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ADI Develops International Medical & Scientific Advisory Board

Initial steps were taken to form an ADI Medical and Scientific Advisory Board at the ADI Council meeting in Dublin, Ireland on September 15, 1989.

Nominees to the board represent scientists from fourteen countries around the world including Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States, and the USSR.

Some organizational issues are yet to be resolved and final confirmation of members will be made at the ADI Council meeting during the September 1990 meeting in Mexico City.

France Alzheimer to Award 6 Research Grants

In 1990, France Alzheimer will award five 60,000 Franc scholarships to young scientists working in the challenging field of Alzheimer's research.

Further, a 200,000 Franc grant will be awarded to a skilled researcher working at the post doctorate or doctoral candidate level. The grant will be renewable for three consecutive years.

Presentation of the France Alzheimer awards will occur in April 1990.

Princess Lauds ADARDS Victoria on Centre



Princess Yasmin Aga Khan Jeffries

ADI President, Princess Yasmin Aga Khan Jeffries, congratulated ADARDS Victoria and member Ted Lustig, chair of the appeal that raised \$2.2 million for the Sara Lustig Fam-

ily Resource Centre, in her address to the group during its "A Night to Remember" gala, held on March 29, 1990 at the Hyatt on Collins in Melbourne, Australia.

The Centre will provide counselling services, community education workshops and seminars, telephone information and advisory services, and a library service including books and videos. Primary objective is to assist carers and families. Establishment of the Centre reflects the drive and initiative of the Victorian President, Patricia Collett.

Established in 1983, ADARDS Victoria, has a membership of over 900, and a network of 55 carers groups. It is a member of ADARDS Australia, headquartered in Sydney, New South Wales.

Princess Yasmin Aga Khan Jeffries has been president of ADI since 1984, and is also a vice chairman of the Alzheimer's Association in the United States. She joined the Association in 1981 upon learning that her mother, film star Rita Hayworth, was diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease.

Advances in Research Offer Hope

Advances in research are achieved slowly, yet breakthroughs that have occurred are exciting to researchers. While there is still no treatment or cure, advances in research hold out hope for effective treatment within five years, according to Dr. Creighton Phelps, vice president of medical and scientific affairs for the Alzheimer's Association in the United States. "Progress along four lines of scientific investigation suggest that tests may be available for diagnosing Alz-

heimer's in its early stage and new drug therapies may be able to prevent the progressive loss of critical brain cells," says Dr. Phelps, who previously worked in the Alzheimer research program at the National Institute on Aging in the United States. Key advances he cites are:

1. Studies in animals that show a newly-discovered brain chemical that prevents the death of a class of brain cells that are destroyed in

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Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI)

ADI, The International Federation of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Societies, Inc., is a lay-oriented organization established to promote charitable, educational and scientific purposes worldwide. Its governing body is a council with an executive committee. Council members are representatives from ADI member countries. ADI also has the support of an international medical and scientific advisory board that provides scientific recommendations and advice as needed.

Members of ADI are national organizations representing family members of victims of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Each works to develop family support groups, educational programs and a medical and scientific advisory component; each operates on a national basis within its country.

In October 1984, the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association in the U. S., launched Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) by calling a meeting in Washington, D. C., with the encouragement of the World Health Organization and invited representatives from England, Canada, and Australia, which already had grass-roots-level Alzheimer's organizations; and, Belgium, France and Germany, where individuals hoped one day to create a national Alzheimer Society.

Princess Yasmin Aga Khan Jeffries, who is a vice-chairman of the U. S. Alzheimer's Association, was elected president of ADI in 1984 and continues in that office. ADI vice-presidents are: Dr. Franz Baro, Belgium; Dr. Henry Brodaty, Australia; Jeanne Bentley, Canada; Laurence d'Aramon, France; Henry McIntyre, U. S.; Lilia Mendoza, Mexico.

Treasurer, is Jerome H. Stone, U. S.; Secretary, is Brian Moss, of Australia.

Fifth International Conference Review

The Alzheimer's Society of Ireland (ASI) hosted the Fifth International Conference of ADI at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, on September 13-16, 1989.

