## The Schizophrenia Association of Great Britain

A Conference on 'Some Biological Aspects of Schizophrenia' will be held on Tuesday, 29 June, at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London, W.C. 1, from 10 am to 5 pm. There will be sessions on Dietary Aspects, Biochemical Aspects, and Immunological Aspects and Gliadin Toxicity. Conference fee  $\pounds 5$ , inclusive of morning coffee, lunch and tea. Full programme and booking form obtainable from the Hon Secretary, Mrs Gwynneth Hemmings, Llanfair Hall, Caernarvon, LL55 1TT, Wales.

#### Association of Professions for the Mentally Handicapped

The Third Annual Congress of the Association of Professions for the Mentally Handicapped will be held from 6–9 July, at the University of Reading. It will deal with the following topics: Collaboration between parents and professionals; Special care; Services for children; Professional training; Employment of mentally handicapped people. Forms of application are obtainable from the Congress Secretary, Association of Professions for the Mentally Handicapped, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN.

#### Mental Handicap: Collaboration between Parents and Professionals

A Conference will be held at the King's Fund Centre on 15 July to consider in detail the statement on collaboration between professionals and the parents of the mentally handicapped issued by the working party which was set up in 1975 under the joint auspices of the King's Fund and the Association of Professions for the Mentally Handicapped. The number of participants will be limited and *written* applications should reach Mrs Joan Rush, Project Officer, King's Fund Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN, by Friday, 25 June.

#### British Association of Behavioural Psychotherapy

A set of two-day workshops, open to psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses and social workers, will be held at the University of Exeter on 22 and 23 July. The fee will be  $\pounds_{32}$  for members of the Association and  $\pounds_{36}$  for non-members. The subjects of the workshops will be: 1. Personal Effectiveness Training—a structured behavioural treatment for improving social skills and emotional expression. Tutor: Dr Robert Liberman. 2. Marital and Sexual Problems—behavioural and related approaches. Tutors: Dr Michael Crowe and Dr Patricia Gillan. 3. Behavioural Programmes with Adolescents. Tutor: Dr Gene R. Moss. Further details and application forms from Dr Iain G. Burnside, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Ward F.I, Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield, Yorkshire WFI 4DG.

# International Congress on Transcultural Psychiatry

This Conference, organized jointly by the World Federation for Mental Health and the University of Bradford, will be held at the University of Bradford from 27-31 July. It will consider: Cultural variations in diagnosis and treatment; Social and emotional stresses of immigrants and their families; The causes and effects of social prejudice; Culture conflicts in the second generation; Awareness of cultural factors by social workers, doctors and others working in multicultural communities; Cultural and ethnic differences in response to psychotropic drugs. Further information and application forms are available from the Conference Secretariat, International Congress on Transcultural Psychiatry, Room N2, University of Bradford, Bradford, Yorkshire BD7 1DP.

#### 1976 International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect

The 1976 International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, under the sponsorship of the Departments of Paediatrics of the University of Geneva and the University of Colorado, is to be held in Geneva from 20-22 September 1976. Abstracts (not more than 500 words) are invited from interested potential participants on one of the following topics: Prediction and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect; Interdisciplinary Approaches to Family Diagnosis and Treatment and Development of Treatment Plans; Newer Modalities of Treatment; The Rights of Children and the Law. Abstracts and inquiries should be addressed to: Professor Pierre E. Ferrier, Université de Genève, Departement de Pédiatrie, 1211 Genève, Switzerland.

# Sixth International Congress of Social Psychiatry

The Sixth International Congress of Social Psychiatry will be held in Opatija, Yugoslavia (a Convention Centre on the beautiful Dalmatian coast) from 4–10 October 1976, with the principal theme 'The Future of the Family'. Further information available from Dr John L. Carleton, Secretary-General, International Association for Social Psychiatry, 2323 Oak Park Lane, Santa Barbara, California 93105, USA.

#### Society for Psychosomatic Research

The 20th Annual Conference, on 'The Psychosomatic Approach and Prevention of Disease', will be held at the Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE, on 15 and 16 November, 1976. Further information from The Secretariat, Academic Department of Psychiatry, St Mary's Hospital, Harrow Road, London W9 3RL.

#### World Psychiatric Association Meetings:

Symposium on Recent Advances in Psychiatry (in conjunction with the Association of Psychiatrists of Nigeria), Ibadan, Nigeria, 8–10 November 1976. Further information from WPA Secretariat, The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, SE5 8AZ.

VI World Congress of Psychiatry, Hawaii, 28 August-3 September 1977. Further information from the Organizing Committee, VI World Congress of Psychiatry, American Psychiatric Association, 1700 Eighteenth Street NW, Washington DC 20009, USA.

#### **Other Forthcoming Overseas Meetings:**

Czechoslovak-Jugoslavian Congress of Psychiatry, Prague, 28–30 June 1976. Further information from Dr P. Baudis, Research Institute for Psychiatry, 110 00 Praha 1, Kozi 4, Czechoslovakia.

6th International Institute on the Prevention and Treatment of Drug Dependence, Hamburg, 28 June-2 July 1976. Further information from ICAA, Case Postale 140, 1001 Lausanne, Switzerland.

Annual Meeting of the Israel Psychoanalytic Society, Jerusalem, July 1976. Further information from Professor R. Moses, 13 Disraeli Street, Jerusalem, Israel.

10th Congress of the Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum, Quebec, 4–9 July 1976. Further information from Dr Andre Villeneuve, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, Laval University, Quebec G1K 7P4, Canada.

VI Congrès International de Psychothérapie de Groupe, Nice, 8–12 July 1976. Further information from Professor A. Schutzenberger, Laboratoire de Psychologie Sociale, Faculté des Lettres, Université de Nice, 06260, Nice, France.

Congrès International d'Histoire de la Médecine, Montreal, 21–27 August 1976. Further information from Société Canadienne d'Histoire de la Médecine, Faculty of Medicine, Laval University, Quebec G1K 7P4, Canada.

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#### **Charles Burns Clinic**

The next open postgraduate meeting will be held at the Charles Burns Clinic, Queensbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8QD, on Friday 18 June, at 5 pm, when Dr G. Herbert, Principal Psychologist of the Child Guidance Clinic will speak 'On Being a Psychologist'.

#### Institute of Psychiatry

The Fourth Squibb History of Psychiatry Oration will be given by Dr Jonathan Miller on Thursday I July, at 7.30 pm, in the Wolfson Theatre, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF. His subject will be 'The Light Side of Nature: Hypnotism in England, 1780–1860'.

### **READING LIST IN PSYCHIATRY**

The Third Edition of the Reading List has been reprinted (June 1976) and is available on request to The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG. Due to rising printing and paper costs the price has been *increased to 30p per copy*. Please enclose a cheque with your order (including the cost of postage) together with a self addressed envelope. The List measures 270 mm  $\times$  215 mm and weighs 50 gm.

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