
Forthcoming events

The 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychotherapy Research (UK) will take place in The Raven Hall Hotel, Ravenscar, North Yorkshire on 28–31 March 1999. Further information Debbie Kirby-Mayers, 1 Ansley Grove, Heaton Moor, Stockport SK4 3LF (telephone/fax: 0161 432 4507).

The University of Southampton's Mental Health Group are the organisers of two forthcoming conferences. **Confidentiality in Mental Health Care** will take place in Southampton on 13 April 1999; venue to be confirmed. This will be followed by **Recovering from Schizophrenia**, which is being held in May 1999; venue and date to be confirmed. Further information: The Professional Education and Training Unit (PET), Mental Health Group, University of Southampton, Royal South Hants Hospital, Brintons Terrace, Southampton SO14 0YG.

The Royal Society of Medicine will be holding the following two conferences: **The Influence of Litigation on Medical Practice**, taking place on 13–14 April 1999, and **Healthcare for Minority Groups**, which will be held on 17–18 May 1999. The former provides a forum for deeper understanding of the underlying causes of litigation, of the legal process and of the problems encountered by the medical and legal professions. Topics will include medical practice, and choice, information and consent. The latter is a multi-disciplinary conference which, among other topics, will look at minority healthcare in community settings, aspects of ethnic health and ethical issues for the clinician – rationing/prioritising. The venue for both conferences is the Royal Society of Medicine in London. Further information: Mrs Yvonne Perks, Academic Conference Department, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

Application of Psychodynamic Ideas in Child, Adolescent and Family Psychiatry: A Study Day will be held at the Tavistock Clinic on 2 July

1999. This conference will be of interest to trainees in child and adolescent psychiatry, child mental health staff and interested professionals. A panel of speakers will present clinical work in a wide range of contexts to illustrate the current relevance and importance of psychoanalytic ideas to the management and institutional process. Further information: Jenni Hudson, Conference Unit, The Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (telephone: 0171 447 3715, fax: 0171 447 3837, e-mail: jhudson@tavi-port.org).

The European Association of Mental Health in Mental Retardation, in association with the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD), the Royal College of Psychiatrists – Section of Learning Disability, IASSID – Special Interest Research Group in Mental Health, and the World Psychiatric Association – Section of Mental Retardation, will hold their **Second European Congress** on 8–10 September 1999 at Brunel University, Middlesex, London. Pre-conference courses will be held on 7 September 1999. The aim of the congress is to organise an international forum of experts to exchange views, debate and disseminate ideas on prevention, diagnosis, therapeutic interventions, service provisions, training and research for people with mental retardation, developmental/learning disabilities and mental health needs. Further information: Nicola Murray, CATS, PO Box 123, Tunbridge Wells North, Kent TN4 0ZD (telephone: 01892 519 678, fax: 01892 519 567, e-mail: nicolam.cats@axl.co.uk).

The College is organising a bus for College members attending the **Eleventh World Congress of Psychiatry** in Hamburg on 5–11 August 1999. The bus will leave Belgrave Square on Thursday 5 August returning on Thursday 12 August. Space is limited and will be allocated on a first-come basis. If you are interested please contact Sue Duncan on extension 132 or e-mail sduncan@rpsych.ac.uk.

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