

## *Forthcoming Events*

An **International Conference on the Basal Ganglia** will be held at the University of Leeds from 14–17 July 1987 under the auspices of the Northern Neurobiology Group. It will concern all aspects of structure and function of the basal ganglia and the aim will be to integrate work from diverse sources. Contributions will be welcomed from the following disciplines: neuroanatomy, neuropathology, neurophysiology, neuropharmacology, neuropsychology, neurology, clinical genetics and psychiatry and possibly others. Conference Secretariat: Mr T. Bilham, Director of Continuing Education, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT (telephone 0532 435036).

A **7-day residential revision course** in two streams for the **MRCPsych Part I and Membership exams** will be held at the University of Surrey, Guildford, from 1–8 April 1987. In addition to lectures and seminars, each stream programme includes mock clinical/viva voce and written papers with confidential assessment. Fees: residential £338; non-residential £235 (including meals). Applications and enquiries: Mrs O. Wellden, Belmont Postgraduate Psychiatric Centre, 6 Homeland Drive, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5LY (telephone 01 643 3322, extension 282).

The Summer Meeting of the **British Society for Allergy and Environmental Medicine** 'Food and Environmental Factors in Human Disease' will be held at the Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate, North Yorkshire from 18–21 June 1987. Further details: Mrs Ina Mansell, BSAEM, Acorns, Romsey Road, Cadnam, Southampton SO4 2NN.

The Berzelius Symposium XI: **Transcultural Psychiatry**, arranged by the Swedish Society of Medicine in co-operation with the Delegation for Social Research, will be held at the Swedish Society of Medicine, Klara Östra Kyrkogata 10, Stockholm from 8–10 April 1987. The deadline for registration is 1 March. Information: The Swedish Society of Medicine, PO Box 558, S-101 27 Stockholm, Sweden.

The **8th Annual Paediatric, Obstetric and Psychiatry (POP) Conference** will be held on 13 March 1987. Outline programme and application form: Mr B. G. Daly, The Postgraduate Teaching Centre, The London Hospital Medical College, 47 Turner Street, London E1 2AD (telephone 01 377 7637).

The **Annual Meeting of Teachers of Child Psychiatry** will be held in Manchester on 5 June 1987. Further information: Dr Mary Eminson, Tutor in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry,

Jesson House, (RMCH), Manchester Road, Pendlebury, Manchester M27 1FG (telephone 061 793 8145).

The **15th Annual Pratt Creative Arts Therapy Expo** will be held at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York on 28 March 1987. The theme will be 'Artist as Therapist'. The programme will include professional workshops, experiential art and dance therapy presentations, demonstration sessions, discussions, panels, videotapes and films. The Spring Institute will be held 23–29 March; the Summer Institute will be held 22 June–19 July 1987. A **Special Creative Arts Week for Mental Health Professionals** will be held 20–27 July 1987. Further information: Pratt Creative Arts Therapy Department, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York 11205, USA.

The **7th Charney Manor Workshop** (residential) will be held from 23–26 June 1987. This is an opportunity for those practising psychotherapy to take a fresh look at their professional role (in congenial surroundings!) Charney Manor is a 13th century manor house, 13 miles north-west of Oxford. Information and application forms: Dr Sidney Bloch, Department of Psychotherapy, Warneford Hospital, Oxford OX3 7JX.

The Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (University of London) will be holding a symposium '**Mental Illness in Pregnancy and the Puerperium**' on 27 March 1987 at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital. The fee will be £40.00. Applications: Symposium Secretary, Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG (telephone 01 740 3904).

The **Thirteenth International Conference on Improving University Teaching** will be held in Haifa, Israel from 29 June–2 July 1987. Further details: Improving University Teaching, The University of Maryland University College, University Boulevard at Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20742, USA.

The next **King's Fund Forum 'The Need for Asylum in Society'** will be held at Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1 on 8, 9 and 10 April 1987. The conference is open to all health professionals and the general public. Further details: Dr Jackie Spiby, King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF.

A Symposium '**Occupational Problems of Alcohol Dependency Recognition and Treatment**' will be held at Jesus College, Cambridge from 2–3 April 1987. Topical issues related to alcohol dependency in the work-place will be discussed and the meeting is open to medical practitioners

with a particular interest in this area. Further information and applications: Education in Practice, 42 Devonshire Road, Cambridge CB1 2BL.

