

Members' News and Notices

'Promotion' of Dr. Gordon Latta

DR. GORDON LATTO, the well-known physician and naturopath, died in early September. He and his wife Barbara joined the Network in 1976. Gordon was born in 1911 and qualified at St. Andrews in 1935 his obituaries speak of his early ambition to become a golf professional! His thinking on the importance of nutrition was way ahead of his time, and often involved radical changes of lifestyle in his patients, some of the best known being Sir Francis Chichester and Sir George Trevelyan. He was also a past president of the Vegetarian Society and the International Vegetarian Union. He inspired enormous affection and esteem in all who knew him. At his funeral one of his children mused that they had to help in the garden for a couple of hours before breakfast, recalling such encouraging words as 'another twenty-three barrows and you'll have done nearly half!' PETER MANSFIELD's abiding recollection was that he understood health and healing in a way no one else did in his generation. He leaves behind a legacy that is now being widely adopted within the holistic health movement.

Dr. Michel Odent - New 'Primal Health' Database

The Primal Health Research Association has a new databank which identifies studies which explore correlations between the 'primal period' (from conception to the first birthday) and health and behaviour in later life. Until now it has not been easy to identify the studies which belong to this new framework through the usual scientific and medical networks because they are unrelated according to the current classifications. This will continue as long as the scientific and medical journals do not routinely introduce significant and simple key words such as 'primal health research'. An overview of our databank represents the only simple way to evaluate the extent of the 'primal health research' phenomenon, to realise its possible effects on our understanding of health and disease, and to anticipate the diversity of the practical implications. The new database contains hundreds of entries structured in an easily readable format. The database can be searched for key words relevant to the reader's field of interest. An accompanying booklet introduces the subject with instructions for easy use of the database. Users of the database need to have a PC running Microsoft Windows which includes the 'Access' database software. A Microsoft Word document containing all entries is also included for users without 'Access'.

To receive a copy of the database and booklet please reply on e-mail giving your name and mailing address. An electronic version is also available for sending via the internet.

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Lynn Frances and Richard Bryant-Jefferies A Declaration of Human Responsibilities

A good deal of work has been going on in this area in the past decade since the Costa Rican government presented its declaration to the UN following a conference on peace. This new document has been formulated to promote awareness and debate. Lynn and Richard would welcome your feedback.

- Every person has a responsibility to behave in ways which actively foster the well-being of other human beings
- Every person has a responsibility to behave in ways that do not threaten the well-being of other human beings
- Every person has a responsibility to behave in ways which actively foster the well-being of the planetary eco-system
- Every person has a responsibility to behave in ways that do not threaten the well-being of the planetary eco-system
- Every person has a responsibility to respect diversity and individuality whilst working to encourage the co-operative spirit
- Every person has a responsibility to realise their fullest potential as a human being
- Every person has a responsibility to encourage others to realise their fullest potential as a human being

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Dr. Phil Gang - The Institute for Educational Studies (TIES),

Metasystems Design Network and the College of Exploration are pleased to announce:

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At the end of Learning Millennium 99 you will have full access to the conference proceedings and discussion and you won't have had to step on an aeroplane or find a hotel room! As a follow up event, TIES and Endicott College will be offering on-line graduate courses on various aspects of integrative learning. The web site for these courses is still under construction at <http://www.tmn.com/ties/courses.htm>. For further information about Millennium 99 and to register now, visit <http://www.tmn.com/ties/lm99> or call 703-243-6622 United States, EST.

Dr. Chris Bartzokas Study Course on the Bhagavad Gita

Chris is proposing to run a study course on the Gita if there is sufficient interest among members. The translations of the text acknowledge the intrinsic inadequacy of

contemporary languages in imparting High Knowledge, as they are lacking in density of expression, field of meaning and the dignity that Sanskrit has bestowed on the original verses. The study will have two aims: first, to acquaint aspirants with the exalted ethics of this mystical treatise and secondly to inspire committed people with ever-deeper perspectives of cosmic ultimates. Chris reckons that eighteen half days may be required by the group to study the poem and requests that those interested write to him with suggestions of format and venue. These factors will be determined by the response, as will frequency and structure of meetings and study. Address: Dr. Chris A. Bartzokas, Ty Ucha, Hafod Road, Gwernymynydd, Wales CH7 5JS. Tel: 01352-755195.

