

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOSEXUAL MEDICINE

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Doctor,

Attached to the front of the Newsletter you will find the Agenda for the A.G.M., the Secretary's Report and Nomination Paper for members of Council. It is now three years since the Inaugural A.G.M. at which the Constitution was formally adopted. Under the terms of the Constitution some members of the Council will now be retiring, and I have completed my term of office as Editor.

The "Old Guard" who formed the Steering Committee and became the first officers have established the Institute as a training organisation with basic seminars all over the country, advanced seminars in London and Newcastle and a leader's workshop. Clinical meetings are held twice a year in London and there is an annual weekend meeting. Research is carried on both by the Research Seminar, and the prospective study of non-consummation funded by the Nuffield Foundation. Now it is vitally important that we should have nominations for NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL to carry the work forward.

The Council meets three or four times a year, and one meeting is always held at the residential weekend. Travelling expenses, over £5., are paid, so that we hope to receive nominations from all parts of the country.

1. INSTITUTE MEETINGS

FUTURE

(a) The A.G.M. will take place at 5.0 p.m. on:

FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH, 1979 at:

The Royal Society of Medicine (Marcus Beck Library)
1 Wimpole Street, London, W.1.

It will be followed by a Presidential Address at 8.0 p.m.

DR. TOM MAIN will speak on "OCNOPHILIA AND PHILOBATICS
IN PSYCHOSEXUAL MEDICINE".

Recognition under Section 63 has been applied for.

Members who wish to dine at the R.S.M. should book their own tables for dinner.

(b) The weekend Meeting will take place at:

the GOLDEN VALLEY HOTEL, CHELTENHAM on October 6th & 7th, 1979.

Dr. Barne has written a notice about this in Appendix A.

PAST

(c) A clinical meeting took place at the Royal Society of Medicine on FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER, 1978.

Dr. Judy Gilley spoke on "Reaction to Rape". I am again indebted to Dr. Thexton for her account of the paper and discussion, which are given in Appendix B.1. During the discussion it was remarked that ignorance of the legal aspects of rape could cause uncertainty in the doctor, so I asked Dr. Gilley if she would write a note for the Newsletter. 'Rape and the Law' is in Appendix B.2. and gives a clear statement of the present position, for which we are grateful.

RELEVANT MEETINGS

PAST (d) Demonstration Seminar at Institute of Psycho-Analysis
22nd November, 1978.

Dr. Hutchinson has kindly written an account of this meeting (Appendix B.3.) After reading this account I felt that a comment from one of the members of the British Psycho-Analytical Society would complete the picture. I asked Alex Pollock for a critical review and would like to thank him for his letter (Appendix B.4.)

FUTURE (e) Div. Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Royal Society of Medicine,
Friday, 23rd February, 1979.

A Meeting on Male and Female Sexuality will be addressed by Dr. Robert Shields, Dr. Tom Main and Dr. R. Goodman. Anna Raeburn will lead the discussion.

(f) British Psycho-Analytical Society

I have been sent notices of two meetings which will be of interest to some members:-

24th March, 1979. Basic Psycho-Analytical Concepts.

17th February, 1979. Everyday Life of the Family
A Psycho-dynamic view.

Fee: £12. for each day.

Applications to: Hon. Organising Secretary, Public Lecture Committee, Institute of Psycho-Analysis, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD.

2. COUNCIL NEWS

As well as the Secretary's report, at the front of the Newsletter, you will find reports from the Treasurer, the Publications Editor, the Programme Secretary and the Research Group in Appendix A.

3. PUBLIC TIONS

Dr. Eleanor Mears has sent a reprint of her paper "Sexual Problem Clinics" which analyses the work of some members. We are grateful to Dr. Mears for making this available for all our members.

A number of our members have been asked to contribute to the Mims Magazine series on Sex Medicine.

Awareness of Sex Problems	Ruth Skrine	July '78 Vol 3 No 1
Frigidity	Barbara Law	Aug '78 Vol 3 No 3
Ejaculatory Dysfunction	Rosemary Lincoln	Oct '78 Vol 3 No 7
Non-consummation and Dyspareunia	Eleanor Mears	Nov '78 Vol 3 No 9
Sexual Problems in Adolescence	Elphis Christopher	In press.

