

Forthcoming events

A retirement dinner for Professor Neil Kessel will be held in Manchester on 21 September 1990. Anyone wishing to attend can obtain full details from: Mrs Linda Harding, University Department of Psychiatry, Withington Hospital, Manchester M20 8LR (telephone 061 447 4362).

The Association for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy in the NHS (APP) will be holding a conference entitled **Ethics and Emotions in Nursing** at the Meeting Rooms of the London Zoological Society, Regent's Park, London NW1 from 1.30 p.m. on 29 June to lunchtime on 30 June 1990 (with a free ticket to the Zoo on Saturday afternoon). Cost: £40 (£50 to include lunch on Saturday; bona fide students: £25 (£35 to include lunch on Saturday)). Further details: Mrs June Ansell, APP Conference Secretary, 87 St Mary's Mansions, St Mary's Terrace, London W2 1SY.

The British Association of Psychotherapists (Freudian Section) will be holding parallel two term courses on **Psychoanalytic Aspects of Work with Individuals** in North and South London, starting in October 1990. Fee per member for two terms: £185. *Applications should be received by 1 June 1990.* Further details: Mrs Judith Lawrence, BAP Secretary (PB), 121 Hendon Lane, London N3 3PR (telephone 01 346 1747).

The European Society for Social Pediatrics (ESSOP) will be holding a Congress entitled **Children and Families with Special Needs: The Right to Hope** at the Zappeion Conference Centre Athens from 12–17 October 1990. Further information: Congress Secretariat, 24 Charilaou Trikoupi Street, 106 79 Athens, Greece.

Metanoia Psychotherapy Training institute will be holding a Personal Development Workshop: **Creative Aggression and Problem Solving for Couples** on 17–18 May 1990; an Introductory Course: **The Fundamentals of Gestalt Psychotherapy** on 17–18 May 1990; an Introductory Course: **Transactional Analysis** on 19–20 May 1990 and a TA Advanced Training Workshop: **Treatment Planning within a Comparative TA Framework** on 19–20 May 1990. Further information: Caroline Fish, Administrator, Metanoia Psychotherapy Training Institute, 13 North Common Road, London W5 2QB (telephone 01 579 2505).

Treatment of Addictions in the 1990s: A Joint Symposium of the Society for the Study of Addiction to Alcohol and Other Drugs and the Royal College of Psychiatrists will be held on 22 and 23 November 1990 at the Royal Society of Medicine, Wimpole Street, London W1. The **Dent Memorial Lecture** will be delivered by Dr Max Glatt, Emeritus Consultant Psychiatrist to the Drug Dependence Unit, University College Hospital, on the evening of 22 November. Invitation for submission of original papers: afternoon sessions will be devoted to the presentation of short papers on various aspects of addiction. Abstracts (of not more than 200 words) will be published in the October/November issue of the *British Journal of Addiction* and should be submitted *before 1 August 1990* to: Professor A. Hamid Ghodse, Division of Addictive Behaviour, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE. Further information and symposium application forms: Mrs Noreen Rooney, Division of Addictive Behaviour, St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, London SW17 0RE (telephone 01 672 9944, extension 56147).

The **Second International Congress on Amino Acids and Analogues** will be held in Vienna from 5–9 August 1991. Further information: Professor G. Lubec, University of Vienna, Department of Paediatrics, Währinger Gürtel 18, A 1090 Vienna, Austria.

The **Third Annual Conference on Recent Advances in Learning Difficulties** will be held on 4 July 1990. Topics will include aggression and ageing. Course fee: £50 (including lunch and refreshments). Further information: Conference Organiser, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone 01 703 5411, extension 3170).

A symposium entitled **Clinical Audit in Psychiatry** will be held at Kingsway Hospital, Kingsway, Derby on 22 May 1990. Further information: Dr H. N. Ghadiali, Consultant Psychiatrist, Kingsway Hospital, Kingsway, Derby DE3 3LZ (telephone 0332 362221, extension 207).

