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Mr. Robert N. Thomson,  
Assistant Executive Director,  
Royal Society of Medicine,  
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Dear Mr. Thomson,

It was kind of you to extend an invitation to attend the *Anglo-American Conference on Drug Abuse* in April. The Provisional Programme does indeed have the traditional stalwarts of the profession, and the meetings promise to be as stimulating as these meetings usually are.

Under "Treatment", I note that you are considering methadone substitution (Dole), heroin delivery (Bryant) and evaluation (Kramer), but omitting active reporting of two productive treatments of heroin abuse in the United States - extinction of conditioned dependence using narcotic antagonists; and extinction by withdrawal, peer pressure and peer identification in drug-free therapeutic centers.

I submit this observation in the belief that you may wish to write some of the therapists from this side of the Atlantic who may reflect on these matters with more direct experience than those listed on the program.

Again, my thanks for the announcement.

Sincerely yours,

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