Forthcoming events

A series of events and dialogues between distinguished guests and members of the British Psycho-Analytical Society will include a performance of A Dolls House (Ibsen) at the New End Theatre followed by a dialogue on 8 or 25 February 1994 and a performance of Falstaff (Verdi) at the English National Opera, The Coliseum, London on 18 March 1994 followed by discussion on 24 March 1994. Further information: The Executive Secretary, The Institute of Psycho-Analysis, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD.

A regional workshop on **Critical Issues in the Treatment of Affective Disorders** will be held in Paris from 10–12 March 1994 and an international workshop on **Preclinical and Clinical Strategies for the Treatment of Neurodegenerative, Cerebrovascular and Mental Disorders** will be held from 31 October – 2 November 1994 in Tokyo. Further information about both events: N. Brunello – I. Ceserani, Scientific Secretariat, International Academy for Biomedical and Drug Research, Institute of Pharmacological Sciences, Via Balzaretti 9, 20133, Milan, Italy (telephone 39 2 20488331/332; fax 39 2 29404961/ 20488211).

A day of lectures and discussions on the **Children Act: collaboration or polarization?** will be held at the Institute of Psycho-Analysis, London, on 12 March 1994. Further information: The Hon. Secretary, Public Lectures Committee, The Institute of Psycho-Analysis, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD (telephone 071 580 4952).

A psychiatric seminar **Neuropsychiatry: insomnia and epilepsy** will be held at the Priory Hospital on 17 March 1994 (7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.). Further information: The Medical Director, The Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ.

The Fourth IPA Conference on Psychoanalytic Research **Clinical Applications of Current Research in Borderline Disorders** will be held from 18–19 March 1994. Further information: The Conference Secretary, Psychoanalysis Unit, Psychology Department, University College, Gower Street, London WC1 6BT (fax 071 289 4800). Three one day multidisciplinary conferences will be held at St George's Hospital Medical School: Bereavement and Counselling: new approaches in helping people to come to terms with loss (25 March 1994) Sexual Abuse and Learning Disability: recognition, action and resolution (8 June 1994) and the 3rd Counselling in Primary Care Conference: collaboration in care (17 June 1994). Further information: Philippa Weitz, The Conference Unit, Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 ORE (telephone and fax 081 672 9944, extension 55534).

The Section of Psychiatry of the Royal Society of Medicine will be holding a meeting **Brain Mechanisms in Depression** (12 April 1994) and a **meeting in honour of Kenneth Rawnsley: aspects of epidemiology in China and Britain** (8 May 1994). Further information: Mrs S. Greshoff, Sections Officer, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (telephone 071 408 2119; fax 071 355 3197).

The Third International Conference of the International Association for Forensic Psychotherapy **Personality Disorders: the challenge for forensic psychotherapy** will be held in The Hague, Netherlands from 22–24 April 1994. Further information: Professor Hjalmar van Marle, General Secretary, Pieter Baan Centrum, Gansstraat 179, 3582 EP Utrecht, The Netherlands.

The International Association of Somatotherapy will be holding the **First International Conference on Somatology** in Strasbourg on 12 and 13 May 1994. Further information: Association Internationale de Somatotherapie (AIS), Tour Europe, 20 place des Halles, 67000 Strasbourg, France (telephone 33 88 22 46 92; fax 33 88 32 51 24).

An international conference **The Family on the Threshold of the 21st Century: trends and implications** will be held in Jerusalem from 29 May–1 June 1994. Further information: ISAS International Seminars, PO Box 574, Jerusalem 91004, Israel (telephone 972 2 868 124; fax 972 2 868 165).

The 2nd international conference **AIDS' Impact:** biopsychosocial aspects of **HIV infection** will

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be held in Brighton from 7–10 July 1994. Further information: Conference Secretariat, AIDS' Impact, PO Box 2877, London W6 7ZJ (telephone 071 602 7714; fax 071 603 3216).

The VIth International Conference on Somatotherapy **Finding the Sources of the Uncon**scious will be held in Rio de Janeiro from 29–31 July 1994. Further information: Pr Louis Franco, 18 de Julio 1006/701 Montevideo, Uruguay (telephone 598 2 915 248; fax 598 2 354 766; or Marjorie Courvoisier Hasson, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (fax 55 21 22 02 305).

The 3rd International Conference Schizophrenia 1994: exploring the spectrum of psychosis will be held in Vancouver from 21-24 August 1994. Further information: Conference Secretariat, c/o Venue West Ltd., #645-375 Water Street, Vancouver BC, Canada V6B 5C6 (telephone 604 681 5226; fax 604 681 2503).

The 10th International Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International: A Decade of Change: looking back, looking forward will be held in Edinburgh from 21–23 September 1994. Further information: CEP Consultants Ltd, 26–28 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QH, Scotland (telephone 031 557 2478; fax 031 557 5749).

The Biennial Conference of the Marcé Society, the International Association for Studies of Psychiatric Disorders of Childbearing will be held at Queen's College, Cambridge from 25–28 September 1994. Further information: Professor E.S. Paykel, Department of Psychiatry, University of Cambridge, Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge CB2 2QQ.

Courses

Hypnosis training: a basic course will be held at Lancaster House, Glasgow on 19 and 20 February 1994 and an **advanced course on** hypnotherapy will be held on 14 and 15 May 1994 in Stirling by the British Society of Medical & Dental Hypnosis – Scotland. Further information about course membership: Hetty MacKinnon, Hon. Secretary, British Society of Medical & Dental Hypnosis – Scotland, PO Box 1007, Glasgow G31 2LE (telephone & fax 041 556 1606). A day course organised by the Department of Psychiatry, University College London Learning Disability for General Psychiatrists will be held at The Royal Society of Medicine, London on 4 March 1994. Further information: Dr Jane McCarthy, New Possibilities NHS Trust, New Possibilities House, Turner Village, Turner Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 5JP (telephone 0206 844840; fax 0206 842301).

The 43rd Residential Course for the MRCPsych examinations will be held at the University of Surrey, Guildford: Part I, 23–30 March 1994 and Part II, 6–14 April 1994. Further details from Mrs O. Wellden, Administrator, Belmont Postgraduate Psychiatric Centre, Chiltern Wing, Sutton Hospital, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5NF (telephone 081 644 4343, extension 4175).

Applications are invited for the **University of Warwick MSc in Psychotherapy** commencing in October 1994. This two-year part-time course supports the development of integrative and eclectic approaches to psychotherapy. Applicants should have completed their MRCP and have some initial training and experience in psychotherapy. Details and forms of application from the Secretary, Department of Psychology, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL (telephone 0203-523096). Queries to Dr John Davis (telephone 0203-523044). Completed applications should be returned by 15 April 1994.

The 1994 Manchester course on **Psychiatry in Developing Countries** will be held in the Department of Psychiatry at Withington Hospital from 18–22 April 1994. The course is full-time and lasts one week. Further information: Mrs Linda Harding, Senior Administrative Assistant, Department of Psychiatry, Withington Hospital, West Didsbury, Manchester M20 8LR (telephone 061 447 4360).

Two courses will be held at The Clifton Ford Hotel, Welbeck Street, London W1: **Understanding Dementia: the practical problems of clinical trials** (8–9 March 1994) and **European Good Clinical Practice** (14–16 March 1994). Further information: Katerina Georghiou, Marketing Services Manager, Rostrum, Lewis House, 1 Mildmay Road, Romford, Essex RM7 7DA (telephone 0708 735191; fax 0708 734876).

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