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reflections on the outcomes. It also explores their individual views on research, training, supervision and

personal analysis. Priced at £29.50, the book can be ordered from: Heinemann Publishers Oxford, PO Box 382, Halley

Court, Jordan Hill, Oxford OX2 8RU (telephone: 01865 888180; fax: 01865 314091).

forthcoming events

The Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research Unit is organising a one-day event entitled **Moving Ahead with**

the Mental Health Act: Messages from the Latest Research on Monday 6 March 2000 at Church House Conference Centre, London. Seventeen years after its enactment, and on the eve of its reform, surprisingly little is known about the workings of the Mental Health Act 1983. As part of its scoping work for the new mental health law, the Department of Health commissioned a broad programme of research about existing legislation. This conference is the first opportunity for a wide audience to hear the results of this exciting work and of its implications for the future. The findings also have immediate and important messages for the practitioners and managers whose practice was the focus of the research. How are Mental Health Act assessments really conducted? How much do psychiatrists and social workers really know about their roles? Are there groups of the population who are sectioned more often than others? Do tribunals and the Mental Health Act Commission provide an effective check and balance? What can we learn from mental health legislation in other countries? For a booking form, please contact Sam Coombs, College Research Unit (telephone: 020 7235 2351 ext. 234, e-mail: sam.coombs@virgin.net). Newton Lodge Regional Secure Unit are organising a one-day conference on **The Future of Forensic Learning Disability Services** at Fieldhead Hospital, Wakefield on 31 March 2000. Further information: Dr L. Haskayne (telephone: 01924 327377; fax: 01924 327383).

Midlands Psychiatric Research Group are the organisers of a **Seminar on Trans-cultural Psychiatry**, which will be held on 15–16 April 2000. The seminar intends to address issues relating to the influence of culture on presentation and management of different psychiatric disorders with a special emphasis on current practices in this area. Further information: Dr M. Afzal Javed, The Medical Centre, 2

Manor Court Avenue, Nuneaton CV11 5HX (telephone: 02476 326111; fax: 02476 388604).

Professor M. Trimble and Dr B. Schmitz have organised an **International Meeting on the Psychobiology of Epilepsy** to be held in Berlin on 6–7 May 2000. The meeting will discuss behavioural and psychosocial problems of patients with epilepsy, covering a very wide perspective. The speakers include internationally recognised researchers and topics will span subjects from subtle cognitive impairment through to postictal psychoses. A heavy emphasis on mechanisms and management will be given. Further information: Jackie Ashmenall, St Aiden, Ealing Green, Ealing, London W5 5EN (telephone: 020 7829 8743/020 8840 1287; fax: 020 7278 3053; e-mail jashmenall@yahoo.com; web site: www.wai.co.uk/epilepsy).

The Anxiety of Becoming a Consultant – Real or Imagined? is the title of a one-day event organised by the Association for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy in the NHS, General Psychiatry Section and the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Higher Trainees and Trainees Committee. The conference will address the current problems in recruitment of consultant psychiatrists and is open to all interested trainees and consultant psychiatrists. The event will take place at the Brunei Gallery, School of Oriental and African Studies, London on 19 May 2000. Further information: Mrs Annabel Thomas, APP Conference Administrator, PO Box 70, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire SL9 0XS (telephone/fax: 01494 581 539).

Mole Conferences are the organisers of two events taking place in May 2000. *Understanding Depression and Finding Freedom*, which will be held on 10 May 2000, will concentrate on understanding how we create meaning, what the meanings are which create depression and how these meanings can be changed. **Sleep Disorders: Conventional and Complementary Treatment** will take place on 18

May 2000. Both seminars will be held at the Britannia Street Conference Centre in London. Further information: Mole Conferences, 26 Church Road, Portslade, Brighton BN41 1LA (telephone: 01273 242634; fax: 01273 235095; e-mail: pweitz@compuserve.com).

The Institute of Psychiatry would like to announce two courses. **A Four-Day Course in Forensic Adolescent Mental Health** is a multi-disciplinary course which will take place on 11–12 May 2000 and 8–9 June 2000. This course will cover the broad range of developmental, psychological and systemic issues which are relevant to the understanding and care of young people with antisocial behaviour. A framework for practical work will be provided by encouraging attendees to explore everyday examples of antisocial behaviour in different settings and cultures. The **Interpersonal Therapy (IPT) Course**, which will take place on 19–22 June 2000, is a basic four-day workshop on interpersonal therapy aimed at qualified health professionals. It gives participants the option of seeking further training with two or four supervised cases, depending on experience, in order to receive accreditation by the Institute of Psychiatry. Closing date: 27 March 2000. Both courses will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry; for further information on both courses, please contact: Ms Lee Wilding, Short Courses and Conference Officer, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone: 020 7848 0170; fax: 020 7848 0620; e-mail: L.wilding@iop.kcl.ac.uk). CPD points: 20.

The Tenth Congress of the Association of European Psychiatrists (AEP 2000) will take place in Prague on 28 October–1 November 2000. Further information: AEP Congress Organisers, POB 50006, Tel Aviv 61500, Israel (telephone: 009723 514 0018/9; fax: 009723 517 2484; e-mail: AEP2000@kenes.com; web site: www.kenes.com/aep).