
Forthcoming events

A one day conference organised by The Royal College of Psychiatrists/College Research Unit '**Clinical Audit in Psychiatry**' will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine on 17 April 1996. This will be aimed primarily at Members of the College, other mental health professionals and organisations, and managers who wish to learn more about the subject. Booking forms from Victoria Thomas, CPG Administrator, and abstract forms from Jackie Stewart, External Affairs Officer: College Research Unit, 11 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EE (telephone 0171 235 2351; fax 0171 235 2954; e-mail: 100347.1145@CompuServe.com)

Applications are invited for the Summer term of the modular integrated half day release **MRCPsych Course** at University College London Medical School: Part I, Monday afternoons (15 April–8 July); Part II, Tuesday afternoons (16 April–25 June). Further information: Ms Lynda Fowie, University College London Medical School, Riding House Street, London W1N 8AA (Telephone: 0171 380 9475)

The Trauma After-Care Trust will hold two courses during April 1996, entitled **Debriefing for Debriefers** (Gloucestershire, 16–17 April) and **Transgenerational Effects of the Holocaust and its Effects on Carers** (Manchester, 29 April). Further information: Mrs Pauline Swift, Trauma After-Care Trust (TACT), Butfields, The Farthings, Withington, GLOS GL54 4DF (Telephone: 01242 890498)

Developing Child Psychiatry: An Advanced Course will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry, London on 25 and 26 April. Further information: Mrs Lee Wilding, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (0171 919 3170)

A seminar for healthcare professionals entitled **Freeing the Spirit - The Power of Choice** has been organised by the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, London and is due to take place on 13 April. Further information: Margaret Barron, Global Cooperation House, 65 Pound Lane, London NW10 2HH (Telephone: 0181 459 1400).

Children's views on Child Protection, number six of the 'Bringing Research into Practice' child

protection seminars, is arranged in partnership between the University of Leicester Child Protection Studies Centre in the School of Social Work, Leicester Social Services Department, NSPCC and the Northamptonshire Child Protection Committee. It will take place on Thursday 9 May 1996, Hereward Wake Residential Centre, King's Park Conference & Sports Centre, Moulton Park, Northampton. Further information: Sara Seymour, Seminar Secretary, Leicester University School of Social Work, 107 Princess Road East, Leicester LE1 7LA. Telephone: 0116 252 3760; Fax: 0116 252 3748.

Applications are now invited for the 1996/7 course in the **Clinical Use of Hypnosis** for medical personnel. This will be held on one weekend per month at Maidstone, starting from 18–19 May, 1996. Further information: Dr V M Mathew, Maidstone Priority Care NHS Trust, 180–182 Union Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1EY (Telephone: 01622 673358 ext 103)

A one-day introductory workshop in **Cognitive Analytic Therapy** will take place in East Berkshire on 21 May, 1996 at Wexham Park Hospital. Further information: Dr Chris Maloney, Dept of Mental Health, Heatherwood Hospital, London Road, Ascot SL5 8AA (Telephone: 01344 877472)

The Geriatrics and Gerontology sections of the Royal Society of Medicine have planned a meeting entitled **Multi-Disciplinary Research and Teaching** to take place on 23 April 1996 from 6pm onwards. Further information: Alison Hamlett, Section Administrator at the Royal Society of Medicine (Telephone: 0171 290 2982)

The Portman Clinic have organised a one-year part-time **Day Release Course in Forensic Psychotherapy** leading to a University College of London Diploma in Forensic Psychotherapy. Commencing October 1996, the closing date for applications is 1 May 1996. Further information: The Portman Clinic, 8 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 5NA (Telephone: 0171 794 8262)

The section of Psychiatry at the Royal Society of Medicine has organised a meeting entitled **The Psychiatrist in Court** to take place on 14 May 1996 from 1.30 pm. Further information: Ms Alyson Ling, Section Administrator at the Royal Society of Medicine (Telephone 0171 290 2985)

From September 1-5, 1996, the **Second European Congress of Epileptology** will take place in The Hague, The Netherlands. Further information: Congress Secretariat, Second European Congress of Epileptology, PO Box

1558, NL-6501 BN, Nijmegen, The Netherlands (Telephone: +31 (0) 243234471 Fax: 234601159)

The **4th Australasian Schizophrenia Conference**, a major international meeting on schizophrenia and related disorders, will be held in Fremantle, Western Australia on 20-21 September 1996. Further information: Catherine Brett, Graylands Hospital, UWA Clinical Research Centre, Gascoyne House, Graylands Hospital, Private Bag no. 1, Claremont, WA 6010 (Telephone: (09) 347 6429 Fax: (09) 383 4087).

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