The **John Rylands Medical Book Fair** will take place from 26–30 November 1990 in the Muriel Stott Conference Centre, University of Manchester. It will include a classified display of one year's international medical publishing, a journal display, drugs-related

databases, and a separate display of new and recent titles relevant to the new nursing curriculum. Further information: Haigh & Hochland Ltd, The Precinct Centre, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9QA (telephone 061 273 4156; fax 061 273 4340).

The Ninth European Course in Tropical Epidemiology will be held in West Berlin from 13–25 August 1990. Candidates should complete an application form and return it before 31 May 1990. Forms and further information: Mr Rüdiger Merchert, European Course in Tropical Epidemiology, Health and Population Section, German Foundation for International Development (DSE), Reiherwerder, D-1000 Berlin 27, Germany.

A six day Residential Group for psychiatrists and other mental health professionals will be held at Grimstone Manor, Yelverton, Devon from 24–30 June 1990. The group will provide an opportunity for retreat, reflection and personal therapy and is specifically intended for practitioners whose work involves counselling or psychotherapy. These groups have been held annually since 1983; an account of the 1983–84 groups appeared in the *Bulletin* February 1986, 10, 27–28. Further information: Dr Richard Tillet, Wonford House Hospital, Exeter EX2 5AF (telephone: 0392 403446).

The Geriatric Psychiatry Section of the World Psychiatric Association in holding an **International Symposium** in Melbourne, Australia from 26–28 November 1990, which will be primarily, but not wholly, concerned with functional mental disorders in old age. Further details: Associate Professor Edmond Chiu AM, Department of Psychiatry, St Vincent's Hospital, Victoria Parade, Fitzroy, Victoria 3065, Australia.

The Fifth World Congress of Biological Psychiatry will be held from 9–14 June 1991 in Florence. Further information: ES Assistance, Via Napo Torriani 30, I-20124 Milano, Italy.

The Fifth Congress of the International Psychogeriatric Association will be held from 18–23 August 1991 in Jerusalem. Further information: Dr Meinhardt Tropper, PO Box 36316, Tel Aviv 61362, Israel.

Current Themes in Psychiatry: A seminar will be held at The Priory Hospital on 20 June 1990 (2 pm–4.35 pm). Chairman: Professor Arthur Crisp. Topics: Schizophrenia: An Enigma No More? (Professor Robin Murray); Aspects of Management of Bulimia Nervosa (Dr Eric Shur); Psychiatric Aspects of Premenstrual Syndrome (Dr Jeanie Speirs); Alcohol and

the Brain: An Update (Dr Maria Ron). Further information: The Medical Director, The Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ.

The Psychiatry Research Trust will be holding the **Fifth Thomas James Okey Memorial Lecture** at 5.30 pm on 5 June 1990 at the Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF to be given by Dr John Strang, Consultant Psychiatrist and Director, Drug Dependence, Clinical Research and Treatment Unit, Bethlem Royal Hospital and Maudsley Hospital on *The Theory and Practice of the Treatment of Drug Takers*. All interested are invited to attend.

The XVIII Congress of the Spanish Society of Psychiatry will be held in Salamanca, Spain, from 27–30 June 1990. Further information: Gracia Sanchez, Organising Secretariat, GEYSECO, S.A., C/Capitan Haya, 60–2ª, 28020 Madrid, Spain.

Diploma in Social Learning Theory and Practice: applications are invited for this multidisciplinary course based at the University of Birmingham, and organised in conjunction with Glenthorpe Youth Treatment Centre. The Diploma offers a practical and theoretical training in behaviour therapy. Approved by the British Psychological Society, the Diploma is a one-day per week part-time course, lasting for one calendar year and commencing in October. Application forms and further details: Mrs Rita Granner, The Course Secretary, The School of Psychology, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT (telephone: 021 414 4915/4937).

The 10th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Academy of Child Psychiatry will be held at the Prince Hotel in Toronto, from 9–11 September 1990. The programme will consist of papers, symposia, institutes and poster sessions on any aspect of child or adolescent psychiatry. Further information: Dr J. H. Beitchman, c/o Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1R8, Canada.

The Second European Conference on Traumatic Stress entitled **Traumatic Stress Reactions – Prevention, Coping and Treatment** will take place from 23–27 September 1990 at the Congress Centre, the Leeuwenhorst, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands. Further information: Mirjam Bossink, Conference Secretariat, c/o ICODU, P.O.B. 13362, 35-7 LJ Utrecht, The Netherlands (telephone 030 73 08 11; fax: 030 71 14 58).

