Forthcoming events

The Tavistock Clinic is organising a conference entitled **The Psychoanalytic Understanding of Violence, Delinquency and Sexual Deviation**. This is being held from 10–11 September 1998. Further information: Jenni Hudson, The Conference Unit, Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (Telephone: 0171 447 3715; Fax: 0171 447 3837; e-mail: academic@tavi-port.demon.co.uk).

The 3rd Leicestershire **International Symposium of Gender Identity Disorders** will take place in Leicester from 24–25 September 1998. Further information: Janice White (Telephone: 0116 258 4450; Fax: 0116 258 8092).

The Royal Society of Medicine are organising two one-day conferences. The first one, taking place on 30 September 1998, is entitled **Theoretical and Practical Approaches to the Management of Eating and Drinking Difficulties in People with Learning Disabilities from Infancy to Adult Life**. The second, to be held on 3 December 1998, will be looking at **Autistic Disorders in People with Learning Disability – Diagnosis and Management**. Further information: Lisa Spicer, Academic Administrator, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (Telephone: 0171 290 2988; Fax: 0171 290 2989; e-mail: Lisa.Spicer@roy socmed.ac.uk).

Doctors as Agents of the State: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives is the title of a conference being presented by the Human Values in Healthcare Forum on 7 October 1998. This will take place at Gresham College (off Chancery Lane) between 2 and 5 p.m. The two presentations will specifically be on Psychiatrists as Agents of the State. Further information: Professor Roisin Pill (Telephone: 01222 541 133).

ROSTRUM will be holding a series of conferences, starting with **Monitoring to GCP** from 20–21 October 1998 at the Royal Society of Medicine, London. This will be followed by **Introduction to Clinical Research**, which is taking place at Harrington Hall, London from 27–29 October 1998, and **Powerful Communication**, at the Montcalm Hotel, London from 28–29 October 1998. November will bring two more conferences: **GCP for Study Site Personnel**, being held at the Royal Society of Medicine, London on 3 November 1998, and **Understanding Pharmacokinetics**, 10–11 November 1998 at Harrington Hall, London. Further information: Christine Noddings, ROSTRUM Personal Development, Mildmay House, St Edwards Court, London Road, Romford, Essex RM7 9QD (Telephone: 01708 776016).

Applications are invited for the **MSc/PGDip in Institutional and Community Care Course** being promoted by the Tavistock Clinic, Middlesex University and The Cassell Hospital. Further information: Ross Dalziel, Academic Services, The Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (Telephone: 0171 447 3718). Please quote reference M19F.

As part of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the **Department of Clinical Research** at **Crichton Royal Hospital, Dumfries** there will be a meeting at the Crichton from 3–4 June 1999, which will take the form of scientific sessions and social events. Psychiatrists who have worked at the Crichton over the years and taken part in some research there are particularly welcome. Further information: Dr R. G. McCreadie, Director of Clinical Research, or Mrs T. Buisson, Conference Organiser, Crichton Royal Hospital (Telephone: 01387 244000; Fax: 01387 257735).

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the International Association for Forensic Psychotherapy entitled **Forensic Psychotherapy and the Public Sphere** will take place from 7–9 May 1999 in Sheffield. This is an invitation to all professionals in this field to attend the multi-disciplinary conference and a preliminary **call for papers**. The deadline for abstracts is 25 September 1998. Application forms and further information: Jane Allen-Brown, Conference Organiser, Centre for Psychotherapeutic Studies, 16 Claremont Crescent, Sheffield S10 2TA (Telephone: 0114 222 2973; Fax: 0114 270 0619; email: j.allen-brown@sheffield.ac.uk).

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