The Arab Federation of Psychiatrists will hold the **Third Pan Arab Congress on Psychiatry** organised by the Jordan Association of Psychiatrists in Amman from 14–16 April 1987. Further information: The Secretary, P.O. Box 921427, Amman, Jordan.

The National Autistic Society will hold a conference '**Aspects of Autism — Biological Research**' at the University of Kent at Canterbury from 18–20 September 1987. Submission of poster-papers and enquiries: National Autistic Society, 276 Willesden Lane, London NW2 5RB.

The Association of Child Psychotherapists will hold the **Dr John Bowlby 80th Birthday Conference** on 28 February 1987 from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. at the Meeting Room, Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, London NW1. Admission by ticket only, available from: Janine Sternberg, 9 Keats Grove, London NW3 2RR.

**A Joint Meeting of the Forensic Science Society and the British Academy of Forensic Sciences** entitled 'Drugs and Society' will be held from 8–10 May 1987 at the Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate. Further information: Dr P. H. Whitehead, Hon. Secretary, The Forensic Science Society, Clarke House, 18A Mount Parade, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG1 1BX (telephone 0423 506068).

A National Symposium on **Caring for AIDS**—a multi-disciplinary approach—will be held in the Logan Hall, Institute of Education, University of London, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 from 4–6 April 1987, with registration taking place on 3 April. This 3-day conference aims to provide health care workers from all branches of this profession with the background factual information to enable them to cope with AIDS. It is hoped that health care workers who feel that they have not so far received sufficient education about AIDS and HIV infection will take the opportunity to hear and speak to members of the teams in the UK who are already working on the problem. Enquiries relating to the scientific programme: Professor Norman Morris, Chairman, Organising Committee (telephone 01 722 4244); all other enquiries: Congresses and Expositions Ltd., 3 The Parsonage, Manchester M3 2HB (telephone 0625 618793).

The Section of Psychiatry of the Royal Society of Medicine has arranged an afternoon meeting on 10 March 1987

The **8th International Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency** will be held in Dublin, Ireland, from 21–25 August 1988. Those interested in attending and/or wishing information about pre and post Congress tours, travel etc. should write to: Mr John O'Gorman, Congress Chairman, 8th World Congress, I.A.S.S.M.D., 12 Pembroke Park, Dublin 4, Ireland. Those wishing to present papers should contact the Chairman of the Programme Committee: Dr Michael Mulcahy, Stewarts Hospital, Palmerstown, Dublin 20, Ireland.

The **Xth International Congress of Pharmacology** will be held in Sydney, Australia from 23–28 August 1987. Further information: The Secretariat, Xth IUPHAR Congress, GPO Box 2609, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

The **World Psychiatric Association Regional Symposium** will be held in Sydney, Australia from 1–3 May 1988 in conjunction with the **24th Annual Congress of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists** (4–7 May 1988). Registration form and further details: The Tour Company, 335 Moray Street, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, Australia.

The Liaison Psychiatry Group of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Society for Psychosomatic Research will jointly hold a conference on **Disfigurement: Perceived and Actual** on 27 March 1987 at 15 and 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1. Applications with £10.00 registration fee (cheques made payable to the Royal College of Psychiatrists) should be sent to: Dr J. Connolly, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ.

entitled '**Transmissible Disease and Psychiatry**'. Topics include Creutzfeld-Jacob Disease (Professor B. Mathews), Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (Dr P. Behan, Dr E. Bell, Dr R. Young) and Schizophrenia (to be announced). Open to non-members and other relevant disciplines. Details and registration forms: Sections Office (Miss D. Blaschong), Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (telephone 01 408 2119).

**Counselling Skills Workshops** are held on Tuesdays, Sundays and some Bank Holidays in Finchley and are limited to six participants per workshop. The purpose is to provide a forum where doctors and other health professionals can improve their counselling skills. Fee: £20. Further information and application forms: Dr S. Delroy, 3 Northumberland House, 237 Ballards Lane, Finchley, London N3 1LB (telephone 01 346 4010).

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