The Fifth European Symposium of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War: Health and Security 2000: New Thinking in Europe, will

take place from 13–16 September 1990 in Coventry. All health professionals welcome. Further information: Symposium Secretariat, 601 Holloway Road, London N19 4DJ (telephone 01 272 2020).

The King's Fund Centre will be holding a two day workshop entitled **Supporting Self-Advocacy: The Adviser's Role** on 28 and 29 June 1990 at the King's Fund Centre, London. *Closing date for applications: 28 May 1990.* Further information: Andrea Whittaker or Maureen Eldridge, King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF (telephone 01 267 6111; fax: 01 267 6108).

The **Twenty-fourth Singapore Malaysia Congress of Medicine**, entitled **Medicine in the 1990s**, with the participation of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, will be held from 6–9 September 1990 in Singapore. Further information: Congress Secretariat, Academy of Medicine, Singapore, PO Box 694, Tiong Bahru Post Office, Singapore 9116.

Diploma in Family Therapy: University College, London, Department of Psychology are holding a one year clinical training course in working with families in a multi-cultural society. Further information: Dr Rosine Perelberg, Course Organiser, Marlborough Family Service, 38 Marlborough Place, London NW8 0PJ (telephone 071 624 8605).

Child Sexual Abuse within the Family: An Inter-Agency Perspective: Portman Clinic will be holding a course which will provide a psychodynamic perspective on the psychopathology of perpetrators, disturbed family interactions and management issues. It will run for three terms from October 1990 to July 1991, on Thursday afternoons, and will be available, on the basis of personal interview, to applicants from the health, legal and social work professions. *Closing date for application: 25 May 1990.* Fee: £200 (due on acceptance to course) payable to Hampstead Health Authority. Further information and application form: Dr Elif Gurisik, Vice-Chairman, Portman Clinic, 8 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 5NA (telephone 071 794 8262).

Godden Green Clinic is holding Continuing Medical Education Seminars on **Management of Mental**

Illness within the Community: 19 June 1990 – 'Psychiatric Assessment and Management of the Over 75s in the Community' (Dr C. Katona); 2 July 1990 – 'The Medico-Legal Aspects of Tranquilliser Dependence – How a GP Should Avoid Getting into Trouble' (Dr C. Hallstrom). Further information: Niall Hall, Hospital Director, Godden Green Clinic, Godden Green, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 0JR (telephone 0732 63491; fax: 0732 63160).

A conference on **Holistic Approaches to Disability and Mental Health** will be held on 17 October 1990, hosted by the Psychiatry of Disability Division at St George's Hospital Medical School. Topics covered include: promoting independence, caring for the carers, bereavement, communication difficulties, relationships and sexuality, the place of technology, family therapy. Application forms and further information regarding this and other conferences: Philippa Weitz, The Conference Unit, Dept of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (telephone 081 672 9944, extension 55534).

In association with the Institute of Group Analysis (London) the **16th Midland Course in Group Work and Family Therapy** will be held in Northampton from October 1990 to June 1991 on a weekly half day basis (Tuesday afternoons) for three terms. The course will be of interest to doctors, social workers, psychologists, nurses and other professionals working with small or large groups including naturally occurring groups. The programme includes lectures, work support and experiential groups. Further information: Mrs Pam Bates, Course Secretary, Cheyne Walk Clinic, 3 Cheyne Walk, Northampton NN1 5PT (telephone 0604 231438).

The Psychiatric Consultant: Working with Complex Systems: two introductory days to a three-year programme starting in September 1990 – 'Systemic Consultation: Applications in Psychiatry and Community Mental Health', 25 May 1990 (Dr Caroline Lindsey); 'Systemic Ideas in Problem Definition: Influences on Diagnosis and Treatment', 22 June 1990 (Dr Elspeth McAdam). Price for each introductory day: £34.50 (including VAT). Further details of introductory days and three-year programme: Kensington Consultation Centre, 47 South Lambeth Road, London SW8 1RH (telephone 071 793 0148).

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