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The functional psychoses continue to be classed as illnesses of unknown origin, and the validity of diagnostic concepts therefore depends on extrinsic criteria such as course and outcome, results of biological and genetic investigation, and response to treatment. 'Operational' diagnostic criteria are the main subject of this book, which presents a comprehensive review of the present state of diagnostic formulations for functional psychoses.

From the early nosological and pathogenetic concepts of Kraepelin, Bleuler, Schneider and Kasanin, the authors trace the development, internationally, of the various classifications of the functional psychoses, culminating among others in those embodied in the latest ICD and DSM formulations.

This is a revised and expanded edition of 'Diagnostic Criteria for Schizophrenic and Affective Psychoses' and is also published under the auspices of the World Psychiatric Association. Diagnostic criteria have been selected for inclusion on the basis of their historical importance, their influence on current diagnostic systems, their international scope and their scientific importance. The authors provide an indispensable commentary on the 'Babel of differing formulations in psychiatric diagnosis', and urge a new 'polydiagnostic' approach to psychiatric research, in a book that will be of the greatest value to clinicians and scientific investigators alike.

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PREFACE

During the past fifteen years, the use of operational criteria for diagnosis in psychiatry assumed an ever increasing importance. The World Psychiatric Association felt consequently called upon to prepare an easily accessible review of diagnostic formulations and made the results of this work available for the occasion of the VII World Congress of Psychiatry held in 1983. The scope of the book published at that time in English and German, and subsequently followed up by Spanish (1986), Japanese (1986), and French (1987) editions was, however, restricted to schizophrenia and major affective disorders.

The success of the English version of those 'Diagnostic criteria for schizophrenic and affective psychoses' (Berner *et al.*, 1983a) called for an effort to extend the content of the second edition to cover the entire group of 'Functional Psychoses'. A greater number of authors was therefore employed on compilation of the second edition whose title reflects the added material. Whereas the first edition reviewed and evaluated a number of diagnostic criteria systems for schizophrenic and affective psychoses only, this new publication includes criteria pertaining also to schizoaffective and paranoid psychoses. We selected the criteria on the basis of their historical importance, their effect on currently applied diagnostic systems, their use in many parts of the world, and their scientific foundation. We crave the reader's understanding for the fact that, owing to limited space, we were obliged to concentrate on the systems prominently in use. Our commentaries, however, cover also a number of the lesser known ones. Some of the criteria systems already contained in the first edition have, since 1983, been further developed and supplemented, and these modifications have been taken into account in compilation of the second edition. The diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders (DSM-III) criteria, for instance, has been supplemented by the DSM-III-R formulations; the April 1989 provisional draft for the international classification of diseases (ICD-10) which, in due time, will supersede the ICD-9 is also referred to in our material; and the French

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empirical diagnostic criteria, of which only provisional definitions for non-affective disorders were available at the time of the first edition in 1983, are now presented in their definitive form. An operational definition 'for non-specific depressive syndrome' is also provided.

We had to remember that terminology may vary according to school and language. Consequently, in this book 'functional' and 'endogenous' are used synonymously, as are in like manner 'affective' or 'manic-depressive' psychoses and 'cyclothymia', as well as 'paranoid' and 'delusional' psychoses. The book's contents are arranged in the following way:

1. An introduction (part A) presents on the one hand a historical review of the diagnostic principles concerning functional psychoses and, on the other, the foundations for a new research strategy, the 'polydiagnostic approach'.
2. The four principal sections of the book follow: after a few preliminary comments, 17 diagnostic criteria systems for schizophrenic (Chapters B1–17), 13 for affective (Chapters C1–13), 7 for schizoaffective (Chapter D1–7), and 10 for paranoid psychoses (Chapters E1–10).
3. The description of each diagnostic system begins with a presentation of its criteria in tabular form, either quoted from the original publication* or assembled or translated by us.† Where Criteria sections are quoted the appropriate source is given as a footnote. The ensuing commentary consists of a brief account of the system's background; the criteria composing it are then described and analyzed on the basis of their logical structure.
4. The chapters on affective, schizoaffective, and paranoid psychoses (parts C, D, and E) do not always repeat relevant information already discussed in part B (schizophrenic psychoses). Instead, the reader is referred to these earlier discussions.
5. Citations can be found in part F, the bibliography, at the end of the book.

This book is not intended as an ersatz for the original literature. Rather, by comparing the various diagnostic formulations, we hope to promote interest for the problems of classification so important to research and clinical practice. We also hope to stimulate interest in the original literature and encourage greater understanding among the various psychiatric schools.

We thank the readers and users of the 'Diagnostic criteria for schizophrenic and affective psychoses' for their suggestions for improvement which have been taken into account in this second edition, whose readers and users we encourage to proceed in the same way.

* In the quoted material, 'he' is sometimes used in the general sense.

† For ease of cross-reference, attempts have been made to preserve the layout and style of the Criteria sections.