

## Forthcoming events

The **2nd International Congress on Emergency Psychiatry** will be held from 3–5 April 1991 at the RAI Congress Centre in Amsterdam. Further information: Leids Congress Bureau, PO Box 16065, 2301 GB Leiden, The Netherlands (telephone 31 71 275299).

The Office of Continuing Medical Education and the Department of Psychiatry, University of Calgary, will be holding a conference entitled **Suicide, Sleep and School Problems in Children and Adolescents** on 14 and 15 June 1991 and one entitled **Psychopharmacology of Schizophrenia on 4 and 5 July 1991**, at the Health Sciences Center. Further information: Office of Medical Education, University of Calgary, 3330 Hospital Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 4N1 (telephone 403 220 7240).

The International Society for the Study of Personality Disorders will be holding the **Second International Congress on the Disorders of the Personality** from 30 July–2 August 1991 in Oslo. Further information: Second Congress on Personality Disorders, c/o Univers Congress Service, PO Box 54, Blindern, N-0313 Oslo 3, Norway (telephone 47 2 453244; fax 47 2 453239).

The **International Congress on Schizophrenia and Affective Psychoses – Nosology in Contemporary Psychiatry** will be held from 12–14 September 1991 at the Centre Medical Universitaire, Geneva. Further information: Administrative Secretariat, SYM-PORG SA, 108 route de Frontenex, CH-1208 Geneva, Switzerland (telephone 010 4122 786 37 44; fax 010 4122 786 40 80).

The **5th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry** will be held from 9–14 June 1991 in Florence. Further information: ES Assistance, Via Napo Torriani 30, I-20124 Milano, Italy.

A national conference on **Models of Community Psychiatry** will be held on 19 April 1991 in Gloucester. Further information: Dr Mike Metcalfe, Coney Hill Hospital, Coney Hill, Gloucester GL4 7QJ (telephone 0452 617033, extension 2296).

The British Association of Psychotherapists, Freudian Section, will be running a course entitled **Psychoanalytic Aspects of Work with Individuals**. Parallel courses will be held in North London (Mapesbury Road NW2) on Monday evenings from September/October 1991 – exact dates to be determined later)

and South London (Wimbledon Park Road SW19) on Tuesday evenings – autumn term 17 September 1991, spring term 14 January 1992). Applications should be received by 1 June 1991 but early application is desirable. Further information and applications forms: Mrs Judith Lawrence, BAP Secretary, 121 Hendon Lane, London N3 3PR (telephone 081 346 1747).

A five-day intensive training course in **Gestalt Counselling and Psychotherapy** for professionals who already have some training in counselling or psychotherapy will be held from 15–19 April 1991 at the University of Exeter. Further information: Dr Richard Tillet, Department of Psychotherapy, Wonford House Hospital, Exeter EX2 5AF (telephone 0392 403446).

The **International Congress on Stress, Anxiety and Emotional Disorders** will be held from 1–3 July 1991 at the University of Minho, Braga, Portugal. Proposals for symposia, papers, and poster sessions are now being accepted. Further information: Dr Jose Fernando A. Cruz, Universidade do Minho, Laboratorio de Psicologia, Rua Abade da Loureira, 4700 Braga, Portugal (telephone 010 351 53 27776; fax 010 351 53 77936).

The Bolton Institute of Higher Education will be holding two three-day conferences on **Inclusive (i.e. fully integrated) Education and Community Living** on 27–30 May 1991 (Stoke Rochford, Lincolnshire) and 1–4 June 1991 (Dyffryn House, Cardiff). Further information: Joe Whittaker, Bolton Institute, Chadwick Street, Bolton BL2 1JW (telephone 0204 28851, extension 3200) – *venue 1*; and John Hall, Tenets Training, 2 Devon Terrace, Ffynone Road, Ffynone, Swansea SA1 6DG (telephone 0792472562) – *venue 2*.

The **Second World Congress on Psychiatric Genetics** will be held at Regents College, Regents Park, London from 14–16 August 1991. Further information: Bell Howe Conferences, 1 Willoughby Street, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2LT (telephone 0602 436323).

A one-day symposium on **Human Sexuality and Psychopharmacology** will be held at the University of Sheffield on 8 April 1991. Further information: Dr Malcolm Peet, Department of Psychiatry, Northern General Hospital, Herries Road, Sheffield S5 7AU.

The Schizophrenia Training Consultancy will be holding a training course: **User Involvement – A Practical Approach to Making It Happen** in two linked sessions on 3 April and 3 July 1991. They will also be holding an in-depth study course entitled **Welfare Benefits for Mentally Ill People, Their Families and Carers** from 19, 25 and 26 April 1991. Further information: Mrs Pam Jenkinson, Director, Schizophrenia Training Consultancy, 69 Shepherds Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 2BU (telephone 0344 420202).

A course entitled **Criminal Offending by People with Learning Difficulties** on 16 and 17 May 1991 and a four day course on **Management Skills for Senior Registrars in Psychiatry** from 20–23 May 1991 will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry. Further information about both courses: Lee Wilding, Short Courses Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3170).

A training course for pharmaceutical personnel entitled **Depression: Practical Problems of Clinical Trials** will be held on 13 and 14 May 1991 at the Royal Society of Medicine, London. Further information: Angela Macpherson, Medical & Clinical Education & Conferences, Lewis House, 1 Mildmay Road, Romford, Essex RM7 7DA (telephone 0708 745042 or 768194; fax: 0708 725413).

