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Prizewinner

The Laughlin Prize has been awarded to Dr E. J. B. Morris in the Membership Examination.

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Obituary

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JOHN RICHARD HAMILTON, formerly Medical Director, Broadmoor Hospital and Honorary Senior Lecturer in the Department of Forensic Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, London SE5



Psychiatrists. He married Mary Connor, whose devotion ensured the strong start to his career and

its consolidation. She survives him with their two fine sons. This year he formalised his second marriage to Henrietta Bullard, who was his greatest support over the last few years. In the last nine months of his life, John was aware of his likely death sentence but nevertheless fought, not only to live, but also to continue a significant contribution to the subject he loved. He was leading the launch of research into the real security needs of patients in the special (maximum security) hospitals. The dignity and stoicism with which he met his illness and its intrusive treatment, and the extent to which he succeeded in maintaining his creativity in work was so successful that he forced most of us to forget the gravity of his condition much of the time. In his last week he had arranged a meeting with his closest research colleagues, sadly that meeting never took place: he died on 2 June 1990.

The importance of his work outlives him. It lives in his students, from a wide range of disciplines, to whom he was a wise teacher. It lives in his wider academic contribution, writing and reviewing for

professional journals and editing a widely respected book, *Dangerousness: Psychiatric Assessment and Management* in 1982. It survives him in his College, for whom he worked tirelessly in committees and working parties, advising and drafting documents in addition to his more conspicuous work as a member of Council and Honorary Secretary of the Forensic Psychiatry Executive Committee. He was elected to the fellowship in 1982. It continues in his chosen discipline of forensic psychiatry. He had advised, and lobbied Parliament during the passage of the Mental Health Act (Amendment) Bill and became well known for his advice to and liaison with non-clinical disciplines, including departments within the Home Office and the Police. Above all, it outlives him in his patients, for whom he ensured assessment and treatment of the highest standard, appropriately enough a model for his colleagues in the special hospital service.

His philosophy and practice in relation to the care of the mentally disordered which should spur his successors to higher standards. During two decades most characterised by campaigns, legislation and diminishing resources ensuring the rights of patients not to be treated, John stood firmly by the principle of a more positive right – the right, even for the most disadvantaged and unpopular of the mentally disordered, to receive the best care and treatment available. This remained true during his special hospital career, when he was among the few to champion the cause of the psychopath. Perhaps his most important work of all, however, was conducted during the 1970s when he demonstrated the power of alcohol detoxification services in the NHS for habitual drunken offenders (*British Journal of Psychiatry* (1979) 135, 28–34). Today the inappropriate placement in the penal system of men who persistently abuse alcohol remains a problem, reduced only by the expedient of guidelines that stipulate that drunken offenders will only be prosecuted if arrested more than three times in any four weeks. John was not impressed with this as a solution, and was almost as dismissive of those who called for better, more humane facilities for alcohol abusers in the prisons.

“No doctor”, he wrote “would recommend such a placement for any other form of poisoning. The Edinburgh experience offers real guidance for a way forward. It is not so much thorough examination of requirements that is needed as a commitment to providing the necessary resources.” It would be a fitting memorial indeed if service providers now heeded John Hamilton’s evidence, advice and humanity.

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The deaths of the following have also been reported:

LESLEY HELEN BARNES, Senior Psychiatrist, Rozelle Hospital, Rozelle, Sydney, New South Wales 2039, Australia.

GAVIN JOHN BELL, formerly Physician Superintendent, 4 Southbourne Avenue, Emsworth, Hampshire.

ANNE NICOL MACKELLAR BRITAIN, formerly Commissioner, Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland, 2 Eglinton Crescent, Edinburgh.

ELAINE GLENTON CALVERT, Consultant Psychiatrist, Swinton Hospital, Swinton, Manchester.

JAY CHI CHEONG CHENG, Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

DONALD JAMES CRANSTON DAWSON, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Gransha Hospital, Londonderry, N. Ireland.

ROBERT DOUGAL, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Downshire Hospital, Northern Ireland.

ROBERT HANNA FELIX, Emeritus Professor, 10501 Indian Wells Drive, Sun City, Arizona 85351, USA.

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MABEL LOIS HAIGH, Ash Lea, Collingham, Wetherby, W. Yorks.

THOMAS FORREST MAIN, Honorary Consultant, Cassel Hospital, Surrey.

CLIFFORD TETLOW, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry.

FRANCIS ANTHONY WHITLOCK, Porthtowan House, Chapel Hill, Porthtowan, Cornwall.