Two hundred fifty delegates representing 22 nations covering all five continents were assembled for the event. ASI president Prof. James McCormick welcomed participants; and, Dr. Rory O'Hanlon, Minister of Health spoke of measures taken and planned by his department to cope with Alzheimer's disease in Ireland.

ADI President, Princess Yasmin Aga Khan Jeffries addressed the conference on Thursday morning, and keynote speakers included Dr. Robert N. Butler, Mt. Sinai Medical Centre, New York; Dr. Nori Graham, Chairman of the Alzheimer's Society of Britain and Dr. Franz Baro, a director of W.H.O. in Belgium and founder of the Alzheimer's Society in Belgium.

Fifty speakers from around the world presented papers on a wide range of subjects from technical research and medical aspects of Alzheimer's disease to carers' problems such as insomnia, wandering and incontinence.

Tours of caring facilities were included in the program. The Conference Dinner was

held at Trinity College, and a reception at Royal Hospital Kilmainhaim was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Rory O'Hanlon.

Sessions at the Fifth International Conference in Dublin were tape-recorded. The following tapes are available:

- Tape 1 Keynote speakers
- Tape 2 The Nature of Alzheimer's Disease
- Tape 3 New Directions in Research
- Tape 4 Training the Carers
- Tape 5 Alzheimer's Disease and the Public
- Tape 6 Advances in Research
- Tape 7 Research
- Tape 8 Social Implications of Dementing Illness
- Tape 9 Improving the Environment
- Tape 10 Carers Initiatives
- Tape 11 Insomnia, Incontinence and Wandering
- Tape 12 Therapy
- Tape 13 Drug Therapy

Cost of the tapes is three pounds each with packaging and postage at one additional pound. Write or call the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, St. John of God's Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

Global Perspective is Your Newsletter!

In every country exciting things are happening in the development and refinement of programs and services for Alzheimer's patients and their families and in the field of Alzheimer's research. You hold meetings, symposia, workshops, etc. to update and enlighten your members, legislators, the media and the general public. Tell us about them, and your other special events, too. Your newsletters are helpful, but we often can use more detail.

Global Perspective will be published twice a year. The language of the newsletter is English (until such time as our budget will allow for additional languages).

We welcome suggestions for themes, feature topics, special columns, etc. We look forward to your articles, photographs, etc. To assure accuracy, all contributions should be submitted in English.

The spotlight in the next issue will be on patient and family services. Deadline for submitting materials is May 31, 1990.

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Alzheimer's patients. The chemical is a member of a family of brain chemicals called growth factors that are important for the development and maintenance of function in brain cells.

2. The recent announcement by Swedish scientists of the successful transplant of fetal brain cells into a Parkinson's patient with dramatic improvement in his symptoms. The cells produced the neurotransmitter dopamine. Fetal tissue transplants suggest possible treatment for a number of degenerative diseases that affect the brain, including Alzheimer's disease.

3. Identification of specific chemical changes in skin cells that may lead to early diagnostic tests for Alzheimer's.

4. Clinical trials of 16 experimental drugs designed to ease some of the symptoms of Alzheimer's, which could reach the market in the early 1990s. These drugs attempt to replace missing brain chemicals or prevent their destruction.

"In light of these advances, the hope for early diagnosis and possible new treatments is no longer unrealistic," Phelps says.

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Alzheimer's...a Worldwide Problem and ADI Membership Grows

In Chicago, Illinois, USA, a highly successful businessman is frequently late to meetings with important clients and often forgets critical details, even the reason for meetings. Always well-dressed, he is careless and unkempt. His financial control of the business has become a shambles. His employees become increasingly concerned about him. Worried, they call his son to discuss their fears. He persuades his father to seek a medical evaluation. The diagnosis: "probable Alzheimer's disease."

In Paris, France, an artist and gallery owner has become erratic, forgetful and quarrelsome in her business dealings. The quality of her work has deteriorated dramatically, and she seems never to remember deadlines. Her sister who is a partner in the business, with a struggle persuades her to seek medical advice. After a thorough physical and psychiatric evaluation, the report is "...Alzheimer's disease."

