

The College

Spring Quarterly Meeting, 1991

The Spring Quarterly Meeting was held at the University of Leicester on 16 and 17 April 1991 under the Presidency of Professor A. C. P. Sims.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was held on 17 April, attended by 28 Members of the College.

The meeting approved the election of the following Honorary Fellows: HRH The Prince of Wales, Patron of the College; Dr James Birley; The Rt Hon the Lord Ennals of Norwich; Sir Raymond Hoffenberg; and Professor Narendra Wig.

Minutes

The minutes of the Winter Quarterly Meeting held at the Royal Society of Medicine on 23 January 1991 were approved and signed.

Report of Registrar

For a number of years the College has been very concerned about the misuse of psychiatry in the USSR. Professor Rawnsley, when President, took a leading role during the General Assembly of the World Psychiatric Association in Vienna in 1986. Since then Dr Birley has continued the work on behalf of the College and on behalf of the World Psychiatric Association to find out what is happening in the USSR and to help those who are genuinely concerned about good practice to improve matters. It was hoped that the World Psychiatric Association Negotiating Party led by Dr Birley would visit the USSR in early March but this was cancelled at very short notice. The reason given was that the relevant Soviet authorities did not possess the hard currency to pay for the team's accommodation and for the hiring of the rooms and office space. However, it was thought that this was not the real reason and the decision had been made by those higher up because they were worried that the visit would have been more thorough than they would have wanted. The College has supported Dr Birley's view that the WPA should provide the financial support for the team and that it should be the WPA that remains responsible for the implementation of its decision to visit the

USSR in relation to the All Union Society of the USSR and its continuing membership of the WPA. At the moment things are in a state of impasse although it is hoped that the visit will go ahead with the team, which will contain members from a number of other countries and will be led by Dr Birley.

Another important visit was made a year ago by a team led by Dr Fiona Caldicott, now our Dean, to South Africa. Their report has been carefully considered within the College by Council and by the Special Committee on Unethical Psychiatric Practices (SCOUPP) and will shortly be sent to the organisations in South Africa which they visited. It has been suggested by the Executive and Finance Committee that the next visit to South Africa should be timed so as to allow the South African authorities sufficient time to put the recommendations of our College into practice. First a period of two years should be allowed, analogous to the situation with the Central Approval Panel. It is also agreed that there are many changes and uncertainties within South Africa itself that might make an early decision less helpful.

Professor Kolvin and I have been invited by a Greek psychiatrist, Professor Tsianks, to visit the Island of Leros which we will be doing between 16–19 May this year. The large hospital on this island has been the subject of considerable concern to SCOUPP and has been also strongly criticised in the media.

Council has agreed that there should be established a Special Committee on Europe, chaired by the Dean, with a particular remit to develop relationships with other European bodies responsible for postgraduate training in psychiatry. They would be starting their work within the EEC moving on to those countries in the Council of Europe and then to Eastern European countries.

Nearer to home, the amended guidelines for good medical practice and discharge and aftercare procedures having been discussed by Council and the Executive and Finance Committee will be presented to Council as a final draft in June. It is now agreed that the introduction to the report should make it quite clear that this report is intended only for the guidance of psychiatrists and will not be used as a basis for discussion to achieve further consensus between the variety of different professions that might be concerned.

It has been found that the system that we now have in operation for electing the President and Honorary Officers sometimes gives too little time for a new President or a new Dean, for example, to make the necessary arrangements for assuming office. It is therefore suggested that nominations for President should be brought forward so that Council considers the nominations in June of the previous year and the name of the new President will then be known and announced at the October meeting of Council in the year preceding the Annual General Meeting, when she or he will assume office. At the October Council meeting nominations will then be sought for the other officers, elections held in the early winter months and the results of those elections announced at the Council meeting in January.

The major change in the Health Service was the division into purchaser and provider and this has now been in operation since 1 April. Already there have been some concerns, one of which is about the psychiatric care of those working in the Health Service which was mentioned yesterday by the President, who hitherto have been treated away from the district in which they work.

The President and the Officers of the College have met Duncan Nicol the Chief Executive of the National Health Service, who came to have luncheon at the College. Discussions were on a number of the issues with which we were concerned. Shortly we are due to meet the Secretary of State, Mr William Waldegrave, and in June with the Shadow Health Minister, Mr Robin Cook. Another meeting planned is one with Professor Michael Peckham, who is the new head of the Scientific Department in the Department of Health.

