The Autumn Quarterly Meeting, 1980

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting was held at the Institute of Psychiatry on 20 and 21 November 1980 under the presidency of Professor Desmond Pond.

Science Meetings

The papers presented in the scientific meetings were as follows:

Thursday 20 November
Morning Session A: Psychopathology in the 1980s
A new empirical approach to the psychopathology of the schizophrenic syndrome—Professor Christian Scharfetter
Pseudo-hallucinations—Dr F. Kraupl Taylor
‘Folie à deux’—Dr David Enoch
The lateralization of symptoms in schizophrenia—Dr Pamela Taylor

Morning Session B: Mental Deficiency
Ageing—Dr P.E. Sylvester
The evolution of community mental handicap teams—Professor Joan Bicknell
Admissions from Special Hospitals—Dr E.W. Shepherd

After the morning sessions a short session on 'Psychiatry in Other Cultures' was chaired by Professor Pond. Professor Wu Chen-I read a paper entitled 'China'.

The outside view—Sir Douglas Black
Can planning change the state of research? The experience of the Wellcome Trust—Dr Peter Williams
Psychiatry and the Medical Research Council—Dr Katherine Levy
Research and the Royal College of Psychiatrists—Professor A. C. P. Sims
Tinker, trainee, savoir-faire—Dr George Szmukler
The inside view—Professor K. Rawnsley

Afternoon Session B: Computers in Psychiatry
The use of a computer for rapid assessment of anxiety and depression—Drs A. C. Carr and Ray Ancill
Applications of an automated cognitive testing battery to the problem of cognitive defects in alcoholic twins—Drs Bill Acker and Hugh Gurling
Computers versus psychiatrists in the assessment of drinking problems—Dr Roger Lucas

Suicide
Does suicide decline in war time?—Mr M. Wilson
The family network of patients who commit suicide—Mr Christopher Jennings

Friday 21 November
Morning Session A: Personality and its Measurement
Attachment Theory: A way of conceptualizing family influences on personality development—Dr John Bowlby
Does home environment have any effect on the personality?—Dr David Fulker
Assessment of personality by psychiatrists—Dr Peter Tyrer
Hysterical personality disorder and Briquet's Syndrome—Dr Philip Slavney

Morning Session B: Biological Psychiatry
Prediction of lithium response in manic-depressive illness—Dr M. Abou-Saleh
An ultrasound technique for the measurement of tardive dyskinesia—Dr G. Resek
Prolonged ambulatory EEG monitoring in neuropsychiatric patients—Dr G. Stores
Tryptophan and stress in unipolar affective disorder—Dr D. M. Shaw
Chest X-rays in the psychiatric patient—Dr J. Hughes
An investigation of the anti-cholinergic and adrenolytic properties of amitriptyline and desipramine in the human iris—Dr E. Szabadi
Some clinical and metabolic aspects of propranolol in chronic schizophrenia—Dr D. J. King
Amantadine and Jakob-Creuzfeldt'd Disease—Dr T. L. Dunn

Afternoon Session A: Pain
Some psychosomatic aspects of migraine—Professor Arthur Crisp
The value of psychological analysis of clinical pain problems—Professor M. R. Bond
Pain of unknown origin: a proper part of psychiatry—Dr F. G. Spear

Behaviour Therapy
The interaction between behavioural psychotherapy and marital problems—Dr John Cobb
Nine-year follow-up study of agoraphobia treated by behavioural methods—Dr Derek Johnston

Afternoon Session B: Epidemiology
The value of mental health information—Miss Eileen Brooke
Trends in psychiatric care in Britain 1970-1975—Dr Paul Williams
Paranoid states of middle life: a case register study—Dr J. A. G. Watt

A joint meeting of the Section of Social and Community Psychiatry and the Dependence/Addiction Group was held on Wednesday 19 November.

The following papers were read:
Psychological factors in an organization—Dr J. Kearns
The employment of individuals with psychotic illness: Some hard and difficult realities within industry—Dr Douglas Taylor
Phobic anxiety in coalminers—Dr Euan MacDonald
The effect of psychotropic drugs on performance—Dr Rodney May
Alcoholism: The cure is difficult, what about prevention?—Dr D. V. Hawks
Problem drinking and industry—Dr Spencer Madden
Alcohol dependence: a useful concept?—Dr Jonathan Chick
On Thursday 20 November, Sir Martin Roth, Professor of Psychiatry at Cambridge, delivered the Maudsley Lecture, 'Contemporary Issues in Psychiatric Diagnosis'. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr K. Davison. This was followed by a meeting of the Psychotherapy Section at which Dr D. H. Malan presented a paper entitled 'Davanloo's New Technique of Brief Psychotherapy'.

BUSINESS MEETING
The Business Meeting was held on Friday 21 November.

MINUTES
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 and 7 May, 1980 at Broadmoor Hospital (Bulletin, September 1980) were approved and signed as a correct record.

OBITUARY
The Registrar announced with regret the death of the following members:
Reginald Geoffrey Bird, Consultant Psychiatrist, Lambeth and Southwark Area Health Authority.
Patrick John Crowley, Consultant Child Psychiatrist, St Stephen's Hospital, Cork.
Robert Brocklesby Davis, Chief Psychiatrist, Kishore Nursing Home, Boreya Road, Ranchi, India.
Jal Edulji Dhunjibhoy, formerly Professor of Psychiatry, Dow Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan.
John Williams Lovell Doust, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Toronto, Canada.
Frank O'Donnell Finnian, Consultant Psychiatrist, Belmont Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.
John Joseph Flood, Medical Director, The Priory, Roehampton, London.
Bevis Gordon, Consultant Psychiatrist, Goodmayes Hospital, Ilford, Essex.
John Moore Johnston, formerly Medical Superintendent, Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital, Omagh, Northern Ireland.
Maria Zofia Krawiecza, Consultant Psychiatrist, Prestwich Hospital, Manchester.
Sue Ann Marten, Springfield, Illinois, USA.
Vidya Sagar, Psychiatrist, The Medical College, Rohtak, Haryana, India.
Flora Ellen Skellern, formerly Superintendent of Nurses, Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals. (Corresponding Associate).

