
Forthcoming events

The Royal College of Psychiatrists has organised a day-long conference entitled **Defeat Depression Campaign; Retrospect and Prospect**, to address the past and future of the Defeat Depression Campaign, both at a national and regional level. This will take place at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London on 23 October 1996. Further information: Deborah Hart, The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8GP (telephone: 235 2351 ext 127/154).

The Royal Society of Medicine is hosting two forthcoming meetings: **Sex and Health Services in the 1990s and Beyond** to be held on 8 October 1996 and also **Mental Health Services for Children and their Families in General Practice** due to take place on Tuesday 19 November. Further information: Tim Hoof, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (telephone: 0171 290 2985 fax 0171 290 2909).

The Glasgow Communication Skills Course will be held on the 24–27 October, the 14–17 November and the 5–8 December 1996. The course has full PGEA accreditation leading to the Neuro Linguistic Programming Practitioner Certificate, and is confined to medically qualified practitioners. Further details: Dr Kathleen Long, 32 Skirving Street, Glasgow G41 3AA (telephone: 0141 636 0490).

A two day conference organised by The College Research Unit in association with the NHS Executive. **Information for Mental Health Care: The Common Agenda** will be held at the New Connaught Rooms, London on 29–30 October 1996. The programme features plenary and parallel sessions on developments towards integrated clinical information systems and demonstrations of leading mental health information systems. Further information: Professional Briefings, 120 Wilton Road, London SW1 1JZ (telephone: 0171 233 8332 fax 0171 233 7779).

Pavilion Publishers in association with King's College London will present a national one-day conference entitled **Just About Managing Crises**, to be held on 5 November 1996 at ORT House Conference Centre, London. The conference will focus on developments in service responses to mental health crises. Further details: Pavilion Publishing (Brighton) Ltd, FREE-POST (BR458), 8 St George's Place, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 4ZZ (telephone: 01273 623222 fax 01273 625526).

The Autumn Conference of the Tavistock Marital Studies Institute and the Portman Clinic entitled **Sexualities and the Couple** will take place on the 8–9 November 1996 at the Tavistock Centre. Further information: Grace Newball, Training Secretary (TMSI), Tavistock Marital Studies Institute, Tavistock Centre, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (telephone: 0171 447 3725 fax 0171 435 1080).

The Transcultural Special Interest Group of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, is holding a one day meeting at the College on Tuesday, 19 November 1996, entitled **Education and Training for Psychiatrists**. Further details: Annabel Thomas (telephone: 0171 235 2351 ext 145 fax 0171 245 1231), or Dr Deenesh Khoosal, Department of Psychiatry, Leicester General Hospital, Leicester LE5 4PW (telephone: 0116 2490490 ext 4727).

The Contribution of Social Anthropology to the Education and Training of Psychiatrists will take place on 22–23 November 1996 at the Salvin Room, Keele University. Further information: Miss Tracy Brittan (telephone: 01782 716019).

The Royal College of Psychiatrists Regional Meeting will take place in Hyderabad, India from the 28 November to 1 December 1996. Further details and registration: Professor M. A. M. Khan, Adarshnagar, Hyderabad–500 063, India (telephone: 0091 40 241481 fax 0091 40 390410).

The XIX Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention is to be held on 23–27 March 1997, at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, South Australia. For further information contact: SAPMEA Conventions, 80 Brougham Place, North Adelaide 5006 South Australia (telephone: +61 8 239 1515 fax +61 8 239 1566).

The British Psycho-Analytical Society organise meetings, courses, lectures and seminars on a regular basis. Details can be obtained from them at the following address: 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD (telephone: 0171 580 4952).

Who owns Voices? Who owns Psychosis? Language in Crisis. Action Consultancy and Training in association with the Hearing Voices Network are pleased to announce the 8th annual conference on hearing voices, to be held in Birmingham from 15–16 November 1996.

Further information: ACT, Snowdon Mill, Snowdon Street, Porthmadog, Gwynnedd, Wales (telephone: 01766 514 424).

The Gender Identity Development Unit of the Portman Clinic is presenting a two-day international conference entitled **A Stranger in My Own Body: atypical gender identity development and mental health**. This will take place at the Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust, London from 22–23 November. Further details: The Conference Unit, The Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (telephone: 0171 447 3715). Please quote ref. C51.

The one-year **Postgraduate Certificate in Psychotherapy** of the Section of Psychological Medicine at the University of Warwick is open to applications from interested psychiatrists and trainees. Week-long courses entitled **Essentials of psychotherapeutic theory** run from 9–13 December 1996 and **Choosing between psychotherapies** run from 17–21 March 1997. Further details: Mrs Marjorie Eaves (telephone: 01203 523913 fax 01203 524311).

The **Annual Conference of the British Psychosocial Oncology Society (BPOS)** will take place from 9–11 December at the Royal College of

Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. Further information: Dr Sidney Bindemann, Phoenix Cancer Foundation, Ross Hall Hospital, 221 Crockston Road, Glasgow G52 3NQ (telephone: 0141 810 3151 fax 01555 860110).

A conference entitled **Fitting the Pieces Together—Improving Access to Primary Health Care for People with a Learning Disability** has been organised for any professional working with people with learning disabilities. This will take place at Birmingham Medical Institute, Edgbaston, Birmingham on 14 November. Further information: David Martin, Streetly Road Surgery, 160 Streetly Road, Erdington, Birmingham B23 7BD (telephone: 0121 350 2323).

The European Association for Mental Health in Mental Retardation has organised an **International Conference on People with Mental Handicap who Offend**. This will take place from 29–30 November 1996 at Free University, Amsterdam. Further information: Paul Engelen, Conference Organiser, PAO, PO Box 325, 2300 AH Leiden, The Netherlands (telephone: +31 71 5143143 fax +31 71 5140145).

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