Plans for the Annual General Meeting in Brighton are well in advance. Preliminary papers have been sent out and there has been a most encouraging and enthusiastic response. You are therefore advised to book early and we look forward to celebrating with you all there our 150th anniversary.

Dr ANN GATH
Registrar

Examination results

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Out of 368 candidates who sat the examination, 209 passed.

Abdul Hamid; Saheib Saleh Matr Abou Kamil; Mohamed Milad Abuzariba; Lucy Catherine Aitken; Ann Shaw Alcorn; Julie Alexander; Drahomira Allen; Dinesh Kumar Arya; Elisabeth Anne Ashbridge; Aftab Asif; Maria Cecilia Atkins; Martin Roderick Atkins.

Mary Elizabeth Jane Attenburrow; Lakshmi Prasuna Baddela; Rosemary Jane Barlee; Justin Gerard Basquill; Carol Ann Baylis; Karim Beecham; Caroline Jane Bell; Peter Fraser Bennie; Adrian David Ian Berry; Alison May Blair; Michael Blows; Mary Michele Brannigan; Ruth Cordelia Garnet Briel; Jennie Elizabeth Brooks; Charles Kincaid Burge; Robert Edward Butler.

Elizabeth Jane Callaway; Liam Francis James Callinan; Mary Cannon; Janet Elizabeth Carter; Teresa Casaus Borrell; Andrew John Charters; Kishore Kumar Chawla; Marie Theresa Cheasty; Giridhar Chintalapudi; Chung Ka Fai; Ian William Coffey; Lois Edith Colling; Mary Anne Connolly; Fidelma Maeve Corcoran; Richard James Corrigan; Janet Elizabeth Cottrell; Nicola Anne Cowan; Sarah Kathryn Lloyd Craig; Michael Joseph Crawford; Beatrice Christine Crowther-Smith; Ian Robert Cumming; Alan Currie; Peter Cutajar; Brian Martin Dalal; James Joseph Daly; Zaibhun Nisa Sadiq Davids; James Mark Davidson; Monica Doshi; Lorna Mary Duggan; Meredith Spencer Duke; Sandra Lesley Duke.

Fionnuala Mary Dunne; Andrew Michael Ellis; Elizabeth Anne Elsworth; Jill Emerson; Joanne Evans; Timothy Nigel Evans.

Farhad Farhadian; Sabry Mohammad Ahmad Abdel Fattah; Catherine Joan Feehan; Antony Fernandez; Jonathan Flint; Sara Margaret Forman; Douglas John Fraser; Melanie Ellen Gallagher; Fiona Patricia Gaughran; John Ralph Harley; Dale Harrison; David Carlisle Hartman; Jennifer Anne Hartman; Jeffrey Allan Harvey; Enda Joseph Hayden; Adrian Hugh Heald; Thomas Frederick Henderson; William Austin Henderson; Peter Matthew Herriot; Christine Margaret Hodgson; Elizabeth Christina Hofmans; Coryn Elka Holland; John Roger Hopkins; William Benedict Hopkins; Robert Stephen Horvath; Alasdair Graham Fletcher Hosking; Rita Brigid Hughes; Colin John Kirkwood Hunter; Mark Arthur Huthwaite.

Eduardo Iacoponi; Heather Margaret Inch; Muhammad Iqbal; Juan Francisco Izaguirre Eguren; Nasir Izhar; Angela Karen Johl; Arunapurathu John Johnson; Richard Glyn Jones; Anil Paul Joseph; John Stephen Joyce; Vikram Rasiklal Kamdar; Loku Gan Hewage Karunapala; Spyros-Spyridon Karvounis; Raphael George Kelvin; Eleanor Elizabeth Kerr; Judith Sarah Kerr; Brian Alistair Kidd; Hilary Jane Kinsler; Samuel Lai Tze-Kin; Michelle Vanessa Lambert; Michael Langenbach; Richard Alun Laugharne; Ena Theresa Rose Mary Lavelle; John Norman Leach; Adrian Toby Leathart; Mark Leigh-Horwarth; Alison Iona Lerant; Josephine Brigid Loftus; Francesa Louise Lowe-Ponsford.

Andrew Keir MacDonald; Reuven Manfred Magnes; Michael Maier; Simon Paul Manchip; David Marchevsky; Anna Margaret Maxey; Ruth