5. *Regional Duties*

In the case of clinics directly under the Regional Hospital Board, there is usually access to the Board through appropriate committees, such as the Hospital Management Committee or Psychiatric Advisory Committee or Medical Staff Committee. It is recommended that in the case of Joint or Local Authority Clinics comparable arrangements should be made by representation on appropriate planning, advisory or administrative committees.

In clinics where there is more than one consultant psychiatrist the role of Medical Director will be modified in that each consultant will carry his own clinical responsibilities for his patients.

The above analysis of the duties of the Medical Director is founded upon the knowledge gained during the past twenty-five years and which has led to the full realization that genetic, physical, family and school factors require full investigation if a worthwhile diagnostic assessment of the child is to be secured and suitable treatment is to be planned and implemented. For this reason, also, it is important that a child psychiatrist has, not only a sound training in internal medicine, but also in adult psychiatry, in addition to the special problems of the psychiatrically disturbed child and adolescent, as has been stressed in the R.M.P.A. Memoranda on the Training and Recruitment of the Child Psychiatrist (3), (4).

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THE WORLD PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

An international society for the organization of World Congresses of Psychiatry has been in existence since the First World Congress was held in PARIS in 1950. At the Third World Psychiatric Congress held in MONTREAL in June, 1961, it was decided to change this organization into a WORLD PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION. This was a unanimous decision of the 40 delegates of the various countries attending.

The newly formed WORLD PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION is to have functions of a wider scope than the society it replaces. The first special General Assembly will be held in GENEVA in 1962 and its headquarters are to be centred there.

The following were elected the first officers of the Association:

President	D. E. CAMERON (Canada)
Vice-President	F. G. BRACELAND (U.S.A.)
General Secretary	H. EY (France)
Assistant Secretaries . . .	W. SARGANT (Great Britain) J. J. LOPEZ IBOR (Spain)
Treasurer	P. SIVADON (France)

There is also an international Committee formed of 25 Members from the participating countries.

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