

Forthcoming events

The Portman Clinic 1988 Edward Glover Lecture: Mme Janine Chasseguet-Smirgel (Docteur ès lettres et sciences humaines [Sorbonne]; Training Analyst, Paris Psycho-Analytic Society; Vice-President, International Psychoanalytical Association) will deliver a lecture on the perversions (title to be announced) on 5 December 1988 at 8.15 p.m. at Peter Samuel Hall, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, Rowland Hill Street, London NW3. Admission by ticket (£3). Applications: Mrs J. Wilkins, Lectures Secretary, The Portman Clinic, 8 Fitzjohns Avenue, London NW3 5NA.

The Tavistock Clinic and Brunel University will be holding an Inaugural Joint Conference entitled 'Where It Hurts – Exploring Dangerous Problems' on 4 and 5 November 1988. Further information and applications: Angela Norris, Conference Co-ordinator, Training Office, Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (telephone 01 435 7111).

North Thames Psychiatry Membership Course: Part I (Basic Clinical Science) will be held from 4 October–6 December 1988 and Part II (Advanced Clinical Science) will be held from 6 October–8 December 1988. Registration forms and further information: Wendy Hood, Charing Cross & Westminster Medical School, 24 St Dunstan's Road, London W6 8RP (telephone 01-748 2040, extension 3009).

The Division of Criminological and Legal Psychology Conference entitled 'Children as Law Objects: Use and abuse of children in the legal system' will be held at Wolfson College, Oxford, on 2 December 1988. Speakers will include Professor Graham Davies, North East London Polytechnic; Dr Robert Dingwall, Oxford University; Dr Kathleen Murray, Glasgow University; and Dr Jon Spencer, Cambridge University. The conference will consider various aspects of the law and the legal system as they relate to children. Topics will include public enquiries, present and proposed legislation, children in Court, the Scottish legal system and children, and children's rights. Fee: £25 (includes lunch, morning coffee and afternoon tea). Further details and application forms: Dr Tim Williams, Erleigh Road Clinic, 25 Erleigh Road, Reading (Ansaphone 0734 351824).

The 1989 Annual Conference of the Association for Death Education and Counseling will be held from 14–16 April 1989 at the Tremont Plaza Hotel,

Baltimore, Maryland, USA. The theme will be 'Death in the Public Scene: Facing the 1990s'. Further information: Dr Dana G. Cable, PO Box 720, Frederick, MD 21701, USA.

A four day residential course entitled '**Research Methods for Surgeons**' will be held at the Institute of Dental Surgery, London, from 4–7 January 1989. Fee: £250 inclusive. Further information: Mrs Lorna Sterling, Research Secretary, Institute of Dental Surgery, Eastman Dental Hospital, 256 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8LD (telephone 01-837 3646, extension 2062).

The European College of Psychopharmacology will be holding a conference organised by Prof. C. G. Gottfries, St Jorgens Hospital, Gothenburg, Sweden, from 24–26 May 1989. Topics: pharmacological strategies in treatment of ageing and dementia; 5-hydroxytryptamine-selective reuptake inhibitors in treatment of psychiatric disorders; molecular biology in neuropsychopharmacology; European standards for psychopharmacological research; excitatory amino acids, physiology and neuropharmacology; psychopharmacology of aggression; schizophrenia and brain imaging. Further information: Mrs Gabriele Bech-Andersen, ECNP Congress, Stationsvej 11, DK-8800 Viborg, Denmark.

The British Postgraduate Medical Federation is organising a new course on **Dying and Bereavement Counselling** from February to November 1989. Fee: £800. Further details and application forms: Courses Department, British Postgraduate Medical Federation, 33 Millman Street, London WC1N 3EJ (telephone 01 831 6222, extension 176).

The World Association for Infant Psychiatry and Allied Disciplines will be holding a conference entitled 'New Directions in Infancy' in Lugano from 20–24 September 1989. Further information: Dr Ferruccio Bianchi, Servizio Medico-Psicologico, Via Simen 10, CH-6904, Lugano, Switzerland.

A Day Course on Autism for Doctors will be held at the King's Fund Centre, London NW1, on 3 February 1989. Fee: £25 (inclusive of lunch and proceedings). Further details: Tracey Sellers, The Inge Wakehurst Memorial Trust Fund, National Autistic Society, 276 Willesden Lane, London NW2 5RB (telephone 01-451 1114).

