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# Forthcoming events

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**Reception at APA Meeting for College Members.** The North American Chapter of the Royal College of Psychiatrists will be holding an Annual Reception during the Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. The Reception will probably take place from 5.30 pm–7.30 pm on Monday 6 May 1996. If any Members of the College are to be present at this meeting and would like to attend this Reception, perhaps they could contact the Secretary, Mrs Vanessa Cameron, who will send them details of the location.

A one-day revision course for the MRCpsych (Part 1 & 2) on **Psychopharmacology and Basic Neuroscience** has been organised by the British Association for Psychopharmacology for Friday 22 March, 1996 and will be held at the Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG. Further information and applications: Ms Susan Chandler, BAP Administrator, Baker Building Flat, Engineering Dept., Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1PZ (Telephone: +44 1223 358395).

The **47th Residential Revision Course for the MRCpsych** exams will be held at the University of Surrey, Guildford. **Part I:** 27 March–3 April, 1996 and **Part II:** 10–18 April, 1996. Further details: Mrs E. C. Dening, Administrator, Belmont Post-graduate Psychiatric Centre, Chiltern Wing, Sutton Hospital, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5NF (Telephone: 0181 644 4343).

A standard course over 2 weekends for **Medical Hypnosis Training** is to be held at the Princess Margaret Rose Hospital, Edinburgh and due to take place on 3–4 February and 16–17 March 1996. Further information: Hon Secretary, British Society of Medical and Dental Hypnosis Scotland, 13 Caithness Street, Glasgow G20 7SB (Telephone: 0141 556 1606).

Merseyside Psychotherapy Institute is holding 3 **Study Days** in Liverpool in 1996 on **Parenting Difficulties**. 15 March: Early Parenting Difficulties (including postnatal depression); 27 June: Pregnancy, Labour and Perinatal Problems—Their Effect on Parenting; 12 July: Fathers: Why Should we Include Them? Further information: MPI Administration, c/o 26 Barchester Drive, Liverpool, L17 5BZ (Telephone: 0151 727 4131).

A short course entitled **Advances in Old Age Psychiatry—Chromosomes to Community Care** will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry, London on 4–5 July 1996. Further information: Mrs Lee Wilding, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (Telephone: 0171 919 3170).

St George's Hospital Medical School have organised the following conferences for 1996: **Dying, Death and Bereavement** – 6 & 22 March; **Eating Disorders** – 25–26 March; and **Counselling in Primary Care** – 12 June. Further information: Andy Bannister, The Conference Unit (MHS), St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (Telephone: 0181 725 5534).

The **Royal College of Psychiatrists First Regional Conference** in Hyderabad, India is to take place from 28 November–1 December 1996 with the theme of Family and Mental Health Challenges and Opportunities. Further information: Professor M. A. M. Khan, Adarshnagar, Hyderabad 500063 India. UK Coordinator: Dr Jafer Qureshi, Mental Health Unit, Brooklands, Brookland Parade, Wolverhampton WV1 2ND (Telephone: 01902 451063).

The **Winnicott Centenary Lectures** have been organised by the Squiggle Foundation and are planned for various Saturdays throughout 1996. The second, entitled "**Ingredient X**", is due to take place on 16 March 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).

**Clinical Practice Guidelines Workshops.** The Royal College of Psychiatrists' Clinical Practice Guidelines Office is offering short workshops outlining the Royal College of Psychiatrists' approach to the development of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines. The principles of 'evidence-based medicine' and its relation to guideline development will be discussed, and the processes involved in developing guidelines in a systematic way will be described. Workshops will be held for small groups (max. 15) and will provide plenty of opportunity for discussion.

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Participants will be given a workshop pack containing reference material and details about the Programme to take away with them. The workshops will run from 2.00–3.30 pm and will be held at the Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG. A fee of £20 is charged for the workshop to cover costs. Forthcoming dates include: Monday 18 March, Monday 22 April and Monday 20 May 1996. Please contact Victoria Thomas on 0171 235 2351 x 143 to reserve a place.

The meeting of the World Psychiatric Association, in collaboration with Pakistan Psychiatric Society is holding a regional meeting from 20–22 March 1996 (no longer 20–23 March, contrary to our earlier announcement). The meeting is entitled **Freedom from Depression in the Third Millennium**. Further information: Professor Khalida Tareen, Chairperson Regional Meeting, WPA, Dept of Child & Family Psychiatry, King Edward Medical College, PO Box 621, GPO, Lahore, Pakistan (Fax: 92 42 5753471).

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