
Forthcoming events

Suicide Inquiries and How to Survive Them is a one-day conference organised by the Association for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and the General Psychiatry and Psychotherapy Section of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Taking place on 27 November 1998 at the Tavistock Clinic, London, the conference aims to look at the impact of these inquiries on staff and institutions both in the NHS and the wider community. Further information: Annabel Thomas, APP Conference Administrator, PO Box 322, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 2UY (Telephone/Fax: 0181 582 1922).

Looking After Myself: Spotlight on Health/Dual Diagnosis and Something to Do, Somewhere to Do It: Spotlight on Occupation and Employment are part of a series of conferences on advances in quality care organised by the National Schizophrenia Fellowship. Scheduled for 10 November in Bristol and 8 December in London respectively, they will be of interest to GPs, health and social professionals, carers and service users. **A Meeting of Minds: Positive Reactions to Severe Mental Illness**, is a conference connected to the Fellowship's training courses with the Police. Taking place on 17 November (Manchester), January 1999 (Northants) and March 1999 (London), the conferences are aimed at officers, health and social services professionals, carers and service users. Further information: Julie Traynor, National Schizophrenia Fellowship, 28 Castle Street, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 1SS (Telephone: 0181 547 9214).

How to Stop the Professional Becoming Unprofessional. What are the Factors Inside and Outside of us that Need to be Tackled for us to Stay Professional? and **Counselling the Difficult Patient** are half-day seminars, organised by Mole Conferences, taking place at Britannia Street Conference Centre, London, on 13 and 20 November respectively. Mole conferences have also organised a PTSD Master Class Series entitled **Aspects of Cognition and Emotion as Relevant to PTSD Including Some of the Concepts Used in Cognitive Therapy** which will be held at the Royal Institute of British Architects, London, on 25 November. **PTSD and its Management** is a one-

day conference organised by Pathfinder Mental Health Services NHS Trust at St George's Hospital Medical School, London on 30 November. For further information: Mole Conferences, 47 Tidy Street, Brighton BN1 4EL (Telephone: 01273 242 634, Fax: 01273 235 095, e-mail: pweitz@compuserve.com).

Child and Adolescent Mental Health: Working Together on the Front Line is the theme of three training days organised by Young Minds on 13 November (Bristol), 22 January (London) and 5 March (Birmingham). The roles and responsibilities of front line workers will be explored and identified in relation to promoting and supporting mental health, facilitating early intervention and accessing specialist services when appropriate. **Children's Mental Health: The Early Years** and **Adolescent Turmoil: Is it Normal?** are two special seminars taking place at the NCVO, London on 4 December 1998 and 12 February 1999 respectively. Both aim to increase awareness in child and adolescent development, explore difficulties encountered and possible solutions. Further information: Louise Swainson, Young Minds, 102-108 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1M 5SA (Telephone: 0171 336 8445, Fax: 0171 336 8446, e-mail: young.minds@ukonline.co.uk).

Career Development Day for Women Psychiatrists is the first of two one-day meetings to be held at the Maudsley Hospital, London. Organised by the Royal College of Psychiatrists Women in Psychiatry Special Interest Group and taking place on 19 November, its focus includes highlighting areas where greater penetration by female psychiatrists is needed such as management, policy-making, research and media presentation. **Anxiety Disorders: The Essentials of Behavioural Psychotherapy** will be held on 7 January 1999. This will be of interest to clinicians from all backgrounds and will focus on practical management strategies which can be readily incorporated into participants' own clinical practice. A one-day workshop entitled **The Gudjonsson Suggestibility Scales** will also be taking place at the Institute of Psychiatry, London on 1 December 1998. The workshop is aimed at Chartered Psychologists and other practitioners or researchers with relevant

experience. Further information on all the above: Mrs Lee Wilding, Short Courses Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (Telephone: 0171 919 3170, Fax: 0171 740 5172, e-mail: L.wilding@iop.bpmf.ac.uk).

The Joint Biannual Meeting of the Society for Psychosomatic Research and the Liaison Psychiatry Section of the Royal College of Psychiatrists entitled **Treatment Dilemmas in the General Hospital**, will take place on 14–15 December 1998 at the Royal College of Physicians, London. Further information: Conference Unit, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave

Square, London SW1X 8PG (Telephone: 0171 235 2351, Fax: 0171 245 1231).

The Philosophy Special Interest Group of the Royal College of Psychiatrists have organised a one-day conference entitled **R. D. Laing, Psychiatrist/Philosopher (1927–1989)**, taking place on 9 January 1999 at the School of Oriental and African Studies, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG. Further information: Mrs Joanna Carroll, CPD Unit, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG (Telephone: 0171 235 2351 ext. 108, Fax: 0171 259 6507, e-mail: jcarroll@rcpsych.ac.uk).

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