In Tokyo, Japan, a widow is taken to see a physician by her children. They explain that she has grown increasingly forgetful since their father died. At first, they say, they attributed her strange behavior to de-

pression. However, lately she does not seem to remember their names or that they are grown up mature adults. Several times recently she became disoriented and wandered away when she couldn't find her way home from church. The police had to be summoned to help find her. After the examination, her children are saddened to learn the diagnosis—Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's disease does not discriminate, and the story is the same the world over. The pain and devastation to patients and families run the same cruel course. Alzheimer's is a progressive, degenerative disease that attacks the brain and causes impaired memory, thinking and behavior. It is the most common form of dementing illness. Approximately 10% of the world population over 65 years of age is afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. This percentage rises to 47.2% in those over age 85. In the next decade, Alzheimer's disease threatens much of the world's health, social and economic resources if it is left unchecked.

Through ADI, more and more national Alzheimer organizations are joining together to create a strong front in the battle to con-

quer and control Alzheimer's disease and bring relief and support to patients and their families.

Finland and the Netherlands were added to the Alzheimer's Disease International membership roster when the ADI Council met during the Fifth International Conference in Dublin, Ireland. In 1990, applications for membership have already come in from Argentina and Switzerland.

In Argentina, Asociacion de Lucha contra el Mal de Alzheimer y alteraciones semejantes (ALMA) headquartered in Buenos Aires was created in April 1989 with just 80 members. The Swiss Alzheimer Association (SAA) was started in June 1988. Its 20 support groups meet on a regular basis.

Listed below are the existing members of ADI. Several additional national Alzheimer's organizations have requested applications to initiate the membership process.

As our membership expands, we are gaining strength in our battle against Alzheimer's disease. Services are being expanded, and support systems developed for patients and their families. Significant funds are being raised for research. One day, *we will win!*

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Notes about ADI Members

...what They're Doing

Notes for this issue are gleanings from members' newsletters and some information sharing sent us by members.

Alzheimer's Disease Society in England has ninety-four branches and support groups located throughout the country, (Society's November 1989 newsletter). It has undertaken a strong membership campaign. Their goals are to strengthen branches and groups, enhance public communication and education about Alzheimer's disease and impact public policy to obtain financial support and needed services for Alzheimer patients and their carers.

ADARDS Australia established a National Secretariat in 1989, supported by a federal government grant of \$350,000 over the next three years. The office of the Secretariat is located in Sydney, New South Wales. Executive Director is Pat Jones.

Initially formed in 1983 as a vehicle for co-operative effort of the respective State societies/Associations and to advise the Federal Government, ADARDS Australia has also undertaken to encourage and support research efforts.

Alzheimer's Disease Society in London has completed a film on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias as part of a

Training Pack. The writing of training notes and a guide is in process; and, it is expected the finished pack will be available in 1990.

Alzheimer's Society of Canada, founded in 1977 has 11,000 members. Its mission states: "The Alzheimer Society of Canada exists to alleviate the social and personal consequences of Alzheimer disease and to promote the search for a cause and cure."

In keeping with its mission the Alzheimer Society of Canada has set a fundraising goal of \$2 million for 1990.

It plans a two-pronged research program, one stream of grants will fund investigations into the cause, cure and treatment of Alzheimer's disease, while a second will look at ways to improve the quality of life for those suffering from the disease.

Alzheimer Society of Ireland for its annual meeting held an all-day seminar, March 10, 1990, at Trinity College, Dublin, with prominent speakers and ten workshops, including: Entitlements for the elderly; Sleep disturbances; Functional dependence; Agitation/aggression; incontinence; financial problems; Legal problems; Support groups; Respite centres; Other carers services.

Truschke Addresses Meeting

The topic was "The Politics of Anguish: Growth of the Alzheimer's Association." when Edward F. Truschke, president of the U.S. Alzheimer's Association, addressed the Medical Research Charities of London on February 19, 1990, at Leeds Castle, England. Truschke outlined the history of the Association, tracing its rapid growth as the Association developed programs in research and patient and family services.

The Alzheimer's Association is the national voluntary health agency in the United States that is dedicated to research into the cause, treatment, and cure of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and, to providing support to afflicted patients and their families.

