

Forthcoming events

The **9th World Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency (IASSMD)** will be held from 5–9 August 1992 in Australia. There is now a call for papers. Further information: Secretary, 9th World Congress – IASSMD, Conventions Department, PO Box 766, GPO, Brisbane, Q. 4001, Australia (telephone 61 7 365 6485; fax 61 7 221 2728).

The British Branch of the International League Against Epilepsy, the Scottish Epilepsy Association and the European Chapters of the International Bureau for Epilepsy are holding a joint conference entitled **Epilepsy Europe** from 1–5 September 1992 in the Scottish Exhibition Centre. There is now a call for papers. Further details: Dr T. A. Betts, Department of Psychiatry, Queen Elizabeth Psychiatric Hospital, Mindelsohn Way, Edgbaston B16 2QZ or Sue Sciver, Medicine Group (UK) Ltd, Publishing House, 62 Stert Street, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3UQ.

A two-day personal development workshop entitled **Grasping the Nettle** will be held on 11–12 January 1992 and one entitled **Creative Responses to Stress** on 27–28 January 1992. Further information about these and other workshops to be held in February and March: Metanoia Psychotherapy Training Institute, 13 North Common Road, London W5 2QB.

A conference entitled **Treatment Perspectives in Alcohol and Drug Dependence** will be held at The Priory Hospital on 13 February 1991. Further information: The Medical Director, The Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ.

The **Ninth Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychotherapy Research (SPR) UK** will be held at the Raven Hall Hotel, Ravenscar from 12–15 April 1992. Closing date for bookings: 30 March 1992. Further information and applications: Dr Else Guthrie/Ms Debra Kirby, Department of Psychotherapy, Gaskell House, Swinton Grove, Manchester M13 0EU (telephone 061 273 2762, extension 25).

The 14th Annual Conference of the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC) entitled **Catastrophic Loss: Global and Personal – Making a Difference** will be held in Boston from 6–8 March 1992. Further information: Sue Berry, ADEC, Dept EW, 638 Prospect Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105-4298, USA (telephone 203 232 4825; fax 203 232 0819).

An international conference on the **Use of Stories and Metaphors as Tools in Communication** will be held in Budapest from 16–19 July 1992. Further information: Ms K. Csongradi, Congress Bureau MOTESZ, PO Box 145, Budapest, H-1443, Hungary (telephone 36 1 251 7999; fax 36 1 183 7918).

Courses

The **6th British Council Course on “Psychogeriatrics”** will be held at the Department of Health Care of the Elderly at the University of Nottingham from 12–17 July 1992. This course is primarily intended for overseas workers seeking an update on recent advances in research, clinical practice and organisation. Course fee (including accommodation): £625. Applications to British Council Offices in country of origin by 6 March 1992.

The following courses will be held at The Royal Society of Medicine, London: **Introduction to Clinical Research** (14–15 January 1992); **The ECG for the Non-Specialist** (20 January 1992); **Good Clinical Practice**: a basic course (29–30 January 1992); **An Introduction to Clinical Neuroscience** (5–6 February 1992); **Advanced Good Clinical Practice** (25–26 February 1992). Further information: Christine Bull, Rostrum, Lewis House, 1 Mildmay Road, Romford, Essex RM7 7DA (telephone 0708 745042/768194; fax 0708 725413).

Introductory Courses in Psychotherapy and Counselling will be held in the Winter Term 13 January–3 April 1992. Further information: Anna David, Director, Short Courses Programme, School of Psychotherapy and Counselling, Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1 4NS (telephone 071 487 7406; fax 071 487 7425).

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