NEWS ITEMS

THE SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOSOMATIC RESEARCH

Kenneth Reeves Essay Prize

The Society for Psychosomatic Research invites entries for the award of the Kenneth Reeves Essay Prize of £50 for an essay on a psychosomatic subject, not more than 5,000 words in length. Applicants should have been qualified in their discipline for not more than ten years. Preference will be given to original work. It is expected that a lecture based on the prize essay will be given by the successful applicant at a meeting of the Society in April 1977. Application forms are obtainable from the Hon Secretary: Dr Jean Harrison, Department of Psychological Medicine, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London EC1. The closing date is 31 December 1976.

The Society for Psychosomatic Research was founded in January 1955, in London. Its aims are (1) to promote the understanding of psychosomatic relationships by providing a congenial forum for discussion by workers in the various disciplines of medicine and its allied sciences, and (2) to encourage the presentation of work nearing completion for critical debate.

Its purpose is to further interchange of ideas among those with special experience in the fields of social and clinical medicine, applied psychology, psychiatry, psychoanalysis, biology, physiology and genetics, in the belief that such interchange will bring about a wider understanding of the human organism in health and disease. The scope of its inquiries is wide; it is the whole range of interaction between man, his environment and society, as it relates to the production of illness.

The Society holds monthly evening meetings open to members and their guests, as well as an annual two-day Conference in the autumn.

The Officers of the Society are at present as follows: Dr Edward Stonehill (President); Dr Michael Courtenay (Vice President); Dr Ruth Porter (Honorary Treasurer); Dr Jean Harrison (Honorary Secretary); Dr Margaret Christie, Dr Bryan Lask, Dr Peter Mellett (Council members).

A NEW VIDEOTAPE

The Audio-Visual Centre of the University of London announces a new videotape programme in their *Scientific Basis of Medicine* series. This is a resumé by Professor Michael Shepherd of the Institute of Psychiatry with the title 'Beyond the Layman's Madness: The Extent of Mental Disorder'.

The hire charge is £4 per tape. The purchase price is £15 plus the cost of tape, and £15 if the purchaser supplies his own tape. There will also be a charge for postage. Written orders specifying format required should be sent to: Miss Patricia Gulliford, Secretary, University of London Audio-Visual Centre, 11 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3RA. Please allow up to three weeks for delivery.

The *Scientific Basis of Medicine* is a series of television discourses by distinguished scientists about recent advances in the sciences related to medicine and the current developments in their research. A full list of titles is available on request. The programmes are recorded by the University of London Audio-Visual Centre under the aegis of the British Postgraduate Medical Federation. They are shown on Channel 7 of the ILEA closed circuit television network. Copies of videotapes may be purchased or hired from the Audio-Visual Centre for local use.

MEDICAL RECORDING SERVICE FOUNDATION

The Medical Recording Service Foundation announce that Professor J. K. Wing of the Institute of Psychiatry, London, has recorded on tape a discourse on the clinical syndromes of schizophrenia; evidence for disease theory; the social influences on course and outcome; and problems of relapse and rehabilitation. It is available on loan or sale from the Medical Recording Service Foundation, PO Box 99, Chelmsford CM1 5HL, Essex.

ERRATUM

Association for Family Therapy

It is regretted that the wording of the notice of the Inaugural Meeting and Conference of the Association for Family Therapy published under 'Forthcoming Events' in the August *News and Notes* gave the impression that MIND is collaborating in the formation of the Association. Their collaboration, which is gratefully acknowledged, is solely in the organization of the Conference.

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