In his address, Truschke discussed the Association's five program goals; 1. *Research*; 2. *Education*; 3. *Chapter formation*; 4. *Advocacy*; 5. *Patient and Family Services*. He emphasized the unique caring role volunteers played in the organization's development and discussed issues the Association will be facing in the future. Copies of his address may be obtained by writing: Alzheimer's Association; 70 E. Lake Street; Chicago, Illinois 60601.

Edward Truschke also serves as Secretary General of Alzheimer's Disease International.

The ADI Courier Pack is Coming Your Way!

In response to members' requests and to increase sharing of informational and educational materials among ADI members, David Murray, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Society of Canada broadcast a call to ADI members to send him samples of their publications to be included in a "round-robin" ADI Courier Pack.

Contributors to the first Courier Pack are Alzheimer organizations of Canada, England, France, Scotland and the United States. Even as you read this, the Courier Pack which contains an assortment of books, booklets, pamphlets, newsletters, etc. from the contributing countries is in circulation and will serve as a valuable resource to all.

Alzheimer's Disease Society, London, included a "Starter Pack" in its materials. This will be most useful for those who are developing their chapters and/or support

groups. The Starter Pack has eight subject brochures in a sturdy and useful cover that will stand up to heavy wear and long-time usage.

Titles of the Starter Pack brochures are: 1. *Why start a support group?*—which discusses what a support group can do for its participants; 2. *Aims and objectives* (of the Society and its support groups); 3. *How to Start* (a support group) discusses preparation, where to find members and welcoming members to the group; 4. *What about meetings?*—which covers support group planning, size, venue, times for meetings and character of groups; 5. *Publicity*—discusses leaflets and posters, the media (newspapers and radio), directories, displays and networking; 6. *Printing*—discusses printed material available from the national office, materials that groups might like to pro-

duce, methods of duplicating and printing; 7. *Fundraising*—discusses why fund raise, ways of raising funds locally (with a broad range of effective fundraising suggestions), sharing the workload and sharing ideas; 8. *Working with professionals*—tells how professionals can help, how to find interested professionals.

The Courier Pack includes a wonderful variety of materials which members will find of great interest. One word of caution, however, the Courier Pack must be kept moving to be effective. So when it comes to your desk, please review it carefully and move it on to the next member on the list as soon as possible.

The last member on the list is asked to send the Courier Pack on to the ADI office in Chicago, where it will be added to the ADI permanent library.

The Loss of Self

The *Loss of Self*, written by Donna Cohen, PhD., and Carl Eisdorfer, MD, PhD., and printed in the United States in 1986, is now

also available in a French language edition. Following is a list of its distributors:

Canada:

Agence de Distribution Populaire
955, rue Amherst
Montreal, Canada H2L 3K4
Tel: 514-523-1182

Switzerland

Transat, S. A.
Route des Jeunes 19
C.P. 125
1211 Geneve 26
Switzerland
Tel: (22) 42.77.40

France

Inter Forum
13, rue de la Glaciere
75013 Paris, France
Tel: (1) 43-37-11-80

Belgium

S. A. Vander
Avenue des Volontaires 321,
1150 Bruxelles
Belgium
Tel: (32-2) 762-9804

Alzheimer Publications from Around the World

Coping and Helping with Alzheimer's Disease: Writings in Gerontology. Produced by the National Advisory Council on Aging in Canada, it provides insights about the Alzheimer experience from the perspective of the impaired person, the family and the spouse. Contact Alzheimer Society of Canada.

Coping with a Confused Elderly Person at Home, a Carer's Guide, produced by Age Concern of Scotland. *Dementia and the Law: The Challenge Ahead*, a discussion paper prepared by the Rights and Legal Protection Subcommittee, Scottish Action on Dementia. Both publications available from Alzheimer's Scotland.

The Dementia Booklet: Information for Caregivers and Families, in four parts, discusses: 1. Dementia; 2. Practical suggestions for coping; 3. Caring for those who care; and, 4. Relief services. ADARDS New Zealand, P.O. Box 2808, Christchurch, New Zealand.

