

Forthcoming Events

The Mental Health Foundation in association with the Royal College of Physicians will be holding a conference entitled '**Depression: An Integrative Approach**' at the Royal College of Physicians, London, on 3 March 1988. Application forms: The Assistant Registrar, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE.

The Group-Analytic Society (London) will be holding their 15th London Workshop from 29 December 1987–2 January 1988 entitled '**Male and Female in Groups. Reflections of Gender in Group Analysis**'. It will include small groups, small single sex groups, large groups, lectures, informal discussions and social events. Fee: £210. Application forms: Brenda Ling, Administrative Director, The Group-Analytic Society and the Institute of Group Analysis, 1 Daleham Gardens, London NW3 5BY.

A clinical meeting entitled '**Postpartum Illness: Psychological Perspectives**' is being held at the Robert Menzies Lecture Theatre, Monash Medical Centre, Clayton Road, Clayton, Melbourne, Australia on 11 and 12 February 1988 when the keynote speakers will be Professor Ian Brockington and Dr Ramesh Kumar. Further information: Dr Ashoka Prasad, Director of Psychopharmacology, Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital, Private Bag No. 3, Parkville, Victoria 3052, Australia.

A conference entitled '**Fundamentals of Geriatric Psychiatry**' will be held on 3 and 4 June 1988 at the Medical Sciences Building, University of Toronto. Fee: \$200. Further information: Continuing Education, Faculty of Medicine, Medical Sciences Building, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A8, Canada.

The **First International Conference on Refractory Depression** will be held on 6 and 7 October 1988 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. Further information: Jay Amsterdam, MD, Depression Research Unit, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, PA, 36th & Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19104–4283, USA.

The **9th Annual POP (Paediatric, Obstetric and Psychiatric) Conference** entitled 'The Effects of Addiction on Pregnancy and Child Rearing' will be held on 25 March 1988. Further information and application forms: Mr B. G. Daly, The

Postgraduate Teaching Centre, The London Hospital Medical College, 47 Turner Street, London E1 2AD (telephone 01 377 7637).

A **convention on community mental health** entitled 'Successful Initiatives in Community Mental Health' will be held at the NHS Training and Studies Centre, Harrogate, on 17–19 February 1988. The sponsors are the NHS Training Authority, The White Hart, and the National Unit for Psychiatric Research and Development (NUPRD), Lewisham Hospital. Cost £185 per person. Further information: Mr P. Haynes, NHS Training and Studies Centre, The White Hart, Cold Bath Road, Harrogate HG2 0NF (telephone 0423 505681).

A **multi-disciplinary conference on transcultural issues** will be held on 16 April 1988 at Northampton and will include lectures on mental health, family processes, community health, community involvement, child care, educational assessment and educational resources etc. in the context of race and culture. Further details: Dr K. N. Dwivedi, Psychiatric Tutor, Springfield, Cliftonville, Northampton NN1 5BF (telephone 0604 30082).

The Portman Clinic is holding a course of 22 seminars from 12 January–5 July 1988 on the **understanding of sexual and social deviance**. The seminars will take place weekly at the Portman Clinic on Tuesdays from 1–2.30 p.m. Fee: £75. The course aims to increase the understanding of the psycho-dynamics of offenders and to study their impact on working relationships among the various professionals involved. The course is open to experienced professionals from the National Health Service, the judicial system and voluntary organisations working with offenders. Those wishing to participate (and who will be able to attend the full course) should write to the Clinic giving their names and addresses, details of present appointment and forensic experience. *Closing date for applications: 15 December 1987.* Further information: Dr Estela V. Welldon, Co-ordinator of Higher Specialist Training in Psychotherapy, Portman Clinic, 8 Fitzjohns Avenue, London NW2 5NA.

The **IVth International Conference of Psychophysiology**, held under the auspices of the International Organisation of Psychophysiology, will take place in Prague, Czechoslovakia, from 12–17 September 1988. The official language of the Conference will be English. Further information: Association of Czechoslovak Medical Societies, J. E. Purkyně, IVth ICP, PO Box 88, CS-120 26 Praha 2, Czechoslovakia.

