

first section contains directory information on Government departments, statutory bodies with mental health responsibilities, national and local voluntary organizations, research centres and training bodies; there is also data on health authorities and mental handicap hospitals including up-to-date bed numbers. The second section is devoted to basic information on mental health and various authors with specialist knowledge of current services present feature articles on the development of mental health policy and provision. The final section is an in-depth examination of a particular aspect of the mental health field. Each annual edition of the Year Book will present a different topic—psychiatric day care is the subject discussed in the first edition.

Copies of the *Mental Health Year Book 1981/82* cost £12.95 (including postage and packing) and are available from MIND Bookshop, 155/157 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 3EF.

Curt P. Richter Prize in Psychoneuroendocrinology

The International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology is inviting submissions for their annual Prize (sponsored by the Irish Foundation for Human Development) for meritorious research in the area of psychoneuroendocrinology. The sum of \$1,000 will be awarded for the best essay or manuscript of

original research or a review including original research from a scientist or physician under 40 years of age by 1 January 1982. Manuscripts should be submitted to Dr Fleur L. Strand, Secretary of the Society, Biology Department, New York University, 952 Brown, 100 Washington Square, NY 10003, USA. Deadline for submission 2 January 1982.

Peter Beckett Postgraduate Research Award

The family and friends of the late Peter Beckett, former Dean of the Medical Faculty and Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Dublin, have funded a research award to be known as the Peter Beckett Postgraduate Research Award. The Award is approximately worth £250 and will be given annually to the candidate who, in the opinion of the Award Committee, has carried out the best research project in psychiatry during his/her postgraduate training. The research should normally have been carried out in Ireland.

The Award is open to all postgraduate trainees in psychiatry who have completed at least three years of a formal training programme approved by the Committee. Applications should be received not later than 31 December 1981 and should be accompanied by a written description of the completed research project. Address: Medical School Office, Faculty of Medical and Dental Sciences, Trinity College, Dublin 2.

Forthcoming Events

The **Mental Health Group of the Royal Society of Health** is holding a meeting entitled 'Compulsory Admissions' on 26 November 1981 at 2 pm at the Royal Society of Health. Information: Conference Department, Royal Society of Health, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN.

A number of courses relating to art therapy and drama-therapy are being run by the **Hertfordshire College of Art & Design**. Full details are available from John P. Evans, Division of Art and Psychology, Hertfordshire College of Art & Design, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 3RS.

The **First International Symposium on Representing Understanding** will be held at Guy's Hospital Medical School from 25 to 26 February, 1982. Advances in computer technology, software design and mathematical modelling directed at data derivation, analysis and

representation are providing a wealth of new tools for representing understanding. This symposium is concerned with theoretical issues, research and techniques with cross-disciplinary applications. Papers are invited relating to: medicine; psychology; sociology; politics; economics; management; education; philosophy; mathematics; computer science and artificial intelligence. Deadline for submission 2 November 1981. Address: Dr E. W. Shepherd, Department of Psychiatry, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London Bridge, London SE1 9RT.

The **British Association for Psychopharmacology** is holding a symposium on 'Psychopharmacology of Old Age' on 30 October, 1981, at the Royal Society, Carlton Terrace, London. Non-members may attend. Information: Dr D. Wheatley, Programme Secretary, 325 Staines Road, Twickenham TW2 5AX.

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