THE MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

At a recent meeting of the Research Committee of the Mental Health Foundation (formerly the Mental Health Research Fund) two Fellowships, representing a commitment of £32,000, and five Grants, representing a commitment of £20,000, were awarded, as follows:

The Felix and Elizabeth Brunner Fellowship (named after the donors) went to Mr Michael Edward Lewis, a Psychology Graduate from Clark University, Massachusetts, to work on 'The effects of nerve growth factor and dibutyryl cyclic adenosine monophosphate on reinnervation and tyrosine hydroxylase of dopaminergic neurons in the damaged central nervous system'. The Fellowship will be taken up with Dr Leslie Iversen at his laboratory of Neurochemical Pharmacology and Dr Susan Iversen's Laboratory of Experimental Psychology in Cambridge, and is for two years.

The second Fellowship went to Miss Rachel Meller of Darwin College, Cambridge, to work on 'Neuroendocrine mechanisms involved in the control of sexual behaviour of monkeys in the laboratory'. The Fellowship will be taken up in the Department of Anatomy in Cambridge, to work with Dr E. Keverne, himself formerly a Fellow of the Foundation, and is for three years.

The Grants were made to:

Dr Dora Black, Child Psychiatrist at Edgware General Hospital and Finchley Child Guidance Centre, for a study of the effect of the death of a parent on children and the efficacy of family therapy with bereaved families;

Dr P. F. Kennedy, Department of Psychiatry, University of Edinburgh, to compare the outcome of patients allocated to a new experimental acute admission service with the outcome of similar patients passing through current, much less rapidly discharging, acute admission units;

Dr P. Jenner, Department of Neurology, Institute of Psychiatry, London, for the purchase of experimental animals and equipment for use in a study of the long term effects of two currently used antipsychotic drugs on behavioural, biochemical and brain histological changes in rats;

Dr Antonia Whitehead of the Department of Psychology, University of Reading, for the follow-up at five years of a group of elderly psychiatric patients extensively studied during her previous tenure of a Mental Health Foundation Fellowship, with a view to checking on the efficacy of assessments made in the earlier study;

Dr Ian Oswald, Department of Psychiatry, University of Edinburgh, was given a small extension of his grant from the Foundation to support his investigation into the physiological effects of acupuncture in its alleged control of pain.

CLARKE INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY RESEARCH FUND AWARD

The annual prize of $1,000.00 was established in 1969 for the purpose of stimulating research in psychiatry in Canada. The funds for the award are made available by the psychiatrists practising at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, and they hope that it will help to emphasize the importance of mental health research in modern health care, and acknowledge outstanding Canadian contributions in this area.

The prize will be awarded annually to a clinical or basic scientist who has published a report or dissertation on outstanding research within the field of mental health during the preceding year. The scientist shall have carried out his work in Canada, while resident in Canada. He may apply or be nominated for the prize *up to 1 May* in the year following publication.

All applications (or nominations) should be forwarded to the Research Fund Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Clarke Institute (6 copies). Their decision shall be final. When more than one author is involved in the published work the Board of the Institute will determine the proportion of the prize to be awarded to each author.

The prize will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Psychiatric Association. Any expenses related to the presentation of the prize will be covered from the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry Research Fund.

All nominations and applications postmarked *on or before 1 May 1977* will be considered for the 1977 award. Nominations or applications, and requests for further information should be forwarded to: Mr J. E. Stewardson, Secretary, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry Research Fund, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 1R8.

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