
Forthcoming events

MIND are organising various seminars and training events in June covering areas such as **Working with Postnatal Depression** and **Learning Disabilities and Mental Health**. **MIND's Annual Conference** will also be held on 3–5 November 1998 in Brighton. Further details: MIND Conference and Training Unit, Granta House, 15–19 Broadway, London E15 4BQ (Telephone: 0181 519 2122 ext. 213/214, Fax: 0181 522 1725).

The Portman Clinic will be organising a **Day Release Course in Forensic Psychotherapy**, designed primarily for professionals in secure units, the NHS, prisons, health and social security departments, and those working with offending behaviour and its consequences. Applications must be submitted by 12 June. Further information: The Portman Clinic, 8 Fitzjohns Avenue, London NW3 5NA (Telephone: 0171 794 8262, quoting reference P2-PJ).

The PET Unit's conferences: **Psychiatry and Personal Injury Law: MIND the Gap** and **Somatisation: Helping the Patient with Medically Unexplained Physical Symptoms** will be held at the Postgraduate Centre in Salisbury on 3 and 10 June 1998 respectively; and **Schizophrenia: Outcome, Compliance and Costs** is scheduled for 15 October at the Novotel Hotel, Southampton. Further details: The PET Unit, Mental Health Group, University of Southampton, Royal South Hants Hospital, Brintons Terrace, Southampton SO14 0YG (Telephone/Fax: 01703 825543, e-mail: dkb@soton.ac.uk).

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists are holding two meetings at their College, **Mid-Trimester Loss** and **Postnatal Depression**, on 10 and 11 June respectively. Further information: Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RG (Telephone: 0171 772 6200, Fax: 0171 723 0575).

A one-day meeting entitled **The Management of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome** will be held at the Maudsley Hospital, London on 16 June 1998. This meeting is for clinicians from all backgrounds and will focus on practical management strategies. A conference entitled **Family Research and Family Therapy** will be taking place at the Institute of Psychiatry on 6–7 July 1998. The theme of the conference will be the exploration of the links between research and clinical

practice. For further information: Short Courses/Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (Telephone: 0171 919 5125, Fax: 0171 740 5172, e-mail: D.Heavey@iop.bpmf.ac.uk).

The Centre for the Economics of Mental Health are organising a conference entitled **Mental Health Economics and Policy** to be held at The King's Fund, Cavendish Square, London on 23–24 June 1998. Themes include antidepressants and economic evaluations, addictions and economics and mental health policy developments. Cost per delegate: £120 (£140 with conference dinner on 23 June). Enquiries/booking forms: Daphne Hargreaves, CEMH, 7 Windsor Walk, London SE5 8BB.

The 17th World Congress of Psychotherapy will be held in Warsaw on 23–28 August 1998. Entitled **Psychotherapy at the Turn of the Century From Past to Future**, the main themes of the conference include confronting the history of psychotherapeutic practice and research, along with examining its present status and the problems that seem crucial for the future. Further information: Conference Secretariat, Congress Bureau, 'Orbis' Ltd, 142 Marszalkowska Street, 00-061 Warszawa, Poland (Fax: +48 22 827 5951/+48 22 826 4252/+48 22 827 1123, e-mail: bztp@univ.waw.pl).

De Montfort University's Centre for Social Action is currently running three training programmes, taking place throughout the UK, up until October aimed at the youth, health and child care sectors. The programmes comprise of 16 one-day workshops aiming to provide an opportunity for workers to learn, in a practical way, how to apply social action techniques to specific areas of work with communities and socially excluded groups. **De Montfort University's Centre for Social Action Summer School** will be taking place on 6–8 July 1998. This three day residential training and practice event uses the peer education model as its central tenet. Further information: Course Co-ordinator, Centre for Social Action, Scraftoft Campus, Scraftoft, Leicester LE7 9SU (Telephone: 0116 257 7777, Fax: 0116 257 7778, e-mail: dmucs@dmu.ac.uk).

The **Association of Therapeutic Communities** will be holding their Annual Windsor Conference on 14–17 September 1998 entitled **Therapeutic**

Communities Are Coming Back. Further details from: Association of Therapeutic Communities (Telephone/Fax: 0181 950 9557).

The British Society of Medical and Dental Hypnosis have organised two workshops to be presented by Dr David Spiegel on 26 and 27 September 1998 at the Marriott Hotel, the Metro Centre, Gateshead. Topics include Hypnosis, Dissociation, Memory and Trauma, Hypnosis in the Treatment of PTSD and Uses of Hypnosis in Pain Control. Cost: £200. A private dinner has been arranged for 26 September and costs an additional £20. Further details: Geoff Graham, 6 Whickham Park, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne NE16 4EH (Telephone: 0191 488 7632, Fax: 0191 488 5661).

A Postgraduate Certificate Course in Individual Psychodynamic Psychotherapy running over 10 block weekends from September 1998 has been organised by the **Merseyside Psychotherapy Institute**. The course is designed for, though not restricted to, professionals working in the NHS. Further information: the Administrator, MPI, c/o 26 Barchester Drive, Liverpool L17 5BZ (Telephone/Fax: 0151 727 4131).

A conference entitled **Everything you Need to Know About Old Age Psychiatry** will take place at the Institute of Psychiatry on 24 and 25

September 1998. The course will provide an opportunity for clinicians in this field to refresh and extend their knowledge through up to date information on all major illnesses and their treatment. Further information: Mrs Lee Wilding, Short Courses Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (Telephone: 0171 919 3170, Fax: 0171 740 5172, e-mail: L.wilding@iop.bpmf.ac.uk).

The University of Birmingham are offering a **Diploma in Systematic Therapy** commencing in October 1998. This is a two-year part-time course consisting of 44 and 40 sessions respectively. Further information: Mrs C. Neal, Centre for Postgraduate Psychiatry, Uffculme Clinic, Queensbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8QD (Telephone: 0121 449 7929).

Dreams in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy provides the title of the November Conference of the European Federation for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy in the Public Sector (EFPP). It will be held in Brussels from 12-15 November 1998. Further information: Joyce Piper, 5 Windsor Road, Finchley, London N3 3SN (Telephone: 0181 349 9873, Fax: 0181 343 3197) or; Duncan Roche, Options EuroCongress, 129 Rue Washington, 1050 Brussels (Telephone: +32 2 346 5301, Fax: +32 2 346 5435).

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