SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN: AUTISM : THEORY AND PRACTICE

Research Symposium : University of B.C. Vancouver B.C. May 24-25, 1978

The Research Symposium will include papers by leading professionals in the field of Autism. The Conference will deal with the practical application of research findings, panel discussions on parent support, home training programs—early diagnosis, preschool and school age program, adolescent vocational training, adult programs and lifetime planning.

Among the participants will be: Dr. Lorna Wing, Institute of Psychiatry, London, England; Dr. Martin Koziol, Department of Sociology, University of Boston; Dr. Sigmund Beneroya, Director of Children Services, Douglas Hospital, Montreal; Dr. William Condon, School of Medicine, University of Boston; Dr. Tomas Perry, Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia; Dr. Chris Webster, Clarke Institute, Toronto, Ontario.

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The Third Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Psychiatric Social Workers was held at Bangalore on 3rd and 4th December 1977. The delegates who were attending the conference came from different parts of India and read their papers on different subjects.

Professor S.K. Mani, Director I/c, NIMHANS, Bangalore, welcomed the guests and delegates. Sri I.A. Sheriff, President, I.S.P.S.W. introduced the Society, its nature and work. Inaugural speech was delivered by Hon’ble Minister of Health, Sri H.M. Chaunabasappa, Government of Karnataka and Sri T.R. Jayaram, The Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University, chaired the inaugural session. Professor H.M. Marulasiddaih, Head, Deptt. of Social Work, Bangalore University proposed the vote of thanks. Interesting papers were read by Dr. Neilson F. Smith, W. H. O. Consultant, Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS, Bangalore, Dr. David Drucker, Social Scientist,
W. H. A. Y. Regional Officer for S.E. Asia, New Delhi. Dr. (Mrs.) V. Veeraraghavan, Delhi School of Social Work, Prof. D. V. Raja, Director, Madurai Inst. of Social Work, Miss V. N. Gomswami, Bombay, Prof. K. V. Ramanan, Head, Deptt. of Social Work, Andhra University, Waltair. Mrs. Shaila Pai, NIMHANS, Bangalore, Sri P. N. Jha, C.I.P., Ranchi, etc.

In the general body meeting, Dr. (Mrs.) Veeraraghavan (Delhi), Mrs. Gupta (Poona), Miss R. Kshama (Bangalore), P. N. Jha, (Ranchi), L. A. Sheriff (Bangalore) were respectively elected as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Jt. Secretary, Treasurer, Mrs. Girija Kamalakshmi, (Madras) the Secretary, reported on the activities of Society.

As the reporter feels, the Conference owes special thanks to Sri V. N. Rao, Mr. Beig, Sri M. Ranganathan, Mrs. S. Pai, and students of the Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS, Bangalore.

The venue for the next Conference, as tentatively fixed, will be, BOMBAY.

P. N. JHA,
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The 11 World Congress of Biological Psychiatry will be held in Barcelona during August-September 1978.

The subjects will be developed during the same as Plenary Sessions and Symposia, appearing on the attached advance program.

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