

**Audit methodologies in psychotherapy**

A project has been started to collect information on audit methodologies applied within psychotherapeutic settings in order to create a national database. Audit methodologies will be documented in relation to particular foci of interest, for example cost-effectiveness, outcome and service audit. The database would enable psychotherapy units around the country to find out how particular problems have been addressed within different services, and with what effect. Interested colleagues should contact Rachael Davenhill,

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**New publication**

*Older Women & ECT*, a report by Alison Cobb, is available from MIND, 15-19 Broadway, London E15 4BQ.

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## Forthcoming events

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A one-day conference **Community Mental Health Teams in the Changing World: challenges and opportunities** will be held on 20 June 1995 at the Chamberlain Hotel, Birmingham. Further information: Pavilion Publishing, 8 St George's Place, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 4ZZ (telephone 01273 623222; fax 01273 625526).

A one-day conference **Capacity to Make Legal Decisions: how should law reform take account of the research on the capacity of mentally disordered adults to make legal decisions?** will be held on 21 June 1995 at the Guildhall, Winchester. Further information: Jill Elliott, BS&L Network, Faculty of Law, University of Southampton, Southampton SO17 1BJ (telephone 01703 592376; fax 01703 593885).

A conference **Psychiatry and Medicine** to celebrate the contribution to medicine of Professor Arthur Crisp on the occasion of his retirement will be held on 30 June 1995. Further information: Philippa Weitz, The Conference Unit, Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (telephone 0181 725 5534; fax 0181 725 3390).

A conference **Clinical Implications of Attachment: the work of Mary Main** will take place on 1 and 2 July 1995 at University College London. Further information: The Conference Secretary, UCL, Psychoanalysis Unit, Psychology Department, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT (fax 0171 289 4800).

Oxford Regional Psychotherapy Group (NHS Psychotherapy Departments in the Oxford region) are holding their Inaugural Conference **Stories and Histories: mental health and the sense of meaning** on 6 July 1995 at Postgraduate Centre, Wexham Park Hospital, Slough. Further information: Dr Chris Maoloney, Department of Mental Health, Heathwood Hospital, Ascot, Berkshire (telephone 01344 877472).

A conference **The Challenge of Expert Opinion (Part 2)** will be held on 7 July 1995 at the Institute of Psychiatry, London. Further information: British Juvenile & Family Courts Society, 44 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 5AA (telephone 0171 224 3566; fax 0171 224 3577).

**South Gwent Consultation Liaison Psychiatry Research Symposium** will be held on 7 July 1995 at Whitchurch Postgraduate Centre, Cardiff. Further

information: Mrs A. Thomas, St Cadoc's Hospital, Caerleon, Gwent NP6 1XQ (telephone 01633 421121, extension 252).

**The 10th Annual Conference of the Team for the Assessment of Psychiatric Services** will be held at the Central Hall Westminster, London SW1 on 13 July 1995. Further information and registration form: Mrs R. Kendal, Administrator, TAPS Research Unit, 69 Fleet Road, London NW3 2QU (telephone 0171 586 4090; fax 0171 586 5939).

An international conference **Understanding Youth Suicide: a meeting of differing perspectives** will take place from 30 August–1 September 1995 in Tel Aviv. Further information: ISAS International Seminars, PO Box 574, Jerusalem 91004, Israel (telephone 972 2 661356; fax 972 2 666154).

**The Association for Medical Education in Europe (AMEE) Annual Conference** will be held from 6–9 September 1995 in Zaragoza, Spain. Further information: AMEE Secretariat, Centre for Medical Education, Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee DD1 9SY, Scotland (telephone 01382 660111, extension 3141; fax 01382 645748).

A two-day multidisciplinary conference **Sleep Disorders: assessment and treatment** will be held on 7–8 September 1995 at St George's Hospital Medical School. Further information and application forms: Philippa Weitz or Andy Bannister, The Conference Unit, Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (telephone 0181 725 5534; fax 0181 725 3390).

The Tavistock Clinic 75th Anniversary Conference **Mind in the Balance: issues in mental health** will be held on 18–19 September 1995 at Regents College, London. Further information: The Conference Unit, The Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (telephone 0171 435 8721). Please quote ref C63.

**The First European Conference on Parenthood – Drug Abuse** will be held from 27–30 September 1995 in Cannes, France. Further information: Nathalie Cahay,

International Network Parenthood – Drug Abuse, 54 Place Morichar, 1060 Brussels, Belgium (telephone 32 2 537 87 73; fax 32 2 537 09 02).

**An International Workshop on Dementia with Lewy Bodies** will be held on 5–6 October 1995 at the Vermont Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne; 5 October is an Open Day for clinicians and scientists interested in Lewy body dementia to attend and participate in the discussions. Further information: Tanya Freeman, Administrator, Institute for the Health of the Elderly, Newcastle General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6BE (telephone 0191 273 5189; fax 0191 273 1156).