CPA World Directory of Old Age, provides information on population characteristics, social and economic situation, and professional organizations for the elderly in 158 countries. Centre for Policy on Ageing, 25-31 Ironmongers Row, London EC4V 3QP England.

Neuroimmunological Findings in Alzheimer's Disease, Archivio di Psicologia, Neurologia e Psichiatria. G. Acierno, A. R. Massaro. Universita Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore-Roma; Facolta di Medicina e Chirurgia Istituto di Neurologia; Largo Francesco Vito 1; 00168 Roma.

Alzheimer's Disease and Associated Disorders—An International Journal, This publication provides an international forum for reports of new research findings and new approaches to diagnosis and treatment. For information, contact: P. O. Box 84497; Los Angeles, California 90073.

Understanding Alzheimer's Disease, what it is, how to cope with it, and future directions. Available through the Alzheimer's Association, United States.

The 36 Hour Day

For nine years, *The 36 Hour Day* written by Nancy L. Mace and Peter V. Rabins, MD, and published by John Hopkins University Press, has provided valuable information for family members who were confronted with the need to provide for the special care needs of a loved one afflicted with Alz-

heimer's Disease. Today, this important handbook is available in twelve languages to help people around the world cope with the often unwieldy burden of caregiving. Following, is a list of languages in which it is available and the names and addresses of distributors:

Dutch

Wetenschappelijke uitgeverij Bunge
Minrebroederstraat 13
Postbus 36 3500 AB Utrecht
The Netherlands

English

Edward Arnold
Division of Hodder & Stoughton, Ltd.
41 Bedford Square
London WC1B 3DQ
England

German

Hans Huber AG Verlag
Marktgasse 59
P. O. B. CH-3000 Bern 9
Switzerland

Italian

Dr. Gaetano Ruvolo
Il Pensiero Scientifico Editors s.r.l
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Av. Cuauhtemoc No. 1434
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C.P.03310 Mexico 13 D. F.

Swedish

Bokforlaget Naturoch Kultur
P. O. Box 27323
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IFA Seeks Help

The International Federation on Ageing (IFA) seeks your help in updating its International Directory of Researchers in Comparative Gerontology. Contributors to the 1990 edition will receive a free copy. For

further information, contact: IFA, Publications Division, International Directory of Researchers, 1909 K Street, NW; Washington, DC 20049; (202) 662-4927.

The Fundraising Challenge

It seems that developing a strong financial base is critical to all ADI member organizations to support their programs and goals. With that in mind, we thought it might be interesting to glean from members' correspondence and newsletters a sense of their successful fundraising activities and share the information with readers. It is suggested that for more information regarding specific programs, contact may be made with the national office of the ADI member organization cited.

Alzheimer's Disease Society (ADS) holds an Annual London Marathon. In 1989, they raised £23,411.06 (50% of the money raised went back to branches and support groups). They look for the Marathon to continue to grow. ADS holds a Flag Day during its annual Awareness Week in November. Their fundraising program also includes the sale of diaries and Christmas cards.

Alzheimer's Scotland featured a full page in its Autumn 1989 newsletter telling about the fundraising efforts of both the branches and groups of the Society and people sympathetic to its work. They list a number of special "runs" planned to bene-

fit the Society, and runners who participated in outside events and directed that the funds they raised be contributed to the national Society or one of its groups. Significant sums are raised in this manner.

One major event was the Edinburgh Waverly Lawn Tennis and Squash Club's Squash Marathon. The event ran for 24 grueling hours during which there were constant games of squash. "Some of the best games took place in the very small hours of the morning when it was expected that the players would have been at their lowest ebb," the writer relates pointing to the determination and strength of the ten young men who raised over £1700.

Other fundraising events described are sponsored balloon races, a raffle, a pancake and popcorn stall set up at a gala, etc. One member writes of "meeting a need or creating a demand..." She set up a little cash & carry at her office of 20 staff persons. Starting with three items, canned drinks, crisps and one type of chocolate bar. She soon expanded the 'business' to ten items and suggests it is a good way to raise money for the Society, although there are out of pocket expenses as she points out. Alz-

heimer's Scotland is planning to develop a booklet on fundraising ideas.

