

Forthcoming Events

The Section of Psychogeriatrics at Guy's Hospital has arranged a comprehensive **Membership revision course on the Psychiatry of Old Age**, including seminars on examination technique, to be held at Guy's on 25–26 September 1987; cost £80. Further details and applications to: Miss C. Thomas, York Clinic, Guy's Hospital, London SE1 (telephone 01 407 7600, extension 3427).

The **11th International Congress of Hypnosis and Psychosomatic Medicine** will be held at Leiden/The Hague, The Netherlands from 13–19 August 1988. Further information: The Congress Secretariat, PO Box 16065, 2301 GB Leiden, The Netherlands.

The **Second European Symposium on Suicidal Behaviour** will be held at the George Hotel, Edinburgh from 29 May to 1 June 1988. Preference will be given to papers presenting empirical findings on any aspect of suicide or parasuicide ('attempted suicide'), although theoretical and methodological issues will also be considered. The symposium is open to researchers in any discipline or speciality. The deadline for offers of papers, including title and abstract, is 31 December 1987. The final date for registration is 29 February 1988. The number of participants is limited to 120 and early booking is advised. Further details: Dr Stephen Platt, MRC Unit for Epidemiological Studies in Psychiatry, University Department of Psychiatry, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside Park, Edinburgh EH10 5HF, Scotland.

The **American Psychiatric Association** will hold their **141st Annual Meeting** in Montreal, Quebec, Canada from 7–13 May 1988. The President's theme will be Opportunities and Challenges for Psychiatrists and Psychiatry: 1988–2000. Deadline for submitting papers and other material, including videotape: 5 September 1987; for new research: 1 February 1988. Further information and submission forms: Scientific Program Committee, APA, 1400 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005, USA.

The **XIV International Congress of Medical Psychotherapy** will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland from 9–15 October 1988. The main theme will be Training in Medical Psychotherapy: Similarities and differences according to culture and theory. Further information: Professor M. Burner, Centre Psycho-Social, Rue St Pierre, 1, CH- 1003 Lausanne, Switzerland.

A **forum on mental retardation** entitled 'Past, Present and Future: The Application of Research in Mental Handicap' will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine on 24 September 1987. The meeting marks the 30th anniversary of the first issue of the *Journal of Mental Deficiency Research*

and topics will include reports from the research centres, the European perspective, epidemiology, evaluation, developmental psychology, behavioural research, the psychiatry of mental handicap, and genetics. Details: Dr Graham Bennette, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

The University of Oxford (Oxford Regional Committee for Postgraduate Medical Education and Training) will be holding a **neurosciences course** from 14–18 September 1987 (residential 13–18 September 1987) in the University Department of Human Anatomy. This annual course provides an intensive up to date review of the neurosciences for physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists and others interested in this field. The basic sciences component is suitable for those preparing for the MRCPsych and other examinations. Lectures are given by senior members of clinical and non-clinical university departments. Laboratory practical periods permit students to dissect a brain and examine neurological specimens with the guidance of experienced demonstrators. Residential accommodation will be available at Wadham College. Fee for the course: £130; fee for residence: £100. Enquiries: The Director of Postgraduate Medical Education and Training, Medical School Offices, Level 3, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford OX3 9DU (telephone 0865 817425).

The **13th Midland Course in Group Work and Family Therapy** will be held at Cheyne Walk Clinic, Northampton from 13 October 1987 to 14 June 1988 (organised in conjunction with the Institute of Group Analysis, London). The course is half-day (Tuesday) weekly over three terms, with lectures, activity events and experiential small and large groups. Fee: £260. Further information: Mrs Lena Bardakovic, Course Secretary, Mayfair Centre, 32–34 Headlands, Kettering, Northants NN15 7HP.

The **XXXI International Congress on the History of Medicine** will be held at the Palazzo re Enzo, Piazza del Nettuno, Bologna, from 30 August–4 September 1988. Further information: Organising Secretariat, Conference Service srl, Via Tagliapietre 18/b, 40123 Bologna, Italy.

The **Xth Windsor Conference on Therapeutic Communities**, sponsored by the Association of Therapeutic Communities and the Netherlands VWPG, will take place at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, Egham from 21–24 September 1987. The theme is 'Progress and Prospects' and applications and offers of papers are now invited. All inclusive fee for conference and accommodation: £150. Further details: Dr J. Stuart Whiteley, Henderson Hospital, 2 Homeland Drive, Brighton Road, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5LT (telephone 01 661 1611).