A. J. Westerman-Holstijn, formerly Lecturer in Medical Psychology, University of Amsterdam, Holland. (Corresponding Fellow)
Maeve Wheelen, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, The Mott Clinic, Horton Hospital, Epsom.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT
Professor Gerald Timbury presented the Registrar's report:
'Council met on 24 October and a number of new members were welcomed. Professor T. Lynch of Dublin was elected Junior Vice-President.
'Council received reports of three meetings of the Executive and Finance Committee since my last report and of the Court of Electors, which had met on 13 October.
'Council was satisfied that Dr Semyon Gluzman was appropriately qualified to be offered Membership under Bye-Law III 2(ii) and it was agreed to seek the authority of the Privy Council to waive the requirement for a signed Declaration (this authority has now been received and steps are being taken to offer the Membership to Dr Gluzman).
'Representatives of Council met representatives of the DHSS on 25 July, 1980, for a useful discussion of matters of mutual interest.
'Comments on the Consultative Paper "The Future Pattern of Hospital Provision in England" have been sent to the Department. The College supports the continued provision of psychiatric units in each district hospital, but accepts that it will not be practicable to provide all psychiatric facilities in such units, and strongly recommends the closer functional integration of district hospital units and nearby mental hospitals. Such linked units should have a common budget and management system.
'A report on secure facilities for psychiatric patients was approved by Council and forwarded to the Department. A press conference on this report was held on 14 November, 1980. A summary of the report will be published in the Bulletin and copies of the report are available to members on application to the College Secretary. College representatives will be meeting members of the All-Party Parliamentary Mental Health Group next week.
'Council debated at length a proposal from the Section for the Psychiatry of Old Age that the Health Departments be asked to recognize the psychiatry of old age as a separate specialty of psychiatry. By a substantial majority Council resolved not to support this motion but agreed to urge that all relevant College Committees and also the JCHPT should ensure that all future consultants in general psychiatry should have spent a significant part of their time at general professional and higher training levels working in units and departments which take a particular interest in the psychiatry of old age.
'A revised report on rotational training schemes in psychiatry and the assessment of trainees was approved by Council and will be published in the Bulletin shortly.
'Council elected three new members to serve on the
Comments on the Rampton Review Committee's report are being prepared by a special committee chaired by Dr P.H. Connell; it is examining all aspects of the management of the Special Hospitals and would be glad to receive comments from members.

'Recently I was very pleased to speak at the most interesting annual meeting of the Collegiate Trainees Committee at Stratford upon Avon.' In the new year a special committee will review the Bye-Laws and recommend possible alterations.

'Finally I wish to thank the Dean and staff at the Institute of Psychiatry for all that they have done to make this a most successful meeting, as well as the Programmes and Meetings Committee, the speakers, and the College staff.'

**The Standing Committees, 1980-81**

(The Officers (Bulletin, January 1981) are *ex-officio* members of all Standing Committees except the Executive and Finance Committee.)

**Executive and Finance Committee**

*Ex-officio*: The President, the Registrar, the Treasurer and the Dean.

**Fellows**: Professor R. Bluglass, Drs W. D. Boyd, J. L. Crammer, I. S. Kreeger, Professor K. Rawnsley, Dr P. Sainsbury.

**Members**: Drs C. Davies, Diana Dickens, Helena Waters.

**Education Committee**


**Collegiate Trainees Committee**: Drs D. Costain, F. Margison, R. Scorer.


**Ex-officio**: Drs Ashley Robin (Chairman, Manpower Committee), F. Caldicott (Secretary, Manpower Committee), L. Tarlo (Chairman, Psychiatric Tutors' Sub-Committee), I. G. Bronks (Secretary, Psychiatric Tutors' Sub-Committee), David Gill (Secretary, Overseas Trainees Working Party), S. Bhate (Chairman, Overseas Trainees Working Party), P. Ashurst (Working Party on Women in Psychiatry), J. Bowby (Chairman, Library and Reading Lists Working Party), T. L. Pilkington (Secretary, Audio-Visual Sub-Committee), T. A. Betts (Chairman, Audio-Visual Sub-Committee).

**Observers**: Drs John Pollitt (Conference of Postgraduate Deans), R. Wilkins (DHSS).

**Public Policy Committee**


**Collegiate Trainees Committee**: Dr H. Ghadiali.

**Non-Council Co-opted Members**: Drs D. Early, J. R. Hamilton, H. Hunter, S. Levine, Professor A. K. M. Macrae, Drs B. Pitt, J. Reid.

**Observers**: Drs P. Mason (DHSS), R. A. W. Ratcliffe (SSHD).

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**Librarian and Chairman**: Dr H. R. Rollin.


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**Programmes and Meetings Committee**

**Council Members**: Drs C. Davies, E. G. Lucas (Chairman), E. W. Shepherd, P. E. Sylvester.

**Collegiate Trainees Committee**: Dr C. Trotter.

**Non-Council Co-opted Members**: Drs K. Bergmann, A. I. Cocklin, T. J. Crow, J. Higgins, A. V. P. Mackay, B. L. Mallett, R. Murry (Secretary), A. R. Nicol, Professor M. Shepherd.