Alzheimer's Society of Canada describes a Tag Day fundraiser held in one area in Canada crediting the determination and ingenuity of one person, Polly Denney, for the success of the event. This year the event brought in \$7000. When asked to describe the day, Polly said, "It's something like Poppy Day... we have trays, with some buttons and money boxes, and we stand in local places, shopping malls, beer and liquor stores, listen to some entertainment, and talk to a few people."

Esprit de Corps says Polly's plans for Tag Day began a few years ago, when she and her staff were looking for a good fundraising idea for research. She recalls that "...we borrowed a few tins from the Lions, put some Alzheimer stickers on the front and decided to go with it." The first year the Chapter raised over \$4000.

Alzheimer's Association in the U. S. has written several booklets on fundraising, including: *Producing Effective Special Events; Tag Day, Tribute Events; Phon-a-thon; Walk-a-thon; Skating Marathon; Golf Tournament; Dance-a-thon; & The Raffle.*

Alzheimer Foundation in the Netherlands Prepares for 1991 Conference

H. W. ter Haar, Secretary General, of the Alzheimer Foundation in the Netherlands faxed a memo to update us on plans for the ADI Seventh International Conference to be held in Amsterdam at the RAI Congress Centre, September 23-25, 1991.

Says ter Haar, "The number of old people in western Europe increased rapidly in the last decades of this century, in the same time the number of births and young people diminished—a silver wave overflows western Europe.

"There have been in Europe for centuries, especially in the Netherlands, many facilities for the elderly. But, the increase of frail and disabled old people places an ever swelling burden upon the shoulders of relatives.

"The main theme of the Congress will be the increasing burden placed upon the direct caregivers of sufferers of dementia and the

way to lighten this load.

"On the first day representatives of various European countries will explain their efforts, difficulties and solutions. On the second day, we will show you different facilities such as medieval "hofjes", nursing homes, assessment units, social services, etc.

"On the third day, we will discuss the contributions that science and research can give to caregivers at home now and in the near future.

"We hope the exchange of experiences will encourage the participants and stimulate the efforts to solve the immense problems of the next decades.

"We invite all workers in the field of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders to attribute to the theme of the conference and send their contributions and papers as soon as possible."

Tips on Association Development

At least two national Alzheimer's organizations have internal newsletters, The Alzheimer Society of Canada and the Alzheimer's Association in the United States.

Esprit de Corps is published by the National Alzheimer Society of Canada, and is produced in French and English and has the goal of increasing internal communication between the three levels of the Society. The first issue of *Esprit de Corps*, published in the Winter of 1989, serves to update provincial and local Association leadership on current and future Association plans; it introduces ASC's National Alzheimer Awareness Month in Canada (January) and the materials that will be available to members. The newsletter invites member input for future issues.

Internal newsletters can facilitate sharing of successful ideas among branches/chapters, and provide updates on policies, etc.

Calendar of International Events

January 5, 1990

Aluminium and Alzheimer's Disease, a talk by Dr. John Hardy. For further information, write: Albert Glover, 49 Ifield Way, Gravesend, Kent; DA 12 5UA, England.

April 25-28, 1990

Global, national and local issues of concern to older adults will be discussed at the 40th annual conference of the National Council on the Aging, in Washington, D.C. For more information, contact: NCOA Conference Department, 600 Maryland Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024. Tel: (202) 479-1200.

April 26-27, 1990

The Alzheimer's Center of University Hospitals of Cleveland and the Center for Biomedical Ethics of the School of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University, are co-sponsoring a conference *Dementia: Moral Values and Policy choices in an Aging Society*. Topics will include: the experience and social perceptions of dementia, ethical perspectives on caring for the demented elderly, the significance of advance directives for the severely demented patient, the question of euthanasia, and health care justice. For information, contact the Alzheimer Center of University Hospitals, Attention Terry Brossard, 2074 Abington Road., Cleveland, Ohio 44106. Tel: (216) 844-7360.

May 17-20, 1990

The 47th Annual Meeting of The American Geriatrics Society, and 11th Annual Meeting of The American Federation For Aging Research, Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, contact: The American Geriatric Society; 770 Lexington Avenue, Suite 400; New York, New York 10021. Tel: (212) 308-1414.