Novum, recently published by Schering Pharmaceuticals, had an article by Dr. Rosalie Taylor, on 'Body Language, Phantasy and Family Planning' and two case studies by Dr. Robina Thexton. These publications reach a wide audience of general practitioners.

4. CASE STUDY

In the last Newsletter I appealed for clinical material and am therefore very grateful to Dr. Gill for the interesting couple that she has reported in Appendix C.

A corrected telephone number, a list of changes of address and new members, is given in Appendix D.

As this will be my last Newsletter, I would like to thank all those who have contributed, and particularly Dr. Thexton and Dr. Hinshelwood for their invaluable reports of meetings. I only regret that, despite our policy of limited circulation to members, we have not had more clinical material. I hope others will follow where Dr. Gill has bravely led the way. I have enjoyed the challenge of getting the Newsletter under way and look forward to enjoying the fresh ideas of a new Editor.

Yours sincerely,

KATHARINE DRAPER.

APPENDIX A.

COUNCIL REPORTS

a. NOTICE FROM THE TREASURER

Dr. Fay Hutchinson

Associate Membership Fee. It was announced in Newsletter 11 that the Associate Membership fee had been increased to £5. p.a. and many members sent in new bankers orders for that amount for which I am grateful. But at the A.G.M. on 3rd March, 1978, I asked that associate membership should be raised to £5. but after discussion it was agreed that the fee should be £7. 50. p.a. We must conform with the A.G.M. resolution and I apologise for the error. Associate members who have paid £5. will be receiving new Bankers orders so that they may be corrected for September 1979. I regret the extra work it will cause. The increased subscriptions have made our balances healthier this year so that we can meet the increased costs of running the Institute, although all the offices exercise great economy in carrying out their functions, and absorb a proportion of the costs themselves.

b. NOTICE FROM PUBLICATIONS EDITOR

Miss Valerie Thompson

I think we would all agree that accurate records of papers given at our Meetings are of permanent value and thanks to Wyeth we are able to publish these for subsequent circulation. We intend to ask all future speakers to provide a written copy of their speeches at the time of presentation.

This will not, however, cover the discussions which are rich in useful material, nor introductory or concluding speeches. Does any member have access to good quality sound recording apparatus and the technical expertise to record our meetings?

I feel there must be a source particularly amongst the parents of teenagers in this audio-visual age. Call me at 01-748-8601 any evening after 7.0 p.m. if you feel you could help in this way.

c. NOTICE FROM PROGRAMME SECRETARY

Dr. I.C. Barne

The weekend meeting of the Institute will be held on October 6th and 7th at the Golden Valley Hotel, Cheltenham. Wyeth will again provide a dinner on Saturday, 6th October for all members of the Institute attending the meetings. It is anticipated that NAFPD will be holding their meeting at the same hotel on 4th and 5th October, so that the meetings will be held consecutively and not concurrently.

d. NOTICE FROM RESEARCH GROUP

Dr. K. Draper.

Report of the Research Committee

Pilot Study.

Recruitment for this study was completed in October, when 51 cases had been registered. Forty-four cases have completed six months treatment; 27 have successfully consummated, 11 have failed or defaulted and six continued in therapy (1 of whom has consummated). The remaining seven cases are still in the six months treatment; when this is completed in March the results will be compiled for publication. The Committee plan a workshop weekend in July to prepare the results for the Cheltenham meeting.

Nuffield Study.

Recruitment has been slower for this study, although any cases of non-consummation are eligible, and, since October, only 24 cases have been registered, the clinical psychologist has had difficulty in contacting some patients for an interview, but has been very persevering. When the disruptions of festivities, weather and industrial disputes have settled down, we hope more cases will be forthcoming.

Dr. Shirley-Quirk has resigned from the Committee owing to the pressure of her other commitments. We would like to thank her for the work she has done.

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