**A Residential Group for Helping Professionals** will be held from 23–29 June at Grimstone Manor, Yelverton, Devon for practitioners whose work involves counselling and psychotherapy. These groups have been held annually since 1983 and an account of the first two was published in the *Bulletin* (February 1986). Further information and application forms: Dr Richard Tillett, Psychotherapy Department, Wonford House Hospital, Exeter EX2 5AF (telephone 0392 403446).

The **9th Congress of the European Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (ESCAP)** on the theme of 'Coping with Adversity' will be held from 11–14 September 1991 at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London. The main themes of this congress will be 'Understanding Adversity', 'Responding to Adversity' and 'Coping with Adversity'. Copies of the call for papers and provisional programme: Deborah Hart, Assistant Secretary, The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG.

The University of Liverpool Departments of Clinical Psychology and Psychiatry are holding a multidisciplinary course in psychotherapy, starting its eleventh annual intake in October 1991. The course is part-

time, extending over two years and leading to the University qualification of **Diploma in Psychotherapy**. Application forms and further details: The Secretary, Department of Clinical Psychology, University of Liverpool, PO Box 147, Liverpool L69 3BX (telephone 051 794 5529/5530; fax 051 794 5537). *Applications to be received by the department by 30 April 1991.*

The Institute of Psychiatry will be holding a conference on **Religion and Psychiatry** on 10 May 1991. Invited participants include Rabbi Julia Neuberger, Professors Joan Bicknell, Gerald Russell and Robin Murray, and Bishop L. E. White. Course fee: £55 (including lunch and refreshments). Further information: Mrs Lee Wilding, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3170).

The **16th Dartington Conference**, entitled 'Transformation', will be held from 3–7 April 1991 at the Dartington Centre. Further information: Gordon Frow or Kevon Mount, The Dartington Centre, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EL (telephone 0803 862271).

Metanoia Psychotherapy Training Institute will be holding an **Integrative Therapeutic Work with Children** workshop on 4–5 May 1991. Details of this and other workshops: Sarah Lermitt, Administrator, Metanoia Psychotherapy Training Institute, 13 North Common Road, London W5 2QB (telephone 081 579 2505).

The **Third International Congress on Somatotherapy** will be held from 6–8 May 1991 in Strasbourg. Further information: Tour Europe, 20 Place des Halles, F67000 Strasbourg, France (telephone 33 88 22 46 92).

The **Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency** will be holding its Diamond Jubilee Conference entitled 'Deaths in Custody' from 25–28 March 1991 in Canterbury. Further information: Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency, King's College London, Chelsea Campus, Manresa Road, London SW3 6LX (telephone 071 351 2488, extension 2500; fax 071 873 2465).

A WHO international conference entitled **Changing Mental Health Care in the Cities of Europe** will be held from 10–13 April 1991 in Amsterdam. Further information: QLT/CONGREX, Keizersgracht 782, 1017 EC Amsterdam, The Netherlands (telephone 010 31 20 6 261372; fax 010 31 20 6 25 95 74).

University College & Middlesex School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry will be holding a meeting on 13 March 1991 entitled **Survivors of Torture**:

**Results from 160 Interviews** (Dr Stuart Turner) in Lecture Theatre 3, Windeyer Building. Further information: Department of Psychiatry, University College & Middlesex School of Medicine, Wolfson Building, Riding House Street, London W1N 8AA (telephone 071 636 8333; fax 071 323 1459).

The XVIIth International Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health entitled **Law and Mental Health toward the Year 2001** will be held in Leuven, Belgium from 26–30 May 1991. Further information: IALMH-XVIIth International Congress, UPC Sint-Kamillus, c/o J. Casselman, Krijkelberg 1, 3360 Bierbeek, Belgium (telephone 010 32 16 452611; fax 010 32 16 463209).

**An International Symposium on Eating Disorders** will be held at the Palais des Congres, Paris from

17–19 April 1991. Conference Presidents: P. Jeammet (Paris) and G. Russell (London). *Applications can be accepted until 30 March 1991.* Further information and registration forms: Mme Corlier, Hopital International de l'Universite de Paris, 42 boulevard Jourdan, 75014 Paris, France (telephone 010 33 1 45 89 47 89 – extension 3582; fax 010 33 1 45 89 82 90).

**The Sixth Guy's/RDP MRCPsych Revision Course in Old Age Psychiatry and Examination Technique** will be held at Guy's Hospital, London on 19–20 April 1991. Cost: £80. Further information: Monica Arnell, RDP, TR House, 134–138 Borough High Street, London SE1 1LB (telephone 071 403 8790).

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### *Employment and mental health*

Connected, as this Asylum is, with a city almost purely commercial – a city, the majority of whose active adults are subject to the cares, the perplexities and the fluctuations of trade, it is not remarkable that, among moral causes, pecuniary difficulties should occupy the most prominent position. Under this head there are one hundred and eighteen men, and fifteen women, a total of one hundred and thirty-three; and if, as may be most proper, the eleven cases assigned to “the want of employment” be included, the total will be one hundred and forty-four. There is, perhaps, no mental influence which, if examined in all its bearings and relations, exercises so extensive and

controlling a power upon man in civilised countries, and more particularly in the United States, as that arising from his pecuniary condition. Connected with this are many if not all his hopes and schemes of ambition, preferment and aggrandisement – all his prospects of present and future temporal comfort, and all his affections that are enlisted in the welfare of the persons constituting his domestic circle.

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