

## Forthcoming events

The Institute of Child Health (University of London) will be holding a course entitled '**Recent Advances in Child Psychiatry**' from 15–19 May 1989. It is intended to update child psychiatrists at consultant and senior level in recent developments in the subject. It is also suitable for child psychiatrists from overseas with a reasonable command of English. Subjects covered will include: childhood autism, sexual abuse, anorexia nervosa, neuropsychiatry, and the psychiatric and psychological aspects of chronic physical disease. Speakers include: Dr Arnon Bentovim, Professor Antony Cox, Professor Philip Graham, Dr David Jones and Professor Michael Rutter. Further details: Anne Crowley, Short Courses Organiser, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1EH (telephone 01 829 8692).

The National Schizophrenia Fellowship will be holding a two day conference on **Assessing Quality in Community Care** from 19–20 May 1989 at the Institution for Optimum Nutrition, 5 Jerdan Place, London SW6. It is designed for people involved in the provision of community care for mentally ill people to acquire techniques for assessing the quality and effectiveness of projects. Price: £25; voluntary organisations: £12.50. Further details: Pam Jenkinson, Conference Organiser, 69 Shepherds Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 2BU (telephone 0344 420202).

The **Alcohol Interventions Training Unit** will be providing a new course in 1989 designed to meet the needs of those working in drug and/or alcohol projects, and practitioners in non-specialist agencies who have responsibility for counselling alcohol/drug abusers. It will be held in Maidstone for one full day per month for nine months from 25 April until 12 December 1989 with breaks during Easter and summer holidays. Fee: £235 (deposit £25, balance payable by 18 April 1989). Further information and application form: Gail Jones, The Alcohol Interventions Training Unit, School of Continuing Education, Rutherford College, The University, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NX (telephone 0227 764000, extension 3691). Please cite Course Number AIA356.

A conference on '**Housing and Resettlement from Hospital**' will be held on 15 March 1989 at Small Hall, Kensington Town Hall, London. Cost: £40. Further information: Good Practices in Mental Health, 380–384 Harrow Road, London W9 2HU.

The **Second Greek/Australian International Medical and Legal Conference** will be held in Rhodes from 25 May to 1 June 1990. Further information: Secretariat, ICMS, PO Box 29, Parkville, Victoria, Australia 3052.

The **fourth Guy's/NUPRD MRCPsych Revision Course on Psychogeriatrics and Examination Technique** will be held at Guy's Hospital on 21 and 22 April 1989. Cost £100 (£50 for one day). Further details and applications: Miss C. Thomas, York Clinic, Guy's Hospital, St Thomas Street, London SE1 9RT (telephone 01 407 7600, extension 3427).

A conference entitled '**Making Community Care Work: The Case Management Approach**' will be held on 20 April 1989 at Humphrey Booth Conference Centre, Ladywell Hospital, Salford. Cost £40 (including coffee, lunch, tea and conference pack). Further information: Jeffrey Cohen, Mental Health Information Unit, Pendelton House, Broughton Road, Salford M6 6LQ (telephone 061 736 4290).

The Forth Valley Health Board Mental Handicap Services will be holding an international conference entitled '**A Better Life for People with a Mental Handicap**' on 26 and 27 April 1989 at the Dunblane Hydro Hotel, Perthshire. Further information: Mrs Suzanne Cockburn, International Conference Organiser, Royal Scottish National Hospital, Bellsdyke Road, Larbert FK5 4EJ (0324 556131).

The Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene and the Institution of Environmental Health Officers will be holding a joint conference on '**Housing and Health: Care in the Community**' on 17 April 1989 at The Robin Brook Centre, St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London EC1A 7BE. Fee: £85 (covers coffee, lunch and tea). Further information: The Secretary, Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, 28 Portland Place, London W1N 4DE (telephone 01 580 2731).