**The Congress of the French Association of Social Psychiatry and Psychopathology** will be held in Marseilles on 5–6 October 1995. Further information: Madame Scotti, Secretariat of Professor Scotto, CHU Sainte Marguerite, 270 Boulevard de Sainte Marguerite, 13274 Marseille Cedex 9, France (telephone 91 75 46 96; fax 91 74 27 07).

A conference **Enabling People with Learning Disabilities to use the Health Service** will be held on 11 October 1995 and one on **Domestic Violence: the victim and the perpetrator** will be held on 18 October 1995. Further information: The Conference Unit, Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (telephone 0181 725 5534; fax 0181 725 3390).

**The Fifth Annual European Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health** will be held from 11–13 October 1995 at the Commonwealth Institute, London. Further information: Amanda Godfrey, Conference Organiser, Conference Office, The Foundation NHS Trust, St George's Hospital, Stafford ST16 3AG (telephone 01785 57888; fax 01785 58969).

An international symposium **Therapeutic Foster Homes: psychiatry and actuality** will be held from 19–21 October 1995 in Vichy, France. Further information: Dr A. A. Fattah or Colette Daniel, International Research Association on Therapeutic Foster Homes in Psychiatry, B.P. 11, 03360 Ainay le Château, France (fax 33 70 02 26 47).

**The first annual conference of the World Foundation for Medical Studies in Female Health (WFFH)** will be held in Carlsbad, California from 26–29 October 1995. Further information: Kathleen Yasas, Public Relations Director, World Foundation for Medical Studies in Female Health, 405 Main Street, Port Washington, New York 11050, USA (telephone 00 1 516 944 3192; fax 00 1 516 944 8663).

An international conference on **Conflict and Development in Adolescence** will be held from 21–24 November 1995 at the University of Gent. Further information: Prof Dr Leni Verhofstadt-Deneve, ICA-President, Department of Developmental and Personality Psychology, University of Gent, Henri Dunantlaan 2, B-9000 Gent, Belgium (telephone 32 9 233 0813; fax 32 9 264 64 99).

A consensus meeting before the **ACNP congress on Critical Issues in the Treatment of Schizophrenia** will be held on 9–10 December 1995 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Further information: N. Brunello - I. Ceserani, Scientific Secretariat, International Academy for Biomedical and Drug Research, Institute of Pharmacological Sciences, Via Balzaretto 9, 20133 Milan, Italy (telephone 39 2 2048831/332; fax 39 2 29404961/20488211).

**The Societies in Crisis and Mental Health Congress** has been rescheduled for 22–24 February 1996. Further information: Thomas Florina, Communication Department, Mercure Communication International, 69 rue Ampère, 75017 Paris, France (telephone 331 44 01 23 20; fax 331 47 63 52 78).

### Courses

**The 45th Residential Revision Course** for the MRCPsych examinations will be held at the University of Guildford. Part I: 19–26 July 1995; Part II: 16–24 August 1995. Further information: Mrs C. Denning, Administrator, Belmont Postgraduate Psychiatric Centre, Whiltern Wing, Sutton Hospital, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5NF (telephone 0181 644 4343, extension 4177 (a.m.); 4175 (p.m.)).

An intermediate course in **Group Work with Children and Adolescents** for professionals working with children who have either completed the Introductory Course or already have some experience of group work will be held at Northampton on 20 September and on 30 September, 1, 7 and 8 October 1995 (non-residential). Further information and application forms: Dr Kedar Dwivedi, Child and Family Consultation Service, 8 Notre Dame Mews, Northampton NN1 2BG (telephone 01604 604608; fax 01604 604531).

The Tavistock Clinic/University of East London will be holding a two years part-time **Postgraduate Diploma/MA in Psychoanalytic Studies** course starting October 1995. Further information and application forms: The Training Office, The Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (telephone 0171 435 8730 quoting ref M16).

The Tavistock & Portman Clinics in association with the British Postgraduate Medical Federation will be holding a day release course in **Forensic Psychotherapy** starting October 1995. Further information: The Portman Clinic, Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 5NA (telephone 0171 794 8262).

**The Lowenfeld Course in Projective Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy** will be held at the Department of Psychiatry, University of Cambridge starting October 1995. Further information Mrs Therese Woodcock (telephone 01223 336098).

University College London Department of Psychiatry invites applications for a three year part-time **MSc in Psychiatric Theory and Research** course starting October 1995. Further information: Dr Sushrut Jadhav, Course Tutor, MSc in Psychiatric Theory and Research, Department of Psychiatry, UCL Medical School, Wolfson Building, 48 Riding House Street, London W1N 8AA (telephone 0171 380 9292/9478; fax 0171 323 1459)

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