

for patients with ethnic minority backgrounds. Equally important are their basic science ramifications. Cross-ethnic comparisons can and should contribute significantly to our understanding of what is 'universal', and thus more representative of the 'core' features of a certain clinical condition or phenomenon, and what may be more the product of cultural peculiarities and environmental influences.

The Center is engaged in the following activities: (1) a series of studies that include ethnic comparisons in the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of antidepressants, lithium, and benzodiazepines, as well as the neurohormonal and sleep electrophysiological changes in depressed ethnic minority patients; (2) establishing core research infrastructures; (3) encouraging collaboration and networking of researchers of divergent disciplines and interests; and (4) fostering the growth of ethnic minority researchers.

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Audio cassettes of College Meetings

Audio cassettes of the College's Annual Meeting in Dublin from 24–27 July 1992 and of the Autumn Quarterly Meeting, Birmingham Metropole Hotel, 14–15 October 1992, are available from QED Recording Services Ltd, Lancaster Road, New Barnet, Herts EN4 8AS (telephone 081 441 7722; fax 081 441 0777).

ENMESH

In collaboration with the European Office of the World Health Organisation, a European Network for Mental Service Evaluation (ENMESH) is now being established. Active researchers in the field are invited to request a registration form to join the network from Dr Aart Schene, (ENMESH Secretary), Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Academisch Medisch Centrum, Polikliniek Psychiatrie, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ, Amsterdam (ZO), The Netherlands.

SANE (Schizophrenia, A National Emergency)

SANE, the mental illness charity, has announced that Oxford University has been chosen to host its

Prince of Wales International Centre for Research into Schizophrenia and Depression. It will act as an international network for communication between scientists and clinicians from the United States, Saudi Arabia, and other countries and will be a centre for training. It intends to establish an annual symposium, conferences, and exchange fellowships.

The opening times of SANE'S telephone helpline – SANELINE – are to be extended from 4.00 p.m. until midnight every night during the week, with weekend and Bank Holiday opening hours continuing as before from 2.00 p.m. until 2.00 a.m.

1991 Survey of Rural Services

This is the first national report of its type and covers 13 types of service, including health care and day care for elderly and handicapped people. Full copies of the report, price £17, can be obtained from the Rural Development Commission, 141 Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3TP (telephone 0722 366255); a summary of the findings is also available, free of charge.