The University of Stirling Social Work Research Centre will be holding a conference on '**Consumer Choice and Community Mental Health Care in Scotland**' from 22–23 June 1989. Further details and bookings: Dr Allyson McCollam or Mrs Pam Lavery, Social Work Research Centre, University of Stirling, Stirling FK9 4LA (telephone 0786 73171, extension 2134).

The Association for Family Therapy, Institute of Family Therapy and Institute of Psychiatry will be holding the first national conference on the links between family research and family and marital practice entitled **'Family Research and Family Therapy: Marriage, Cohabitation or Divorce?'** on 20 and 21 April 1989 at the Institute of Psychiatry. Further information: Nadine Morgan, Conference Secretary, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone 01 703 5411, extension 3170).

The Department of Health and the Institute of Psychiatry General Practice Research Unit will hold a multidisciplinary one day conference on 11 May 1989 at the Institute of Psychiatry entitled **'Counselling in General Practice'**. Topics will include: the need for counselling; effectiveness; efficacy; and practicalities and training issues. Fee: £20 (includes lunch and refreshments). Participants from all disciplines welcome. Further information: Nadine Morgan, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone 01 703 5411).

University College London, Psychoanalysis Unit, will be holding a conference on **'Transference and Internal Object Relationships'** on 21 and 22 April 1989. Further details and application forms: The Conference Secretary, Psychoanalysis Unit, 26 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AP.

The Institute of Psychiatry, Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital will be holding a symposium entitled **'Psychiatric Neuropathology and Neurochemistry'** on 6 and 7 April 1989. Topics include: molecular pathology and neuropathology, neurochemistry of: schizophrenia, Alzheimer's disease, subcortical dementia, epilepsy, depression and suicide and AIDS. Registration fee: £100 (to include lunch and refreshments). Further information: Nadine Morgan, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone 01 703 5411, extension 3170).

A **one day workshop for the MRCPsych Part I** will be held at Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital on 15 April 1989 commencing at 9.30 a.m. Limited places are available. To confirm a place contact: Dr H. M. Gadhvi (telephone 0246 277271, extension 2445).

A national seminar on **'Mental Health Aspects of Sexual Abuse (Children and Adults)**, organised by the National Institute of Crisis Intervention Therapy & Research, will be held at Hilton National Hotel, Huddersfield on 19 May 1989. Several nationally and internationally known experts on sexual abuse from various professional backgrounds will participate. The seminar will be followed by a series of workshops on 20 May. Seminar fee: £58; workshop fee: £28. Applications and further details: Dr N. Rao Pudukollu, The National Institute of Crisis Intervention Therapy & Research, 63 Nabcroft Lane, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield HD4 5DO (telephone 0484 658054).

A two day course on **'Teaching Interview Skills to General Practitioners'** will be held in Manchester on 10 and 11 July 1989. This course, organised jointly by the Manchester University Department of Psychiatry and the National Unit for Psychiatric Research and Development, will be open to psychiatrists of any grade but will be of principal value to academics, consultants and senior registrars. It is concerned with new approaches to general practitioner/psychiatrist liaison and will focus on ways of making an impact on the general practice consultation. Further details: Wendy Hughes, Rawnsley Building, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9WL (telephone 061 276 5133).

**'Therapy with Amino Acids and Analogues'** 1st International Congress will be held in Vienna, Austria, from 7-12 August 1989. Further information: Gert Lubec, University of Vienna, Department of Paediatrics, A-1090 Vienna, Währinger Gürtel 18, Austria.

The **World Congress on Chronic Ronchopathy** will be held in Barcelona from 22-24 May 1989. Further information: Secretariat, Barcelona Relaciones Publicas, S.A., Edificio Layetana, C/Pau Claris, 138, 7º, 4ª, 08009 Barcelona, Spain.

The Tavistock Clinic will be holding a part-time course of six weekly sessions on **'Understanding the Management of Perinatal Bereavement'** on Wednesday afternoons from 3 May-7 June 1989 inclusive. A new course is held each term with a follow-up in the next term. Fees: £55 including a registration fee of £10. Further information and application forms: The Training Administrator, The Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA.

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