

Miscellany

In response to increased demand for examples of local guideline initiatives, the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Clinical Practice Guidelines Programme requests your help in obtaining copies of **locally-developed clinical guidelines** to add to their collection of national guidelines. Organisations can decide if they would like to be credited for their guidelines, or can remain anonymous if this is preferred. Lists of the current holdings are available from the Programme office.

Guidelines should be sent c/o Victoria Thomas, Clinical Practice Guidelines Programme, College Research Unit, 11 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EE. Telephone: 0171 235 2351 ext.143. Fax: 0171 235 2954. E-mail: 100347.1145@CompuServe.com.

Any help in this matter would be very much appreciated.

Request for information – job-sharing register

The Women in Psychiatry Special Interest Group is attempting to compile a job-sharing register. This will be divided into two parts, one relating to existing job-sharers in psychiatry and the other consisting of psychiatrists who are looking for a job-sharing post. It is hoped that the latter list will be useful in putting potential job-sharing partners in touch with each other. We would be grateful for any information which should include grade, relevant geographical area and sub-speciality within psychiatry if applicable.

Information is to be sent to Dr Anne Cremona, Chair, Women in Psychiatry Special Interest Group, Mental Health Unit, Hillingdon Hospital, Pield Heath Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 3NN

New publications

Alzheimer's charity produces information tapes for the Polish, Hindi and Cantonese communities

The Alzheimer's Disease Society has produced three audio tapes with information on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia for ethnic minorities. The languages are Hindi, Polish and Cantonese. The tapes are aimed at ethnic minority carers of people living with Alzheimer's disease and the professionals who work with them. Each tape costs £3.95 (inc. p&p) and includes an English version. Further information Veronica Fuller 0171 306 0813 or Simon Denegri 0171 306 0839.

Mental Health in China by John E. Cooper and Norman Sartorius (English version editors) has recently been published and is now available for £15 from Gaskell/The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG (Telephone 0171 235 2351, ext. 146).

Psychiatry for the Developing World edited by Digby Tantam, Louis Appleby and Alice Duncan is also now available from Gaskell/The Royal College of Psychiatrists, at the above address. Gaskell titles are also stocked at the BMJ bookshop.

Forthcoming events

The BPP Medical Education course dates have changed to the following: The **MRCPsych Part 1**: 7–8 September 1996, fee £200; the Study Weekend for the written component of the **MRCPsych**

Part II exam: 21–22 September 1996, fee £220 and the **Clinical skills study weekend for the MRCPsych Part II exam**: 26–27 October 1996, fee £220. Further information: Valerie Sweeney,

BPP Medical Foundation, 33 Flower Lane, Mill Hill, London NW7 2JG (Telephone: 0181 959 7562).

The Third Biennial Conference entitled **Psychosis: 'Containing The Inner and Outer Worlds'** is to be held from 20–22 September 1996, at the University of Essex in Colchester. Further details: Mrs Marilyn Ward, Centre for Psychoanalytic Studies, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, Essex CO4 3SQ (Telephone: 0126 873745).

The **6th Annual Conference of Friedrich Nietzsche Society** is to be held from 20–22 September at the Manchester Metropolitan University. Further information: Dr Ullrich Haase, Manchester Metropolitan University, Department of Politics and Philosophy, Undercroft Building, G B Manchester, M15 6BR (Telephone: 0161 247 3452).

The **10th Annual 2-day Course on Eating Disorders and The Workshop on Motivational Enhancement Therapy for Eating Disorders** will be held on the 26–27 September and the 18–19 November 1996 respectively, at the Maudsley Hospital in London. Further information: Mrs L Wilding, Short Courses Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (Telephone: 0171 919 3170 Fax: 0171 740 5172).

The **First Birmingham Literature and Psychiatry Conference 1996: 'The Muse and Madness'** will be held on 5 October 1996, at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, The University of Birmingham. Further information: Sharon Miller, South Birmingham Mental Health Trust, Queen Elizabeth Psychiatric Hospital, Mindelsohn Way, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2QZ (Telephone: 0121 627 2502 Fax: 0121 627 2810).

A two day conference organised by The College Research Unit in association with the NHS Executive, **Information for Mental Health Care: The Common Agenda**, will be held at The New Connaught Rooms, London on 29–30 October 1996. The programme features plenary and parallel sessions on developments towards integrated clinical information systems and demonstrations of leading mental health information systems. Further information: Professional Briefings, 120 Wilton Road, London SW1V 1JZ (Telephone: 0171 233 8332 Fax: 0171 233 7779).

Two one-week workshops on **Rating the Strange Situation, ABC classification and D**

classification, will be held at St George's Hospital Medical School from 4–15 November 1996. Further information: Dr Patricia Hughes, Department of Psychiatry, Jenner Wing, St George's Hospital Medical School, London SW17 ORE (Telephone/Fax 0181 725 5521).

The Society for the Study of Behavioural Phenotypes (SSBP) 4th International Symposium presents: **Behavioural Phenotypes in practice – implications for assessment, treatment and service provision**, to be held from 14–16 November 1996, at the Marino Institute for Education, Dublin, Republic of Ireland. Further details: Robbie Patterson, SSBP Office, 2nd Floor, Douglas House, 18b Trumpington Road, Cambridge CB2 2AH (Telephone: 01223 36631 Fax: 01223 324661).

The **Forum on People with Learning Disabilities: Offenders and Victims** will be held at The Royal Society of Medicine on 4 December 1996. Further details: Lisa Spicer, Forums Administrator, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1 (Telephone: 0171 290 2988 Fax: 0171 290 2989).

The **Fifth Workshop of the European Association for Transcultural Group Analysis** will be held in Koszeg, Western Hungary from 22–25 May 1997, on the theme **Archaic Rivalry and Co-operation Between Cultures**. Further details: Dr Dennis Brown, 88 Montagu Mansions, London W1H 1LF (Telephone: 0171 935 3103), or Dr Gabor Szony, HO1024 Budapest, Kisrokus u 31, Hungary (Telephone: 00 36 1 1363 411).

A series of one day seminars on **Stress Solutions: Seminar for Women**, will be held in various locations in England during 1996. Further details: CareerTrack International, Sunrise House, Sunrise Parkway, Linford Wood, Milton Keynes MK14 6YA (Telephone: 01903 354000 Fax 01908 679931).

The Special Interest Group in Private and Independent Practice will be holding its annual meeting on the 16 October at the Charter Nightingale Hospital, 11–19 Lisson Grove, London NW1 6SH, on **Collaboration between the NHS and the Independent Sector – problems and achievements**. The meeting is open to psychiatrists and trainees who are not members of the Special Interest Group. Further information, Dr David Prothero, Grovelands Priory Hospital, The Bourne, London N14 6RA (Telephone 0181 882 8191).

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