July 15-20, 1990

NYS Institute for Basic Research's 2nd International Conference on AD/RD; Westin Harbor Castle, Toronto, Canada. For more information, write: NYS Institute for Basic Research; 1050 Forest Hill Road, S.I., N.Y. 10314, USA. (718) 494-5299.

September 17-18

First National ADARDS Conference: Managing The 36 Hour Day, Langley Plaza Hotel, Adelaide Terrace, Perth, Western Australia. For more information, write or call ADARDA, Homes for Peace, Subiaco, Western Australia 6008. Tel: (09) 388-2800, Fax: (09) 388 2739.

September 22-23, 1990

International Psychogeriatric Association workshop: *Diagnostic Procedures in Psychogeriatric Medicine*. Preliminary main topics: Diagnostic procedures in fields of clinical and neuropsychological investigation; biological markers in different tissues; functional brain imaging (CBF, PET, SPECT, and BEAM) Morphologic brain imaging (CT and MRT). For more information, contact: Scientific Secretariat: Margareta Magnusson, Department of Geriatric and Long Term Care Medicine; Gothenburg University; Vasa Hospital; S-411 33 Gothenburg, Sweden. Tel: +46-31-61 77 61; or, Administrative Secretariat: congress House AB; Ostra Hamngatan 45; S-411 10 Gothenburg, Sweden. Tel: +46-31-10- 15 80.

September 23-27, 1990

Sixth International Conference of ADI, Hotel Seville Palace, Mexico City. Leading international experts will make presentations and conduct stimulating interchange on recent developments, advances and promising new directions in biomedical, behavioral and social research; approaches to assessment, management and treatment; issues affecting families: providing care, managing resources, relief for carers, care systems, legal issues, sexual issues, bereavement, etc.; new developments in training and education; design and architecture; public policy; International cooperation on Alzheimer's; and, Issues affecting developing countries. Conference Secretariat, Lic. Lilia Mendoza, Mexican Alzheimer's Society; Irlanda No. 124; Col. Parque San Andres, Coyocan; Mexico 21, D. F. 04040.

October 11-15, 1990

Alzheimer's Association, U. S., Tenth Annual Meeting and Conference in Chicago, Illinois. For more information, contact: Alzheimer's Association, 70 E. Lake Street; Chicago, Illinois 60601. Tel: (312) 853-3060.

October 26-28, 1990

ADARDS New Zealand; National Conference; Blenheim, Marlborough. For further information, write: The Secretary ADARDS (Marlborough); Box 993; Blenheim, New Zealand.

November 1-2, 1990

A conference organized by Scottish Action on Dementia will be held at Crieff Hydro, Perthshire, Scotland. For more information, contact: Ewan Davidson, Director, Alzheimer's Scotland.

November 16-20, 1990

The Gerontological Society of America, 43rd Annual Scientific Meeting. For information: The Gerontological Society of America; 1275 K Street, NW, Suite 350; Washington, DC, 20005-4006. Tel: (202) 842-1275.

August 18-23, 1991

Fifth Congress of the International Psychogeriatric Association, Jerusalem, Israel. The program will include updates on:

- * Basic research
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- * Geropsychological problems
- * Psychogeriatric nursing
- * Psychogeriatric social work
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- * New strategies to patient care
- * Policy, planning, organization of services
- * Education in psychogeriatrics

For information, contact: Fifth Congress of the International Psychogeriatric Association; P. O. Box 50006; Tel Aviv 61500; Israel

September 23-25, 1991

Seventh International Conference of ADI, Rai Congress Centre, Amsterdam, Netherlands. For more information, contact: H. T. ter Haar, Secretary General, Alzheimer Stichting Nederland, Seadwei 8, 9261 XM Oostermee, Netherlands. Tel: 05129-1202.

Spring 1992, International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) Workshop in Liege, Belgium. Fall 1993, Sixth International Congress of IPA, Cologne, Germany.

For more information, contact: IPA 3127 Greenleaf Avenue; Wilmette, Illinois 60091, USA. Tel: (312) 251-5516, FAX: (312) 272-5312.

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