A study conference entitled '**Therapeutic Environments: into the 1990s**' arranged by the Planned Environment Therapy Trust and the Association of Therapeutic Communities will take place from 4–7 January 1988 at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park. Keynote speakers include Professor K. Jones, Dr Margaret Norris, Peter Righton, Ken Murray, Malcolm Payne, Simon Rodway and Hugh Barr. Fee (including accommodation) £190. Further details: Dr J. Stuart Whiteley, Henderson Hospital, 2 Homeland Drive, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5LT (telephone 01 661 1611).

Henderson Hospital Introductory Course in Groupwork: this full day release course on 10 consecutive Tuesdays will be held from 19 January–22 March 1988 (9.15 a.m.–4.30 p.m.) for professionals working in the field of mental health or with the 'socially deviant' and who have recently commenced or are about to commence working in groups. Further information and application forms: Catherine Murray, Group Work Course Convenor, Henderson Hospital, 2 Homeland Drive, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5LT (telephone 01 661 1611).

Management Training Using the Outdoors: The next outdoor management course of psychiatric services is planned for the week beginning 25 April 1988 and will be held in Brecon Beacons National Park. This follows the success of the course held last March. Emphasis will be on the development of teamwork and leadership skills. Further information: Dr Helena Waters, 4 Crodingley Farm Court, Thong Lane, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire HD7 2TY (telephone 0484 681268/681282) or John Sturt (telephone 0623 797555).

The Institute of Group Analysis invites applications to join a **Black and White Large Group**, shortly to be formed, of black and white people from different fields of practice including those from statutory and voluntary organisations concerned with developing equal opportunity policies in their settings. Currently there will be a charge of £48 per term of 10 meetings which will be held each week on Thursday evenings from 8.00–9.30 p.m. Commencing date: 7 February 1988. Further information: The Secretary, The Institute of Group Analysis, 1 Daleham Gardens, London NW3 5BY (telephone 01 431 2693).

A **workshop in psychodrama** will be held by Marcia Karp, a graduate of the Moreno Academy and leading British psychodramatist, at the Warneford Hospital, Oxford from 4–6 March 1988. Further information: Dr S. Bloch, Department of Psychotherapy, Warneford Hospital, Oxford OX3 7JX. (Please enclose s.a.e.).

The Department of Forensic Psychiatry, St George's Hospital, London will be convening a two day conference on 23 and 24 June 1988 in the Edward Wilson Room, St George's Hospital Medical School entitled '**Perspectives on Violence**'. Speakers will speak from anthropological, socio-cultural, historical and psychoanalytic points of view. They currently include Don Campbell, Pat Gallwey, Ronald Hayman, Kevin Howells, Joyce McDougall, Ismond Rosen, Mike Rowlands and Hyatt Williams. Places will be limited. Further details: Tim Scannell, Department of Forensic Psychiatry, Clare House, St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, London SW17 8PA (telephone 01 416 0033).

The **British Psycho-Analytical Society** is currently holding a series of related Lecture Days given by Members of the Society. 'Contributions of Melanie Klein' will be held on 23 January 1988 and 'Contributions of Wilfred Bion' will be held on 13 February 1988. Fee for the day: £18 (includes morning coffee and afternoon tea). Admission by ticket only. Further enquiries: The Hon. Secretary, Public Lectures Committee, The Institute of Psycho-Analysis, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD (telephone 01 580 4952)

The Psychoanalysis Unit of University College London (in collaboration with the *British Journal of Psychotherapy*) will be holding a conference on '**Psychoanalysis and Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy: Similarities and Differences**' on the afternoon of 22 April and all day on 23 April 1988 at University College. Registration fee before 1 March 1988: £49. Details and registration forms: Professor J. Sandler, Psychoanalysis Unit, University College, 26 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AP.

Contributions for this section should be submitted two months in advance of publication.

Christmas Holiday

The College will be closed from 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 24 December, 1987 until 8.00 a.m. on Monday, 4 January 1988.

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