A symposium entitled '**Cognitive Therapy with Adult Psychological Disorder: A Clinical Update**' will be held on 2 October 1987 at the University of Oxford Department of External Studies, Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford. Cost: £32, including three course lunch, tea and coffee. Early registration: £30 (*before* 31 July 1987). Cheques to be made payable to Cognitive Therapy World Congress. In order to register, send name, address, profession, registration fee and details of any dietary requirements to: Paul M. Salkovskis, University of Oxford, Department of Psychiatry, Warneford Hospital, Oxford OX3 7JX.

Five-week and occasional five-day **Counselling Skills Courses** will be held in Finchley during July and August. They will include lectures (some on behavioural and psychoanalytical concepts and therapy), skills practice, discussions and videos. Further details: Dr S. Delroy, Clinical Psychologist, 3 Northumberland House, 237 Ballards Lane, Finchley, London N3 1LB (telephone 01 346 4010).

The National Schizophrenia Fellowship will be holding an **International Conference on Schizophrenia** from 14–17 July 1988 at Imperial College of Science, Exhibition Road, London SW7. Speakers will include Seymour Kety, Nancy Andreasen, Adrienne Reveley, John Burrell, Ian Falloon and Fuller Torrey. Registration forms and further information: Mrs Pam Jenkinson, NSF Conference Organiser, 69 Shepherds Lane, Priestwood, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 2BU (telephone 0344 420202).

Applications are invited for the second **Newcastle Psychotherapy Course**. This is a two year part-time course in analytical psychotherapy which will begin in April 1988. Prospectus and application forms: Dr C. A. Lund, Course Director, Department of Psychotherapy, Claremont House, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4AA.

In association with the Institute of Group Analysis (London), there will be a course held in Oxford from September 1987 to June 1988 on a weekly half-day basis. The **Oxford Introductory Course in Group Analysis, 1987/88** (formerly the Midland Course of Group Work and Family Therapy) will be of interest to doctors, social workers, psychologists, nurses or others working with small or large groups, including naturally occurring groups. The course fee is £250. Further information can be obtained by writing to Mrs Ros Clarke, Chaplain's Office, Littlemore Hospital, Littlemore, Oxford OX4 4XN.

There is also the possibility, if sufficient interest is shown, for supervision sessions to be arranged for those who have been students on previous Midland/Oxford Introductory Courses. Those interested should write to the Course

Secretary, giving details of what they are looking for and possible times available.

'**Managing Change in Psychiatric Services: Exploring the Relationship between Psychiatrists and Managers**', a five-day residential workshop, is being held at the White Hart in Harrogate from 16–20 November 1987. Places will be limited to 18 (with approximately equal numbers of psychiatrists and managers). Applications will be welcomed from any psychiatrist; attendance with a manager from the same service is encouraged but not essential. Fee: £350 (including accommodation). Enquiries: Helena Waters, 4 Crodingley Farm Court, Thong Lane, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire HD7 2TY (telephone 0484 681268 and 0484 681282) or John Sturt (telephone 0623 797555/6).

The **South London Psychotherapy Training Centre** (previously 'SOLTAC') will be holding an introductory four day course in transactional analysis on 3–4 and 17–18 October 1987. Applications are also invited for two training/supervision groups starting in September 1988. A training workshop 'Theories and Therapy of Depression' will take place on 14–15 November 1987. Details: The South London Psychotherapy Training Centre, 106 Heathwood Gardens, London SE7 8ER (telephone 01 854 3606).

The **North London Centre for Group Therapy** is holding a course for anyone with an interest in group dynamics wanting to experience the group-analytic approach. This will be an international week-end residential course (10–12 July 1987) of an experiential kind with small and large group sessions and will be held at the North London Centre for Group Therapy. Fee: £150 (includes all meals and accommodation; individual rooms); £100 (non residential, including all meals). Enquiries: The Secretary, North London Centre for Group Therapy, Priory Close, Southgate, London N14 4AW (telephone 01 440 1451).

A three day National Conference '**Developments in Gestalt Therapy**' will be held at Duryard Hall, University of Exeter from 24–26 September 1987, organised by the Department of Continuing and Adult Education, University of Exeter in conjunction with the Exeter Psychotherapy Service. Four concurrent programmes will explore novel applications, new interests and fresh thinking within the overall Gestalt therapy framework. Speakers and group leaders will be drawn widely from the Gestalt community in Great Britain and hopefully from overseas. Conference registration fee: £50.00; residential charge: £40.00. Details and application forms: Dr C. A. Lewis, Department of Continuing and Adult Education, University of Exeter, St Luke's, Exeter EX1 2LU.

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