

Forthcoming events

Liaison Psychiatry Conference: The College Group for Liaison Psychiatry will be holding a weekend conference at St Edmund Hall, Oxford from 15–17 September 1989. There will be sessions on the future of liaison psychiatry, reaction to physical illnesses, fatigue syndromes, child psychiatry, evaluation of treatment, and research methods. Speakers will include three North American and two European presenters. Further information can be obtained from Jean Wales at the College.

The First Regional Symposium of the World Association of Social Psychiatry will be held in Madrid from 29 June–1 July 1989. Further information: I Symposium Regional de la Asociacion Mundial de Psiquiatria Social, TILSA, Londres, 39, 28028 Madrid, Spain.

A conference to address issues of race and culture entitled '**Community Care: What is Being Done?**', organised by the Transcultural Psychiatry Society (UK), will be held at Regent's College, London on 12 and 13 May 1989. There will be presentations of community projects and discussion of a possible Community Treatment Order. Conference fee: £27 (reduction for students). Applications and further information: Mr Asad Abbas, District Psychologist, Darenth Park Hospital, Dartford, Kent DA5 6LZ (telephone 0322 29322).

A conference entitled '**Alzheimer 125: Dementia of the Alzheimer Type (DAT) and Other Related Psychiatric and Neurological Disorders**' will be held from 19–21 July 1989. Course fee: £150. As an organisation accredited by the ACCME to sponsor continuing medical education, the American Psychiatric Association certifies that this continuing medical education activity meets the criteria for 18 credit hours in Category I for the CME requirement of the APA and for the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. Further information: Nadine Morgan, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone 01 703 5411, extension 3170).

The **Champernowne Trust** is holding its annual residential course for those interested in the arts in therapy at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park from 22–28 July 1989. The title will be 'Private Faces – Public Places' and the course will include lectures and creative workshops. The provisional list of contributors includes Ronald Blythe, Tom Conti, Michael Edwards, Rosalind Edwards, Monica

Furlong, Jane Mayers, Keith Murray and Peter Tatham. Further details: Rosalind Bennet, 14 Cornwallis Avenue, Clifton, Bristol BS8 4PP.

The North West Division's Trainees' Day will take place at the Prestwich Conference Centre on 22 May 1989. The morning's theme will be 'Politics and Psychiatry'. Speakers will include Dr Dafyd Huws, Consultant Psychiatrist and National Chairman of Plaid Cymru; Mrs Renée Short, Honorary Fellow of the College, former MP, and now a member of the Medical Research Council; and Dr J. L. T. Birley, President of the College. Further details: Dr L. M. Lovett, University Department of Psychiatry, Royal Liverpool Hospital, PO Box 147, Liverpool L69 3BX.

The Tavistock Clinic will be holding a course entitled '**Therapeutic Communication with Children**' starting in October 1989. The course aims to increase understanding of children's communications and of the therapeutic process. It is intended to provide a psychodynamic background for those who have had no formal training in psychoanalytic psychotherapy with children and is open to members of professions involved in child guidance, departments of child psychiatry and related fields, who are already engaged in individual work with children and who are willing to contribute current clinical material. Further information and application form: The Training Administrator, The Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (telephone 01 435 7111, extension 313 or 469).

The Tavistock Clinic will be holding a course of **Monthly Consultation Seminars** commencing in October 1989. It is designed to meet the needs of senior practitioners in the helping professions who are actively engaged in consulting to groups or whole organisational units. It has been arranged particularly to suit applicants who wish to expand their consultation skills and who live and work outside London. Further information and application form: The Training Administrator, The Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (telephone 01 435 7111, extension 313 or 469).

The Inaugural Meeting of the **British Sleep Society** will take place in Edinburgh on 4 and 5 September 1989. There will be original presentations and reviews from British and overseas speakers. Areas covered will include Sleep, Physiology and Pharmacology and Breathing during Sleep. Further information: Dr Neil J. Douglas, Department of Respiratory Medicine,

City Hospital, Greenbank Drive, Edinburgh, EH10 5SB (telephone 031 447 1001) or Dr Colin M. Shapiro, Department of Psychiatry, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside Park, Edinburgh, EH10 5HF (telephone 031 447 2011).

