

**FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM  
ON**

# **GENDER IDENTITY**

**Aims, Functions and Clinical Problems  
of a Gender Identity Unit**

**Chairman: Professor C. J. Dewhurst**

**Piccadilly Hotel, London, W1  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
25, 26 and 27 July 1969**

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## FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON GENDER IDENTITY

This Symposium aims to focus attention on the problem of gender identity disorientation, not only as a psychiatric entity but as an area requiring specialised medical study and treatment as well as social understanding

Much has still to be learned about the transsexual phenomenon—the fixed conviction of an individual that his or her psychological sex does not conform to their anatomical sex—roughly estimated to occur in one in every 100,000 children. Transsexuals (who are usually neither homosexual nor transvestite) are often socially maladjusted and, if denied positive help, may commit suicide

Since 1953, some 1,000 conversion operations have taken place in various parts of the world. There are now six gender identity units functioning in the United States, where hundreds of patients are receiving pre-operative hormonal treatment, sometimes followed by surgery, from a growing network of specialists concerned to alleviate their condition. In Britain the treatment of transsexuals has also been undertaken by specialising teams of psychiatrists, physicians and surgeons but there is as yet no permanent gender identity unit

In addition to the medical and research aspects of the problem, there is urgent need for greater academic and professional understanding and for education of the public at large. Recent legal decisions, reports in the scientific press, and current books and articles on the subject, as well as activity in the psychotherapeutic and social work fields, are all helpful; but these mark merely the beginning of what must be a wholehearted effort to initiate, encourage and co-ordinate an intensive programme of study and help

The international co-operation of scientists, researchers, teachers and social workers, as well as the active assistance of socially concerned citizens and the use of every medium of communication, are needed to make the public aware of the scope of this problem, and of the need to reduce the social waste and human misery associated with it

## PROGRAMME

Friday 25 July 1969

2000-2030 hours  
2030-2200

Registration  
Reception

Saturday 26 July

0900-0930  
0930-1000

Late Registrations

Opening Address by the Chairman  
PROFESSOR C. J. DEWHURST, Professor of Obstetrics, Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, UK

1000-1115

Paper and Discussion  
"Clinical Aspects and Introduction"  
Dr. PETER SCOTT, MD, MRCP, DPM, Consultant Physician, Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals, London, UK

1115-1145  
1145-1300

Morning Coffee

Paper and Discussion  
"Indications for Sex Reassignment Surgery"  
Dr. JOHN RANDELL, MD, FRCP, DPM, Physician or Psychological Medicine, Charing Cross Hospital, London, UK

1300-1415  
1415-1530

Luncheon

Paper and Discussion  
"Surgical and Psychiatric Treatment in Private Practice of Transsexuals in California"  
Dr. FRED OREMLAND  
Surgeon and Physician, Los Angeles, USA

1530-1600  
1600-1715

Afternoon Tea

Paper and Discussion  
"Social Aspects of Transsexualism"  
Mrs. MARGARET BRANCH  
Senior Psychiatric Social Worker, Guy's Hospital, London, UK

1930 for 2000

Dinner

Guest Speaker, Dr. DAVID KERFF, MP

Sunday 27 July

1030-1115

Paper and Discussion  
"Transsexualism and Sex Reassignment. The Diagnosis and Treatment of Gender Identity Disorders during Childhood"  
Dr. RICHARD GREEN, MD  
Department of Psychiatry, University of California, Los Angeles, USA

1115-1145

Paper and Discussion  
"The Transsexual's Female Image. Male Partners are Not Homosexual"  
Dr. JOHN MONEY, PhD, MD  
Associate Professor, Psychology and Pediatrics, John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, USA

1300-1415  
1415-1530

Luncheon

Paper and Discussion  
"Gender Identity. Some Legal Problems"  
Mr. DAVID GREEN  
Messrs. George Davies & Co., Manchester, UK

1530-1600

Afternoon Tea

1600-1700 hours	"Private Problems and Public Attitudes" Mrs. ZELDA SUPLEE Assistant Director, Erickson Educational Foundation, New York, USA Mrs. DOREEN CORDELL Caseworker, Albany Trust, London, UK
1700-1730	General Discussion
1730-1745	Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Proceedings will be published in volume form and as single papers as soon after the Symposium as possible, and may be ordered in advance or at the Symposium. It is hoped that offprints of some Papers may be available at the Symposium

## Registration Fee

(payable in advance)

Dollars USA \$20.00

Sterling UK £8 0 0

(Note: This fee covers the Friday evening Reception, morning coffee, buffet luncheons and afternoon teas on Saturday and Sunday)

## Dinner

Saturday 26 July (reservations in advance)

Single \$ 8.75 £3 10 0

Double \$16.25 £6 10 0

## Hotel Accommodation

Limited reservations for the nights of 25, 26 and 27 July inclusive have been made for the convenience of delegates as follows:—

**Rubens Hotel, Buckingham Palace Road, SW1**

Single room with bathroom \$9.50 £3 17 6

Single room without bathroom \$7.95 £3 4 0

**Mostyn Hotel, Portman Street, London, W1**

Single room without bathroom \$7.25 £2 18 6

(There is a 12% service charge on hotel prices)

Both hotels are within easy distance of the Piccadilly Hotel. Arrangements can be made for reservations to continue for the International Congress of Social Psychology to be held in London from 4-8 August if required and with advance notification.

## Proceedings of the Symposium

Bound copies of the Proceedings of the Symposium will be available at £1.0.0. (\$2.50) per copy (£1.15.0.—\$4.50—to non-attenders) and can be reserved on the Registration Application Form

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The Trust is also concerned at the increasing evidence which its casework is revealing of need in other deviant areas, and this Symposium is the outcome of its involvement since late in 1967 with the phenomena of transvestism and transsexualism

The Trust's friendly links with the Erickson Educational Foundation, which is promoting research and experimental work in the United States, have proved a particularly happy means of bringing together American, European and British specialists for this international discussion

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