sixties, many of today's leading geriatricians were trained. She was a key figure in the early days of the International Association of Gerontology, now a massive federation similar to

the World Psychiatric Association. Her many achievements in geriatric medicine have been detailed in notices elsewhere, but here one remembers especially her enthusiastic participation in recent years in the activities of the psychiatry of old age. She was honoured by our College as an outstandingly sympathetic friend of psychiatry during her time as director of the HAS: from there she went on to become a devoted member of our Section for the Psychiatry of Old Age.

Lynn was a rare bird, a work addict who was never boring. Long after she had retired she would talk with zest about every current issue in the care of the elderly—and she never missed an opportunity of helping a younger colleague. Hearing of someone's difficulty, she would say: 'Let me think what I can do'—and every time she actually went off and thought and then did.

A kind, determined, vivacious enthusiast with that shyness that is common in the forceful: that was Lynn.

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Forthcoming Events

The **1985 Rudolph K. Freudenberg Annual Lecture** will be given on 16 May 1985 by Professor George W. Brown, Department of Social Policy and Social Science, Bedford College, University of London, on 'Psychosocial Factors and the Course of Psychiatric Disorders'. The lecture will be held at the Freudenberg Postgraduate Medical Centre. Information and registration forms: Mrs V. G. McQuillan, Organizer, Freudenberg Postgraduate Medical Centre, Netherne Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey CR3 1YE.

The **6th Charney Manor Workshop** (residential) will be held from 18 to 21 June 1985. This is an opportunity for those practising psychotherapy to take a fresh look at their professional role (in congenial surroundings!). Charney Manor is a thirteenth century manor house, thirteen miles north-west of Oxford. Application forms: Secretary, Department of Psychotherapy, Warneford Hospital, Oxford OX3 7JX.

A conference on '**Mental Health Care in the European Community: Developments and Constraints**', sponsored by the Mental Health Foundation, will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry on 2 and 3 May 1985. The conference is aimed at practitioners, planners, administrators and researchers in the health and social services. Information: Dr S. P. Mangen, MRC Social Psychiatry Unit, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF.

The **Section on Nomenclature and Classification of the World Psychiatric Association** is organizing a conference on 'International Classification in Psychiatry: Unity and Diversity' to be held in Montreal, Canada from 26 to 29 June 1985. The main topics to be covered include: (i)

relationships among ICD-8, ICD-9 and some national diagnostic systems; (ii) development of ICD-10 and other nosological prospects; (iii) international views on specific syndromes; and (iv) international developments in diagnostic nomenclature and assessment instruments. Registration information and abstract forms for free communications may be obtained from: Dr Juan E. Mezzich, Chairman, Scientific Program Committee, Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh, 3811 O'Hara Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213, USA.

Following the successful Cambridge conference on psychological research in the NHS last July, a one-day conference on **Clinical Psychology Service Evaluation Research** has been organized. The conference will include speakers reporting on service evaluation projects in a number of areas. Interested members of the College are welcome to attend. The conference will be held on 3 May 1985 at the Kings Fund Centre in London and will cost £20. Information: Enid Richards, Research Conference Secretary, Knowle Hospital, Fareham, Hants PO17 5NA.

A seminar entitled '**Toxic Topics**' will be held at The Priory Hospital on 23 May 1985 with an introduction by Professor Ian Brockington, Department of Psychiatry, University of Birmingham. Topics will include: 'The toxic effects of language upon medicine' (Dr Michael O'Donnell, author and broadcaster); 'The toxic effects of anxiety' (Dr John Cobb, The Priory Hospital); 'The toxic effects of training' (Professor Ian Brockington, University of Birmingham). Information: The Medical Director, The Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ.