

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **British Association for Psychopharmacology**

The Summer Meeting of the British Association for Psychopharmacology will take place in Cardiff from 2-4 July. The programme will include symposia on anxiety and pain, and free communications. Non-members are welcome to attend. Further details from the Honorary Secretary, Professor E. S. Paykel, Department of Psychiatry, St George's Hospital Medical School, London SW17 0QT.

### **4th International Balint Conference**

The 4th International Balint Conference will be held at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London SW7, from 7-10 September. The theme is 'Aims, Achievements, Assessment'. Registration form and provisional programme available from the Secretariat, c/o Freelance Services, 37a Maida Vale, London W9 1TW. Papers on the theme of the Conference are invited; titles and a brief resumé should be submitted to the above address *as soon as possible*.

### **Personal Construct Psychotherapy**

An introductory course will take place on Monday afternoons from October 1978 to April 1979, at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine. It is intended for those with ongoing therapeutic commitments, and the content will be both theoretical and experiential. The fee will be £40 and the course will be limited to 10 people. Further details from Dr Fay Fransella, Reader in Clinical Psychology, Academic Department of Psychiatry, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW3 2QG. Telephone: 01-794 0500, ext 3710.

### **Institute of Child Health**

A course of ten Wednesday evening sessions and two Saturday sessions of lectures and discussions on 'Psychologists and the Pre-School Child with a Handicap' will be held from 4 October-6 December. The course is organized by the Academic Department of Child Psychiatry in conjunction with the Clinical Department of Psychological Medicine at Great Ormond Street Hospital, and is primarily designed for practising educational or clinical psychologists, but psychiatrists, social workers, doctors, etc., with an interest in the management of pre-school children may also apply. The course fee of £25 includes lunch and refreshments. Further details and appli-

cation forms are available from Jim Stevenson, M.Sc., A.B.P.S., Academic Department of Child Psychiatry, Institute of Child Health, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London WC1.

### **British Sociological Association**

The 1978 Annual Conference of the Medical Sociological Group of the British Sociological Association will be held at York University from 22-24 September. The theme is 'The Sociology of Health and Illness in North America and Britain', and some sessions are jointly sponsored with the Medical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association. Papers are invited, and titles and abstracts (not more than 150 words) should be sent *as soon as possible* to Sally MacIntyre, Institute of Medical Sociology, Westburn Road, Aberdeen. Enquiries concerning booking and registration should be sent to Gerry Stimson, Medical Sociology Conference, Institute of Psychiatry, 101 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF, *not later than 1 September*.

### **Conferences Abroad**

Information about the following conferences has been received via the World Psychiatric Association:

*2nd International Conference on Psychological Stress and Adjustment in Time of War and Peace.* Tel Aviv, Israel, 19-23 June. Information: Professor Noah Milgram, POB 16271, Tel Aviv, Israel.

*24th International Institute on the Prevention and Treatment of Alcoholism.* Zurich, Switzerland, 25-30 June. Information: ICAA, Case Postale 140, 1001 Lausanne, Switzerland.

*3rd Congress of the International Rehabilitation Medicine Association.* Basel, Switzerland, 2-8 July. Information: Congress Secretariat, IRMA III, Postfach, Basel 4021, Switzerland.

*4th International Prague Symposium on Child Neurology.* Prague, Czechoslovakia, 3-5 July. Information: Czech Medical Society, Sokolska 31, 120 26 Prague 2, Czechoslovakia.

*11th Congress of Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum.* Vienna, Austria, 9-14 July. Information: GINP Congress, c/o Interconvention, POB 35, A-95, Vienna, Austria.

*12th European Conference on Psychosomatic Research.* Bodø, Norway, 9-13 July. Information: Organizing Committee, Psykosomatisk Avdeling, Rikshospitalet, Oslo 1, Norway.