## Forthcoming events

The Templeton Bristol Lectures for 1995: Psychology, Religious Experience and Mental Health will be given at 8 p.m. in the Mott Lecture Theatre, Bristol University: 2 February: 'Religious Experiences and Psychological Explanations'; 9 February: 'Conversion, Cults and Brainwashing; 16 February: 'Spiritual Healing and Alternative Therapies': 23 February: 'Religious Observance, Health and Society'. Admission free. all welcome.

A one-day conference **Making Teams Work:** providing effective community support for people with serious mental illness will be held on 2 February 1995 at UMIST, Manchester. Further information: The Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health, 134–138 Borough High Street, London SE1 1LB (telephone 071 403 8790; fax 071 403 9482).

The Merseyside Psychotherapy Institute is holding a series of workshops in Liverpool in 1995 entitled **Psychotherapy and Social Context**: 10 February: 'Power and the Origins of Unhappiness'; 31 March: 'Psychotherapy and Social Class: power differentials in psychotherapy'; 23 June: 'Developing Political and Social Concepts within Psychotherapy'. Further information: The MPI Administrator, T Ward, Alder Hey Hospital, Eaton Road, Liverpool L12 2AP.

A congress **Societies in Crisis and Mental Health** will be held from 16–18 February 1995 at the Palais des Congrès, Paris. Further information: Thomas Fiorina, Communication Department, Mercure Communication International, 69 rue Ampère, 75017 Paris, France (telephone 33 1 44 01 23 19; fax 33 1 47 63 52 78).

A one-day workshop of the Transcultural Special Interest Group of the College Ethical **Issues in Transcultural Research** will be held at the College on 20 March 1995. Further information: Mrs Jean Wales, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG or Dr Deenesh Khoosal, Department of Psychiatry, Leicester General Hospital, Gwendolen Road, Leicester LE5 4PW (telephone 0116 2490490, extension 4728).

A conference **The Fragile X Syndrome and Inherited Mental Handicaps** will be held from 19–21 October 1995 at the Palais des Congrès, Caen. Further infromation: Xavier Viollet, Coordination congrès, Association 'Le Goëland', Capucines nº 2, 'Les Fleurs', 61100 Flers, France (telephone 33 33 64 95 17).

## Courses

A short course **Tumours of the Brain:** pathology, biology & therapeutic management will be held from 30 January-2 February 1995 and an intensive didactic course **The Cellular and Molecular Pathology** of **Neurodegenerative Disease** from 6-9 February 1995. Further information about both courses: Mrs L. Wilding, Short Courses Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 919 3170; fax 071 703 5796).

The 45th Residential Revision Course for MRCPsych Parts I and II will be held at the University of Surrey, Guildford. Part I: 22–29 March 1995; Part II: 29 March–6 April 1995. Further information: Mrs Denning or Mrs Wellden, Belmont Postgraduate Psychiatric Centre, Chiltern Wing, Sutton Hospital, Cotswold Road, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5NF (telephone 081 644 4343, extension 4177 (a.m.), 4175 (p.m.).

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