Dr. David Peters Developments at the University of Westminster

The University now has over 300 students studying complementary medicine at undergraduate and masters level, a figure set to rise to over 600 by 2001. It has just opened a new Polyclinic on campus, where students will have the opportunity to study treatments first hand. Acupuncture, bodywork and homoeopathy degrees have now been running for three years and new BScs are being added in nutritional therapy, phytotherapy and chiropractic. The Polyclinic aims to understand and develop complementary therapies as part of the totality of a more cost-effective, patient-centred community health care into the 21st century. Details: University of Westminster, 115 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 8JS. Tel: 0171-911-5000.

Roy Ridgway - The Unborn Child, A New Concept of Care

Roy writes: I have had many requests for copies of my book, which was published in 1986 by Wildwood House as *The Unborn Child: How to Recognise and Cure Prenatal Trauma*. Unfortunately, the English edition is no longer available, but it goes on selling in Japan. However, while I am looking for a new publisher I have decided to produce a desk-top edition for sale privately to friends and members of the European International Society for Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine, the American Association for Pre- & Perinatal Psychology and Health and on the Internet through one of the international bookshops. If you have read the book and would like to see some changes to bring it up to date I would very much appreciate any suggestions you could make. I am also publishing commentaries relating to each chapter and a reading list of other books on the same subject, so I would be pleased to include any of your books if they have any relevance to the subject with a brief description of contents. Barbara Findeisen has kindly offered to write a forward to the new edition. If you wish to order a copy, please write to Roy Ridgway, 44 Richard Moss House, St Peter Street, Winchester, SO23 8BX. The likely price is £10/\$16.

Contributors on Complementary Medicine Required

Don Novey, MD is editor of a new textbook "Clinician's Complete Reference to Complementary and Alternative Medicine" to be published by Mosby. He is currently searching for authors in a range of complementary therapies and energy medicine. Each chapter will follow a set template which will enable a physician or other clinician rapidly to locate information on a particular modality and be able to effectively counsel a patient or initiate the referral process. The book will have wide usage among health professionals and is considered a very needed text. Although an honorarium is not available for contributors,

the authors will gain significant visibility through its publication. For a detailed list of topics, send an email to Don Novey at dnovey@medicalmediasystems.com

Dr. Robin Monro Yoga Biomedical Bulletin

This is the quarterly publication of the Yoga Biomedical Trust with news of research, lectures, retreats and courses. The Trust has recently moved to London from Cambridge. Robin himself was originally a research molecular biologist who became concerned about the one-sided development of modern science and its neglect of the kind of disciplined subjectivity epitomised by yoga. The core of its work is the therapeutic effects and applications of yoga. Details: Yoga Therapy Centre, Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital Trust, 60 Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3HR. Tel: 0171-419-7195. Email: yogabio.med@virgin.net

Edward Posey The Gaia Foundation

The Foundation has just produced a very informative Annual Review for 1997 that gives an overview of its work over the past few years. Founded in 1984 by a group of environmental and social innovators, their common vision was a more holistic approach to development, with cultural and biological diversity as central elements. It works on creating greater awareness among UK and European citizens on global environmental and social justice issues, keeping Southern NGOs informed about international policies that affect them, and supporting local and national initiatives in the South that protect and maintain cultural and biological diversity. Current priorities are tropical rainforests, agricultural biodiversity and community rights, its Africa Network, genetic engineering and life patents and trade related aspects of intellectual property rights. Details from 18 Well Walk, Hampstead,, London NW3 1LD. Email: gaia@gaiafound.gn.apc.org