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Information

International Multi-Disciplinary Federation of Social Psychiatry

1. Membership

It is proposed to build up membership of the new international Federation by inviting membership from leaders in the field of social psychiatry on an international basis. The development of national societies will also be encouraged and it is hoped that ultimately these will become affiliated to the new Federation. It is hoped too that ultimately arrangements will be made for junior or associate membership. In the first instance, however, membership is open to professionally qualified people in the broad field of social psychiatry.

The subscription is \$ 12 or £ 5 per year, including a subscription to *Social Psychiatry* which will be received by members four times a year and will contain information about the activities of the Federation. This price is only marginally above the cost of the Journal and represents a considerable concession for which we are grateful. The Journal is not the official organ of the Federation, however: editorial policy remains independent and the editors are not officers of the Federation.

Membership forms may be had from the Secretary of the Federation, Dr. H. B. WRIGHT, 10 Belgrave Square, London S. W. 1., England.

The Chairman of the Federation is Dr. MAXWELL JONES, Dingleton Hospital, Melrose, Scotland.

2. Conference in Edinburgh, September 1969

It is proposed to hold a multi-disciplinary conference in Edinburgh from September 2nd—5th 1969 inclusive. Accommodation will be available in student Halls of Residence. The conference will be during the Festival which delegates will be free to visit in the evenings. The theme of the conference is:

The Healthy Community

There will probably be sessions on communications, social architecture and social structure for health. Organisation is in conjunction with the World Federation for Mental Health of which Professor G. M. CARSTAIRS is President. Other members of the Organising Committee are Drs. MAXWELL JONES, H. B. WRIGHT and JURGEN RUEBCH.

The conference will be designed to allow full multidisciplinary participation and interaction. Participation will be by invitation from the membership. At the conference the new International Federation will be formally established and officers elected.

Full details and application forms will be available in 1968.

World Psychiatric Association

The Executive Committee of the World Psychiatric Association has decided to set up Sections dealing with various sub-specialties, several of which are concerned with subjects of relevance to Social Psychiatry. Three sections already have section committees:

Forensic Psychiatry:

Chairman: Dr. G. STURUP (Herstedvester, Denmark).
Secretary: Professor T. C. N. GIBBENS (Maudsley Hospital, London).

Transcultural Psychiatry:

Chairman: Professor J. ZUTT (Frankfurt a. M.).
Secretary: Professor K. RAWNSLEY (Department of Psychiatry, University of Cardiff).

Epidemiology & Community Psychiatry:

Chairman: Professor E. M. GRUENBERG (New York).
Vice-chairman: Dr. R. SADOUN (Paris).
Secretary: Dr. J. K. WING.

Sections on Child Psychiatry, the History of Psychiatry and Psychiatric Education are about to be formed. Others concerned with the biological aspects of psychiatry are also being set up.

Further information may be obtained from Dr. J. K. WING, Maudsley Hospital, London, S. E. 5.

Erratum

In Table 2 of the article by L. K. HEMSI, *Psychiatric Morbidity of West Indian Immigrants* (Vol. II, No. 3, p. 95), the position of the words "West Indian" and "native" should be transposed.