

CORRESPONDENCE

THE MENTAL HEALTH CENTRE, PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN

DEAR SIR,

I have recently received a request from the Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UU, for the name of any psychiatrist who might be interested in taking up the work which has been initiated in Peshawar, Pakistan, during the past six years by Dr John Bavington. He has created a Mental Health Centre of a highly original kind, adapted to the needs of the local culture and community. Dr Bavington leaves Peshawar in July 1977 and may not be able to resume his work there for family reasons. The Ministry of Overseas Development has recently given a grant for a scheme to train community mental health workers in relation to the work of his Mental Health Centre. I visited the Centre in its early days and was greatly impressed by what Dr Bavington had already accomplished in a short time.

Anyone who might be interested in taking up this work should get in touch with the Secretary of the Church Missionary Society at the address above.

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RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR STUDY OF GENE-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION IN SCHIZOPHRENIA

DEAR SIR,

The Foundations' Fund for Research in Psychiatry is interested in soliciting research proposals that reflect new, promising, and creative approaches to the study of the interaction of genetic and environmental factors in schizophrenia.

As a step in the process of solicitation, interested investigators are invited to submit preliminary proposals in the form of letters of intent. Such letters, not exceeding five typewritten pages in length, should consist of a description of the projected research proposal, an outline of the procedures to be used, and a statement of the specific manner in which the project will help to clarify the interactional nature of genetic and environmental variables. Approximate cost estimates which can be at rather modest or somewhat larger levels of support should be included.

Interested investigators should send their letters of intent by 1 July to the Office of the President at the address below.

F. C. REDLICH,
President

*Foundations' Fund for Research in Psychiatry,
100 York Street,
New Haven, Connecticut 06511, USA*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Postgraduate Centre in Psychiatry, Morgannwg (Penyfa) Hospital

The Summer Term of lectures, tutorials and clinical demonstrations in psychological medicine and allied subjects commences on 6 May and lasts until 1 July, each Friday between 10.45 am and 3.30 pm approximately. Details on application to Dr Marshall W. Annear, Clinical Tutor and Area Postgraduate Organizer in Psychiatry, Morgannwg Hospital, Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan CF31 4LN, Wales.

King's Fund Centre

A one-day workshop on 'Mental Handicap and the Court Report: Implications for General Practitioners', to be concerned with those sections of the report of the Committee on Child Health

Services, *Fit for the Future*, which relate to mental handicap, will be held at the King's Fund Centre on Thursday, 26 May, from 10 am to 4 pm. The fee is £5.00, including coffee, lunch and tea, and written applications should be sent to Miss Andrea Whittaker, Project Assistant, King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF (quoting reference DD/AFW/CON 4, by 13 May).

Royal Society of Health

A one-day conference on 'Juvenile Drinking' will be held at Glasgow City Hall, Albion Street, Glasgow, on Thursday, 2 June, from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. The registration fee is £6.21 for non-members of the Royal Society of Health; £3.78 for non-members. Applications, with remittance, should be sent to The Conference Department, The Royal Society of Health, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN.