

Network Notices

Thank You

George Blaker writes to express his deep gratitude to members of the Network for the magnificent and totally unexpected presentation that was made to him on their behalf on 13th December 1986 on the occasion of his retirement from the management of the Network. He greatly values both the engraved gift itself and the Research Fund that came with it, and by no means least the long list of the names of those who took part in springing this surprise on him. He will treasure them all as tasting reminders of happy contacts over the years with many wonderful people and sees them as links strengthening the shared dedication to the work for the future.

Covenants

It is now possible to pay Network subscriptions under covenant. A form is enclosed, which includes a bankers order section. It would be enormously helpful if members would consider paying in this way, as it enables taxation to be reclaimed. It also minimises administration if payments of subscriptions are made by bankers order in any event. Could I encourage those who do not yet have a bankers order arrangement with us to make one now? Many thanks.

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Scientific and Medical Network will be held after the May Lectures, at 5.00 pm on Saturday 30th May, at Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1. Nominations for the Council to the Director by May 15th.

The May Lectures

The May Lectures, 1987, will be held at Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1 on Saturday 30th May. The subject is "Emerging Models and Values in Western Science", and a notice is enclosed. It is hoped that as many members as possible will be able to join us on the day. The beautiful location will now be familiar to many who have attended previous events.

Instead of having three speakers, we have decided to experiment with a format of two presentations in the morning followed by panel comments initiating the afternoon discussion. Professor Arthur Ellison will be a familiar figure for many readers as a former President of the SPR and Chairman of the Theosophical Research Centre. The other speaker is Dr Christopher Thomson, whose first degree was in economics, before going on to a Ph.D in Chinese scientific and technical language. He did biochemical research in pathology at Leeds University, and then had a spell working for the Bank of England. Subsequently he spent nine years as a solicitor practising in the Scottish courts. His current activities include teaching the "New Economics", setting up an advisory committee on natural medicines, and putting together a course on complementary medicine with one of the panel members, Professor Brian Goodwin of the Open University. The other panel members are Professor Derek Bryce-Smith and Dr Peter Fenwick, chairman of the Network Council, who is also chairing the day.

Lawrence LeShan Open Lecture

Dr Lawrence LeShan will be giving a lecture entitled "Healing and the Clairvoyant Reality" on Tuesday 21st July at 7.30 at the Institute for Complementary Medicine, 21 Portland Place, London W1. Admission will be by ticket, price £5, which will be available from the Director. The occasion should also provide an opportunity for members to meet socially at supper downstairs afterwards. The price of supper tickets will also be £5. Many readers will know Dr LeShan through his books "Clairvoyant Reality", "Alternate Realities", "Holistic Dearth" and "How to Meditate". It is a great pleasure and privilege to have been able to arrange for him to give a lecture under the auspices of the Network. Early application is advised for the limited number of places.

Seminar with the Pioneer Herath Centre

The Network and the Pioneer Health Centre are organising a small seminar which will take place in London on Friday evening 24th and Saturday 25th July. Readers will remember the notice about the Peckham Experiment from Newsletter No 31.

The draft programme is as follows:

Friday evening: dinner, introductions and video presentation "Human Ecology and Health", followed by discussion.

Saturday Morning:

1. An examination of the methodology, experiences and findings of the Peckham Experiment.
2. Some ecological principles - a discussion of the observations and descriptions of Scott-Williamson within a broad biological framework.

Saturday Afternoon:

1. The significance of the "subjective" in health.
2. Looking into-future prospects.

This seminar will only be open to members, and will probably be limited to about 15 people. It will be of particular interest to doctors concerned with community health. It would be helpful if you could give an early indication of your interest to the Director. Costs have yet to be finalised, but would include overnight stay on Friday and meals over the seminar. Background reading will be available before the event, which is being coordinated by Drs Alien Pepper and James Witchalls in conjunction with the Network.

Wider Horizons 1987

Wider Horizons for 18-25 year-old young people with enquiring minds will once again be held at Emerson College from 28th August to 4th September. The programme is currently being finalised. Readers are encouraged to send names of potential students to the Director at The Old School House, Hampnett, Northleach, Glos, GL54 3NN. Tel: (0451) 60448.

Network Tapes

Tapes of last year's May Lectures are available from the Director for £5, including post and packing. The titles were Lionel Fifeild "Intuition and the Energy of Money", a witty and engaging talk which will challenge your attitude towards money; and David Lorimer's

"Money, Prosperity and Poverty". Readers may also like to know that David Lorimer's talk at theWorld Goodwill series in January "The Need for a Holistic Vision in Science and Medicine" is available from World Goodwill, Suite 54, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1, price £2.50 inclusive.