The **Association for Family Therapy** will be holding the **14th Annual Training Meeting** at Wentworth College, University of York, from 20–23 September 1989. The plenary will focus on race and gender issues, and a wide range of workshops will be available. Participants at all levels of expertise are welcomed. The trainers' section will consider aspects of adult education with the theme of 'Learning to Teach and Teaching to Learn'. Further details and application forms: Di Roblin (Conference Secretary), telephone 0634 813661.

The Institute of Family Therapy will be holding a two-day conference on 26 and 27 June 1989 entitled '**Child Care and the State**' at the Edward Lewis Theatre, University College London and Middlesex Medical School, Cleveland Street, London W1. The conference will focus on the development of Professor Salvador Minuchin's work from *Families of the Slums* to his current research with his wife Professor Patricia Minuchin on the parts played in State intervention in family life. Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Margaret Adcock will both present their own thinking on the topic of the conference, and enter into the discussion with Professor Minuchin. Fee: £65. Further information: The Training Administrator, Conferences 1989, Institute of Family Therapy, 43 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RG (telephone 01 224 3291).

The **British Institute of Mental Handicap** will be holding a series of conferences, courses and workshops during 1989. Topics include Bereavement and Loss: A Counselling Approach; Coping with Aggressive Behaviour Difficulties; Assessment and Treatment of Anxiety and Phobia for People with a Mental Handicap; and Coping with Aggressive Behaviour Difficulties. Further information: British Institute of Mental Handicap, Wolverhampton Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 3PP (telephone 0562 850251).

The Psychiatry Research Trust announce that the **Fourth Thomas James Okey Memorial Lecture** will be given by Dr G. V. Stimson (Director, Monitoring Research Group, Goldsmiths' College, University of London) on **AIDS and HIV: The Challenge for British Drug Services** on 25 May 1989 at the Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Institute of Psychiatry. Further information: Deanna Voos, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF.

The Psychiatry Research Trust announce that the **Third Benno Pollak Lecture** will be given by W. A.

Lishman (Professor of Neuropsychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, University of London) on **Alcohol and the Brain** on 13 June 1989 at the Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Institute of Psychiatry. Further information: Deanna Voos, Institute of Psychiatry, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF.

A three day **advanced course** for senior registrars and consultants on **Old Age Psychiatry** will be held from 12–14 July 1989 at St Mary's Hospital Medical School (University of London). Subjects include: epidemiology of mental illness, measurements and research; delirium; the nosology of the dementias; Alzheimer's disease; the aetiology, investigations, psychological assessments and treatments; dysthymic disorders; social and biological factors of depression; management of intractable depression; neurosis and personality disorders; late life paranoid disorders; psychopharmacology in the elderly and reviews and views on the White Paper and the Griffiths' Report. Also included are workshops on planning and developments of new services and management issues as related to elderly services. Speakers: Professors Tom Arie, Elaine Murphy, John Copeland and Brice Pitt, Drs Klaus Bergmann, Martin Rosser, John Kellett, Paul Bridges and others. Fees: £190.00 (including coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner). Accommodation available at an adjacent University Hall at £20.00 per night. Further details: Ms Margaret O'Mahoney, Academic Unit of Old Age Psychiatry, St Charles' Hospital, London W10 6DZ. (telephone 01-969 2488, extension 2708. **Closing date: 16 June 1989.**

The **Jewish Mental Health Group** will be holding the following meetings to provide a forum for Jews in the caring professions to discuss mental health care issues from a Jewish perspective: 9 May 1989, Wendy Greengross on 'Jews and Sexuality'; 23 May, Tony Bayfield on 'Intermarriage'; 1 June, Stephen Frosh on 'Psychoanalysis and Racism'; 2 July, Robert Nathan on 'Professional Identity and being Jewish'. All the meetings start at 8 p.m. Venues and further details: 01-435 1743 or 01-670 9081.

The Institute of Psychiatry, Bethlem Royal Hospital and The Maudsley Hospital will be holding their **Annual Conference on Recent Advances in Learning Disabilities** on 25 May 1989. Further information: Nadine Morgan, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone: 01-703 5411, extension 3170).

The Institute of Psychiatry, Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital will be holding the **Present State Examination – a Familiarisation Course** from 24–26 July 1989. The course will be presented by Dr Paul E. Bebbington and is based on teaching from video-taped interviews, suitable for persons

already trained wishing to learn something of the instrument and to increase their knowledge of psychopathology. Course fee: £150 (including lunch and refreshments). Further information: Nadine Morgan, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone: 01-703 5411, extension 3170).