A Symposium on Sexual Problems: Causes and treatment will be held at The Priory Hospital on 12 October 1988. Topics: Physical aspects of sexual dysfunction (Dr John Kellett, Consultant Psychiatrist and Senior Lecturer, St George's Hospital Medical School); Psychosexual counselling (Mrs Margaret Ramage, Tutor in Human Sexuality, St George's Hospital Medical School); Sex and marriage (Dr Mike Crowe, Consultant Psychiatrist, Institute of Psychiatry). Further information: The Medical Director, The Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ.

A one day Symposium entitled **Disorders of Eating** will be held in London on 25 November 1988; it will be an update on recent clinical findings in the area with particular emphasis on prevention and treatment. Further information and registration: Lyndsay Watson, Charter Clinic Chelsea, 1-5 Radnor Walk, London SW3 4PB (telephone 01-351 1272).

The **5th Annual Conference of the British Psychosocial Oncology Group** will be held at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, London on 2 December 1988. Topics to be covered include ethical issues surrounding euthanasia, care of the terminally ill, assessment of quality of life, teaching of counselling skills, screening for psychological morbidity. Guest speakers: Dr Pieter Admiraal, Dr Sheila Cassidy and Dr Maurice Slevin. *Closing date for applications: 25 November 1988.* Further details and application forms: Dr Maggie Watson (Organiser), British Psychosocial Oncology Group, CRC Psychological Medicine Group, The Royal Marsden Hospital, Downs Road, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5PT.

The first national multi-speciality conference on the **Recent Advances in Erectile Dysfunctions** will be held at the Queen Elizabeth Post-Graduate Centre on 5 and 6 November 1988. Further details: Joanne Snead, Organising Secretary, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton (telephone 0902 732255, extension 2548).

The **Association for Child Psychology and Psychiatry Study Group Conference** entitled 'Behaviour Problems and Health Visiting - Working Together' will be held on 4 November 1988 in Bodington Hall, University of Leeds and 14 November 1988 at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. Cost: £16. Further information: Carol Howie, ACP, 4 Southampton Row, London WC1 (telephone 01 831 2977).

The **Peruvian Psychoanalytic Society**, a member of the International Psychoanalytic Society, has organised a symposium on the topic of myths to be held from 28 April-1 May 1989 at the National University San Antonio Abad of Cusco, which is celebrating the 300th anniversary of its foundation. The symposium will be divided into three areas: universal, American and contemporary myths. Further information: Dr Alberto Péndola, President of the Organising Committee, Peruvian Psychoanalytic Society, Tudela y Varela 470-1, Lima 27, Peru.

A half day seminar, entitled '**Community Care: Coping with the 90s**' will be held at the Windsor Post Graduate Medical Centre on 3 November 1988. The seminar will be chaired by Dr Peter Liddle (Senior Lecturer in Rehabilitation at St Bernard's Hospital); principal speakers: Dr Eve Johnston (CRC, Northwick Park Hospital), Dr J. Burgess (Wycombe General Hospital) and Dr M. Alken (Napsbury Hospital). Cost: £8. Early registration is advisable. Further enquiries: Mrs Christine Chitty, Administrator, Post Graduate Medical Centre, King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor (telephone 0753 860441, extension 6339).

A national symposium on **Recent Advances in Affective Disorder** will be held on 24 November 1988 at the Post Graduate Centre, Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital. The programme will include prominent speakers Professor Cooper and Professor Eccleston. Further information: Dr Harish Gadhvi, Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital, Mental Health Unit, Calow, Chesterfield, Derbyshire (telephone 0246 277271, extension 2443).

Cambridge Group Work, an organisation which provides training and group therapy, will be holding **An Introduction to Group Work** course on Wednesday afternoons from October 1988 until June 1989. Application forms for this course and further information on all Cambridge Group Work activities and fees: The Secretary, Cambridge Group Work, 26 Newnham Road, Cambridge CB3 9EY.

The **Institute for Applied Behaviour Analysis** will be holding a two day seminar on the management of severe challenging behaviour using non-aversive positive techniques in Sheffield (7 & 8 November 1988); Birmingham (10 & 11 November 1988); London (14 & 15 November 1988); and Cardiff (16 & 17 November 1988). Further information: Mrs Charlotte Crookes, Brunswick House, 299 Glossop Road, Sheffield S10 2HL (0742 76444).

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