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Four copies of the journal will be sent to authors free of charge after their papers are published. Offprints of individual papers may be bought from *Journal of Medical Ethics*, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR.

In March 1981 the *JME* adopted a simplified 'Vancouver style' for references: details are given in various issues, including December 1990. They are also available from the editorial office. The full text of the 'Vancouver Agreement' was published in the *British Medical Journal* in 1982; volume 284; 1766-70. As the 'Vancouver style' is incompatible with the long established style of references for legal articles, lawyers should use their own standard style, but try to facilitate reference by others. The journal is multidisciplinary and papers should be in clear jargon-free English, accessible to any intelligent reader.

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Dr John Dawson

Dr John Dawson, head of the professional division of the British Medical Association and a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Medical Ethics*, died in London on December 20, 1990, of cancer. He was 44.

News and notes

Amulree Fellow of IME

The governing body of the Institute of Medical Ethics has appointed the Very Reverend Edward Shotter, Dean of Rochester, Amulree Fellow of the Institute, in recognition of his contributions in establishing the institute as its first director. The title also honours the late Lord Amulree, a benefactor of the institute from its beginnings.

Environmental Philosophy: a Booklet Series

The Centre for Philosophy and Public Affairs and the UK Nature Conservancy Council are the joint publishers of a new series of booklets on *Philosophy and Environmental Issues*. This venture represents a form of collaboration unique within the United Kingdom, involving academic philosophers and a professional conservation agency.

There are three titles in the series: Ethics for Environmentalists, price £1.50 + 25 p&p; Environmental Philosophy: A Survey, price £2.50 + 35 p&p, and Environmental Philosophy: A Bibliography, price £5.00 + 40 p&p.

The series is designed for a general readership and presupposes no prior philosophical knowledge. The first title is wholly introductory, setting out the nature of ethical thought, describing various moral theories and indicating how these might find a place for moral requirements directed towards non-human subjects.

The second is written by Andrew Brennan, author of *Thinking About Nature* (London: Routledge, 1988) and one of the leading British researchers in the area of environmental philosophy. It carries matters much further and will be of interest and use to both laypeople and philosophers.

The third title complements the

others. It is an extensive, structured bibliography ranging from economic and environmental policy issues to responsibilities to future generations, and includes details of research centres and educational programmes.

Special offer to individual purchasers of the series: all three titles for £7.50 + 50 p&p.

Orders by individuals and institutions enclosing cheques made payable to *The Centre for Philosophy and Public Affairs, University of St Andrews*, should be sent to: Dr J Haldane, Director, Centre for Philosophy and Public Affairs, University of St Andrews, Scotland, KY16 9AL.

Intensive Bioethics Course XVII

Intensive Bioethics Course XVII, sponsored by the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, will be held at Georgetown University, Washington, DC from June 2-8, 1991. The course is an in-depth study of ethical theory and the application of ethical principles to selected problems in health care and biomedical research. Continuing education credit available for doctors and nurses. For further information call 202-687-6771, Fax: 202-687-6770.

UK Forum for Health Care Ethics and Law

The inaugural conference of the Forum for Health Care Ethics and Law will be held on Thursday April 11th 1991 at Oxford, as part of an **International Symposium on Ethics, Law and Communication Skills**.

All concerned with the ethics or law of health care are invited to join the forum.

For details write to: Howard Johnson, School of Law, University of Wales College of Cardiff, PO Box 427, Cardiff CF1 1XD.

International Symposium on Ethics, Law and Communication Skills

This will consist of two days of parallel workshops on the teaching of ethics, communication skills and the law to health care workers.

It is being organised by the Council of Europe and the Oxford Practice Skills Project.

For further details contact: Dr T Hope, Medical School Offices, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford OX3 9DU. Telephone: 0865 221972; Fax: 0865 750750.

Complementary Medical Research journal

Complementary Medical Research is the only English-language journal devoted exclusively to research within the field of complementary medicine.

Articles employ the scientific method but also explore innovative research methodologies.

Recent articles have included: Complementary medicine and the European Community; Acupuncturists and research by Charles Vincent and Peter Mole; Chiropractic education by A Christensen; Hypnosis and research into mind/body relationships by Ashley Conway; Survey of spiritual healing research by Daniel Benor; Osteopathy and menopausal women by Caroline Cleary and James Fox; Homoeopathic treatment of rheumatological disease by Peter Fisher.

Complementary Medical Research is published three times a year by the British Library for the Research Council for Complementary Medicine.

Further details from: Andrea Seed, British Library Document Supply Centre, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ. Telephone: 0937 546078; Fax: 0937 546333.

Conference on the Ethics of Using Animals in Biomedical Research

The Institute of Medical Ethics, in association with the Department of Biomedical Science and Biomedical Ethics at the University of Birmingham, is holding a conference on the Ethics of Using Animals in Biomedical Research, on 9–10 July 1991, in Birmingham.

Papers will be given by members of a Working Party of the Institute of

Medical Ethics. It is anticipated that publication of the Working Party's report will coincide with the conference. Further information is available from The Conference Secretary, Department of Biomedical Science and Biomedical Ethics, The Medical School, Birmingham B15 2TT.

Ethical Issues in Research

Fidia Research Foundation will sponsor

a symposium on Ethical Issues in Research to be held in Washington DC at Georgetown University on April 29–30, 1991. The purpose of the exchange will be an examination of the ethical issues relating to authorship, conflict of interest, scientific response to external pressures, use of embryos and fetuses, and use of animals in research.

For further information, contact: Fidia Research Foundation, 1640 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 2, Washington, DC, 20007; Tel: 202-337-7185.

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