The 10th Anniversary POP (Paediatric, Obstetric, Psychiatric) Conference will be held at the London Hospital Medical College on 27 September 1989. The theme will be 'Perinatal Influences on the Parent-Child Relationship - ten years on'. Further information: The Postgraduate Teaching Centre, The London Hospital Medical College, 47 Turner Street, London E1 2AD (telephone: 01-377 7637).

A two-day course on '**Teaching Interview Skills to General Practitioners**' will be held in Manchester on 10 and 11 July 1989. This course, organised jointly by the Manchester University Department of Psychiatry and the National Unit for Psychiatric Research and Development, will be open to psychiatrists of any grade but will be of principal value to academics, consultants and senior registrars. It is concerned with new approaches to general practitioner/psychiatrist liaison and will focus on ways of making an impact on the general practice consultation. Further details: Wendy Hughes, Rawsley Building, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9WL (telephone 061-276 5331).

The Portman Clinic is again offering a course of **weekly seminars** exploring the **psychodynamic basis of sexual perversion and social deviancy** from 10 October 1989 to 3 July 1990 on Tuesdays from 1.00-2.30 p.m. There will be about 10 seminars to a term and the course will run for three terms. It is open to medical and non-medical professionals who have had some, although not necessarily extensive, experience in psychotherapy. Fee for the three terms: £200. The course has been approved under Section HM67/27 and HM63. Closing date for applications: 16 October 1989. Further information: Dr Estela V. Welldon, Clinical Tutor, Portman Clinic, 8 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 5NA.

The Portman Clinic will be holding a series of **weekly Ward Rounds** from 5.00-6.30 p.m. every Monday for three terms starting 25 September 1989. The aim is to familiarise junior psychiatrists (SHOs and registrars) and clinical psychologists with the basic psychodynamic principles of forensic psychotherapy. Participants are expected to present material from patients that they are seeing on either an in-patient or out-patient basis. Participants will be accepted for a mini-

um of any one term and longer participation is encouraged. Fee: £55 per term. Closing date for applications: 1st Term: 31 July 1989. 2nd Term: 23 December 1989 (term starts 5 February 1990). 3rd Term: 27 April 1990 (term starts 7 May 1990). Further information: Dr Estela V. Welldon, Clinical Tutor, Portman Clinic, 8 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 5NA.

The Portman Clinic will be holding a series of eight monthly consultation-supervision seminars on **Group Psychotherapy of Sexual Perversions - Delinquency - Crime** from 2.00-5.00 p.m. every fourth Friday in the month from 27 October 1989 designed for all professionals in the field who work in special hospitals, prisons, medium secure units, forensic departments and probation services offices, who are already engaged in group therapy and also for those who wish to start to run programmes for group psychotherapy for their patients/clients. It has been especially arranged to suit applicants who wish to have consultation and supervision on their work and who may work out of London. Registration fee: £130. **Closing date for application form:** 7 July 1989. Further information: Dr Estela V. Welldon, Clinical Tutor, Portman Clinic, 8 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 5NA.

Therapy with couples, at the Maudsley Marital Therapy Clinic: a newly established intensive one year course in marital and sexual therapy using the behavioural/systems approach will be held on Mondays (9.30 a.m.-6.0 p.m.), commencing October 1989, leading to a Certificate which will be a requirement for entrance to the one year Diploma course commencing October 1990. Further information: Mrs Jane Ridley, Course Co-ordinator, The Maudsley Hospital, London SE5 8AZ (telephone: 01-948 3898).

The First Annual Residential Conference of the Wales Psychiatric Rehabilitation Interest Group/B.P.S. Division of Clinical Psychology (South, Mid & West Wales Branch) will take place from 20-22 September 1989 at Gregynog (University of Wales Conference Centre, Newtown, Powys). Speakers to include: Paul Clifford, Frank Holloway, Max Birchwood, Lawrence Conway (Welsh Office), and John Payne (Wales MIND). Workshops on: Day care; evaluation; services for people with schizophrenia. There will be an Open Forum on developments in Wales (short papers invited). Fee: £75 (discount of £5 for bookings received before 30 June 1989; additional discount of £5 for DCP members). Further details: Rod Gentry or Ian Hughes, Psychology Department, Whitchurch Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF4 7XB (telephone: 0222 693191, extension 6580).

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