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# Forthcoming events

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The Behavioural Sciences and Law Network is offering courses on **Risk-Taking: with Special Reference to Mental Disorder Services**, to be held in Crawley on 17 February 1997, and **Adoption and Contact** in Crawley on 18 and 19 February 1997. Further information: Faculty of Law, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton SO17 1BJ (Tel: 01703 592376; fax: 01703 593885).

Henderson Hospital will be holding its 50th anniversary conference entitled **Managing Self-Harm - What? Why? How?** on 7 March 1997 at St George's Hospital Medical School. Further information: Conference Unit, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (Tel: 0181 725 5534; fax: 0181 725 3390; email: p.weitz@sghms.ac.uk.).

The BRIJ have organised 2 conferences: **Race and Mental Health** to be held on 26 February 1997; and **Mental Health and Employment** on 11 March 1997. Both conferences will be held at the Nottingham Moat House. Further information: BRIJ, Vernon House, 18 Friar Lane, Nottingham NG1 6DQ (Tel: 0115 9565302/3; fax: 0115 9565304).

St George's Hospital Medical School in association with Carefirst, are presenting a conference entitled, **Counselling in the Workplace**, to be held on 21 March 1997 at St George's Hospital Medical School, London. Further details: The Conference Unit, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (Tel: 0181 725 5534; fax: 0181 725 3390; email: p.weitz@sghms.ac.uk.).

**The 49th Residential Revision Course** for the MRCPsych examinations will be held at the University of Surrey, Guildford on the following dates: **Part 1 from 22-27 March 1997; Part 2 from 2-10 April 1997**. Further details: Mrs E. C. Denning, Administrator, Belmont Postgraduate Psychiatry Centre, Chiltern Wing, Sutton Hospital, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5NF (Tel: 0181 296 4177).

The Manchester course on **Psychiatry in Developing Countries** will be held in the Department of Psychiatry, Withington Hospital from 7-11 April 1997. The course will cover many clinical, research and organisational aspects of mental health service provision. Further enquiries and

applications: Mrs Linda Harding, Senior Administrative Assistant, Department of Psychiatry, Withington Hospital, West Didsbury, Manchester M20 8LR (Tel: 0161 291 4360).

The Portman Clinic in conjunction with OPUS, are holding a conference entitled, **Containment for Growth - Managing Authority and Responsibility in Residential Care and Treatment of Disruptive and Disturbed Young People**, on 14-17 April 1997 at the Tavistock Centre, London. Conference programmes are available from: The Conference Unit, The Tavistock & Portman NHS Trust, Tavistock Centre, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (Tel: 0171 447 3715).

A national conference entitled, **Black Mental Health: Promoting Partnerships**, has been organised by the National Schizophrenia Fellowship. It is to be held at the Swallow Hotel, Northampton on 22 April 1997. Further details: Alpa Kapasi, Conference Consultant on 01908 694407 or Terry Williams, Public Relations Manager on 0121 588 6341.

The International Association for Forensic Psychotherapy, will hold their 6th International Conference entitled **Intoxication, Crime and the Forensic Patient**, at Regent's College Conference Centre, London on April 25-27 1997. For further information: Dr Gill McGauley or Ms Sally Beckwith, Section of Forensic Psychiatry, Department of General Psychiatry, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (Tel: 0181 725 5518; fax: 0181 725 2475).

**The Manchester Advanced Course in Liaison Psychiatry** will be held in the Rawnsley Building, Manchester Royal Infirmary on 2-6 June 1997. Further details and application forms: Mrs Una Dean, Department of Psychiatry, Rawnsley Building, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester M13 9WL (Tel: 0161 276 5383).

**The Brain and Self** conference will be held at Copenhagen and Elsinore, Denmark on 18-24 August, 1997. Further information: Jim Laukes, Consciousness Studies, The University of Arizona Extended University, PO Box 210158, Tucson, AZ 85721-0158, USA (Tel: +001 520 626 9061; fax: +001 520 621 3269; email: jlaukes@ccit.arizona.edu).

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**The 10th International Congress of the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology, ECNP** will be held in Vienna, Austria on 13–17 September 1997. Further information: Professor Dr S. Kasper, Chairman of the Department of General Psychiatry, University of Vienna, Währinger Gürtel 18–20, A-1090 Wien, Austria (Tel: +43 1 40 400 3568; fax: +43 40 400 3099).

Following the success of April 1996's Clinical Audit in Psychiatry conference, The Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research Unit (in association with the several other Royal Colleges and professional organisations) is holding a two-day multidisciplinary conference on the broad topic of **Clinical Effectiveness in Mental Health**. The conference is aimed at everyone involved in providing, purchasing and using mental health services and will centre around the three main themes of clinical effectiveness: (1) getting research into practice; (2) monitoring practice, and (3) changing principal issues around clinical effectiveness to enable delegates to develop an 'action plan' to support local clinical effectiveness

initiatives, and to publicise national initiatives including the launch of the Royal College of Psychiatrists "first evidence-based clinical practice guidelines, The Management of Violence in Clinical Settings".

Further details and booking forms available from: Ms Jackie Stewart, College Research Unit, 11 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EE (Tel: 0171 235 2351 x258; fax: 0171 235 2954; email: 100347.1145@CompuServe.com.).

Innovative poster submissions for the above conference are also welcome. Application forms and further information available from: Ms Victoria Thomas, College Research Unit, 11 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EE (Tel: 0171 235 2351 x258; fax: 0171 235 2954; email: 100347.1145@CompuServe.com.).

The Royal College of Psychiatrists will be holding a **One-day workshop for all educational supervisors** on 12 May 1997. Further details: Catherine Lightfoot, The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG (Tel: 0171 235 2351 x157; fax: 0171 235 7976).

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