Forthcoming events

The Seventh Leeds Examination Techniques Course is to be held in Leeds from 11-13September, 1996 at St James's Hospital in Leeds. This three day course will help candidates learn the skill of effective clinical case presentation, MCQ technique (Part I and II exams, 11-12/9/96) and essay, PMP and SAW technique (Part II exam 13/9/96). Closing date for applications Friday 6 September, 1996. Further details are available from Monika Stephenson (Telephone 0113 243 3144 ext. 5646).

Interaction of Substance Misuse and Dissociative Disorders: Treatment Implications for Recovering Women is a two day seminar for mental health professionals in the fields of psychology, psychiatry, nursing and social work and is due to take place from 9–10 September in London. Further information: Rosa Della-Tolla, 23a Turret Grove, London SW4 0ES (Tel/Fax: 0171 720 0599).

The Annual Windsor Conference entitled **A Therapeutic Community for Europe: defining our work internationally** runs from 9–12 September, 1996. Further information: Association of Therapeutic Communities, 13–15 Pine Street, London EC1R 0JH (Tel/Fax: 0181 950 9557).

A symposium will be held by the British Society of Psychosomatic Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Andrology (BSPOGA) entitled **Communicating and Counselling in Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Andrology** on 9 September 1996 at the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Regent's Park, London. Further information: Brenda Campbell, Ashington Hospital, West View, Ashington, Northumberland NE63 OSA (Telephone: 01670 521212 ext. 2089).

Exeter Psychotherapy Conference, to be held at Exeter University, is due to take place from 26–27 September, 1996. Further information: Dr Richard Tillett, Psychotherapy Dept., Wonford House Hospital, Exeter EX2 5AF (Telephone: 01392 403446) or Dept of Continuing Education and Training, University of Exeter, Streatham Rise, Exeter EX4 4PE (Telephone: 01392 411906).

The **Second Conference on Forensic Psychiatry**, involving British, Israeli and Palestinian psychiatrists and other health professionals has been organised for 30 September-1 October 1996 at the British Dental Association, London. Further information: Dr H Gordon, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Broadmoor Hospital, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG45 7EG (Telephone: 01344 773111 ext. 4074).

There will be a skills training course in **Cognitive Behavioural Therapy** at the Institute of Psychiatry between October and June 1996–97. In addition, there will be a **Diploma** course for those interested in reaching a higher level of competency. For application forms and further information: Mrs Geraldine Davies, Dept of Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (Telephone: 0171 919 3242).

A Freud Museum Day Conference entitled **Psychoanalysis and the Future of Ageing** will take place on Saturday 19 October 1996. Further information: The Conference Secretary, The Freud Museum, 20 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SX (Telephone: 0171 435 2002).

A one year postgraduate, multidisciplinary **Diploma in Forensic Mental Health** will start in October 1996. The course will be run from the Section of Forensic Psychiatry, St George's Hospital Medical School and is aimed at all professionals from all agencies working with mentally disordered individuals. Further information: The Diploma Secretary, Section of Forensic Psychiatry, Jenner Wing, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 ORE (Telephone: 0181 725 5568).

The National Forum for Mental Health has organised three Current Developments conferences to take place in September and October 1996 covering the themes of **Mental Health of Elderly, Eating Disorders** and **Services for the Mentally Disordered** due to take place on 2–3 September, 30 September and 1 October respectively. Further information: National Conference Secretariat, PO Box B135, Huddersfield HD1 1YG (Telephone: 01484 532102 Fax: 01484 425699).

The **2nd Annual Meeting of the Brain-Immune Network Group** (BING) will be held on 1 November, 1996, at the Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park, London. For registration and further information: Dr Michael Harbuz, Dept of Medicine, Bristol Royal Infirmary, Marlborough

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Street, Bristol BS2 8HW (Telephone: 0117 928 3400 Fax: 0117 928 3315).

A European conference on **Quality Improvement in Mental Health Services: A European Initiative** is due to take place in Girona, Catalonia from 8–9 November 1996. Further information: Catalana de congressos i serveis, Mr Romà Macario, Sant Pere Mitjà, 17, E-08003 – Barcelona (Telephone: 34 3 319 0955 Fax: 34 3 319 1853).

WASP in conjunction with Law & Mental Health would like to announce their 4th International Conference entitled **Schisophrenia 1996: Breaking Down the Barriers.** This will be held in Vancouver, Canada from 6–9 October 1996. Further information: Schizophrenia/CASP/ WASP 1996, c/o Venue West Conference Services Ltd., #645-375 Water Street, Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6B 5C6 (Telephone: (604) 681 5226 Fax: (604) 681 2503).

MIND is offering training tailored to staff in the statutory, housing and voluntary sectors on a broad range of practical issues in mental health. Details of courses and further information: Mary Burguieres, Conference and Training Manager, MIND National Office, Granta House, 15–19 Broadway, London E15 4BQ (Telephone: 0181 519 2122 ext. 214 Fax: 0181 522 1725).

The Beck Institute for Cognitive Therapy and Research Individualised Visitor's Training Program is a structured, custom tailored, individualised programme for visits ranging from four days to three weeks. Application forms and further information: Beck Institute, GSB Bldg, 1 Belmont Avenue, Suite 700, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004, USA.

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