
Forthcoming events

The **Winnicott Centenary Lectures** have been organised by the Squiggle Foundation and are planned for various Saturdays throughout the year. The first, entitled **Politics and Vision**, is due to take place 17 February at Regent's College, London. Further details for this and further lectures: The Secretary, The Squiggle Foundation, 33 Amberley Road, London. (Telephone: 0181 882 9744).

The **Sixth Mental Health Services Conference of Australia and New Zealand** will take place at the Brisbane Convention Centre, Australia from 18–20 September 1996. Further information: Professor G. E. Mellsop, Wolston Park Hospital, Wolston Park Road, Wacol, Queensland 4306. (Telephone: (61) 03 3271 8426)

The **Society for Psychotherapy Research (UK)** is holding its 13th Annual Conference at Ravenscar from 24–27 March 1996. Further information: Dr Rex Haigh, Winterbourne Therapeutic Community, 55 Argyle Road, Reading RG1 4YL (Telephone: 01734 561250).

Organisers of a conference on **Women in Forensic Psychiatry**, to take place at Rampton Hospital, have issued a call for papers from nurses nationwide. The conference, organised by the hospital's Nursing Development Unit will deal with a range of issues relating to the provision of care for female psychiatric patients. Anyone interested in submitting a paper should send a 200 word abstract to the Ward Manager of the Nursing Development Unit, Mrs Ann

Brimstead, Anston Ward, Rampton Hospital, Woodbeck, Retford, Notts DN22 0PD. The closing date for submission is 31 January 1996.

The Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Group at the Institute of Psychiatry has planned a short course from 5–8 February 1996 on **The Cellular & Molecular Pathology of Neurodegenerative Disease**. Further information: Mrs L. Wilding, Short Courses Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park London SE5 8AF (Telephone: 0171 919 3170).

The **Third Manchester Advanced Course in Liaison Psychiatry** is due to take place from 13–17 May 1996 at the Rawnsley Building, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester M13 9WL. Further information: Mrs Una Dean, 061 276 5383.

The **Sixth Leeds Examination Techniques Course** is to be held from 21–23 February 1996 at St James's Hospital in Leeds. Further details: Monika Stevenson, Academic Unit Psychiatry, Level 5, Clinical Sciences Building, St James's University Hospital, Leeds LS9 7TF (Telephone: 0113 243 3144).

Mental Incapacity: Friday 19 January 1996, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1. A conference of the Law Society and the British Medical Association to launch the publication of joint BMA/Law Society guidance for doctors and lawyers on the assessment of mental capacity, and to promote further discussion on the need for reform of the law, looking specifically at the Law Commission's recommendations in its report on Mental Incapacity. Details from BMA Ethics Department (Tel: 0171 383 6286).

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