CORRESPONDENCE

PSYCHOANALYSTS IN PRACTICE

DEAR SIR,

I was most interested to read the article by Dr. Wallbridge on the numbers of psychoanalysts practising in the U.K. (*News and Notes*, July 1975). However, I would also have liked to know something about their geographical distribution, which is rather important if they are to play a significant role in relation to people in this country generally. Would I be wrong in thinking that a highly disproportionate number would be found resident within two miles of Belsize Park tube station?

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oxford Institute of Psychiatry

The Oxford Institute of Psychiatry is again arranging postgraduate courses in psychological medicine during the autumn of 1975 and the spring of 1976. The syllabus has been arranged in accordance with the requirements for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine and the Membership Examination of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and the courses seek to assist doctors preparing for either, and also to provide a comprehensive academic grounding in psychological medicine. Each consists of one week's concentrated academic instruction by lectures and demonstrations in an informal atmosphere. The tuition fee for each course is £30; accommodation in College can be arranged for an additional £30.

Commencement dates of courses in the autumn term are:

Course A. Psychology with Behavioural Sciences (Jesus College), 8 September 1975.

Course B. Neuroanatomy, Neurophysiology, Neurology (Mansfield College), 22 September 1975.

Course C. Psychiatry (College of St. Edmund Hall), 29 September 1975.

The spring 1976 courses will be:

Course A. Psychology with Behavioural Science (College of St. Edmund Hall), 14 April 1976.

Course B. Neuroanatomy, Neurophysiology, Neurology (College of St. Edmund Hall), 17 March 1976.

Course C. Psychiatry (Mansfield College), 21 April 1976.

Inquiries for further details and application forms should be addressed to The Director of Studies, Oxford Institute of Psychiatry, 5 Walton Street, Oxford, OX1 2HG.

International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency

The Fourth International Congress will be held from 22–27 August 1976, in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. The theme is 'From Research to Practice'. Those who wish to have papers (on practical applications or theoretical considerations) considered for presentation are asked to forward a synopsis of the paper (1–2 pages in English, French or Spanish) and a brief curriculum vitae to Dr. David A. Primrose, Royal Scottish National Hospital, Larbert, Stirlingshire, Scotland. An invitation is extended also to indicate desire to present research data informally in open sessions or in symposia. Further information about the Congress is obtainable from Dr. George Soloyanis, Executive Director, American Association on Mental Deficiency, 5201 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015, U.S.A.

Other forthcoming international meetings concerned with mental deficiency are:

Sixth World Congress of the International League of Societies for the Mentally Handicapped, Dublin 14–19 September 1975. Information from: Congress Directors, 44 Northumberland Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

Second Congress of the Ibero-Latin-American Mental Deficiency Group, Mexico City, 20–24 October 1975. Information from: Dr. G. H. Coronado, Av. Extramadura 28, Mexico 19.

Thirteenth World Rehabilitation Congress of Rehabilitation International, Tel Aviv, 21–25 June 1976. Information from: Dr. E. Chigier, P.O.B. 16271, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Third International Congress of Dentistry for the Handicapped, Stockholm, 29 September–3 October 1976. Information from: Manuel M. Album, Medical Arts Building, Hillside Avenue and York Road, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania 19046, U.S.A.

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1984: The Behavioural Problems of Man

This symposium, sponsored by the Departments of Psychiatry of Liverpool and Manchester Universities and the Department of Postgraduate Education of Wyeth Laboratories, will be held in London on 14 and 15 November 1975. Topics will include Technology: Slave or Master?; Psychosomatic Aspects of Medicine; and Management of Anxiety. Details from: F. A. Patterson, Wyeth Laboratories, Huntercombe Lane South, Taplow, nr. Maidenhead, Berkshire.

British Psycho-Analytical Society

The Winnicott Memorial Fund of the British Psycho-Analytical Society are holding a one-day conference on 'Children under Three and their Families: Are their Needs being Met?' at Bedford College, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4NS, on Friday, 12 December 1975. The Chairman will be Dr. Martin James and the chief speaker Dr. Catriona Hood. The number of places is limited to 300, and it may be necessary to select applicants so as to secure a representative attendance from each helping profession and from parents of children under three. Applications, accompanied by the conference fee of £4.00, should be sent to Mrs. Joyce Coles, 120 Coringway, Ealing, London, W.5. *by 1 October 1975.*

National Society for Autistic Children

A course for doctors on 'Early Childhood Autism and Other Problems Affecting Language and Communication' will be held at Churchill College, Cambridge, on 19–21 March 1976, under the auspices of the National Society for Autistic Children. The speakers will be Professor Michael Rutter, Dr. Lorna Wing, Mrs. Patricia Howlin and Dr. Derek Ricks, and eight tutors will lead discussion groups. Numbers are limited to 80. Full details from: The Advisory Centre for Education, 32 Trumpington Street, Cambridge, or The National Society for Autistic Children, 1a Golders Green Road, London, NW11 8EA.

The Applications of Electronics in Medicine

The above is the title of the Golden Jubilee conference and exhibition of the Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, to be held in the University of Southampton Medical School on 6–7 April 1976. The Royal Society of Medicine is one of the co-operating organizing bodies. The object is to provide a forum for the discussion and exhibition of applied electronics in medicine, and ample time will be available for discussion. Offers of papers for the Conference are invited. These should cover recent or newly proposed applications of electronics to medical problems affecting the different systems of the body. These applications may include (a) research, (b) teaching, (c) diagnosis or pattern recognition, (d) intensive care, (e) rehabilitation or prosthesis, (f) information retrieval, (g) epidemiology, and (h) functional stimulation. Details of the conference are obtainable from Peter M. Elliott, Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, 8–9 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3RG.

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