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## Appointment

The Institute of Psychiatry has appointed David Goldberg as Professor of Psychiatry and Director of Research and Development. Professor Goldberg will also continue as Director of Medical Services for the Maudsley and Bethlem Royal Hospitals.

## LADDER

LADDER (Learning, Hyperactivity and Attention Deficit Disorders Association) was formed in January 1993 as an association for people suffering from hyperactivity or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Further information: Stan Mould, Founder and Chairman, Ladder, 95 Church Road, Bradmore, Wolverhampton WV3 7EW (telephone 0902 336272).

## Mental Health Foundation Essay Prize

The Section of Psychiatry of the Royal Society of Medicine offers a prize of £500 for the best essay, written by a training grade doctor in the United Kingdom or Ireland on any subject relevant to psychiatry, to be submitted by 31 March 1994. Further information: Samantha Greshoff, Royal

Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (telephone 071 408 2119).

## Grant for the Womens Counselling Service

The Mental Health Foundation has allocated a new grant of £15,000 for the Women's Counselling Service, part of SCOSAC (Standing Committee on Sexually Abused Children). SCOSAC was established in 1983 to promote good practice in the care of children who have been subjected to sexual abuse and now also provides advice and consultation to adults who have experienced sexual abuse themselves and to professionals on all aspects of working with children and adults who have been sexually abused.

## Appeal for psychiatric literature

Postgraduate psychiatric training in Sudan has started with many difficulties including lack of psychiatric literature. It would therefore be appreciated if any readers who have any unwanted books or journals they would like to donate to the postgraduate training scheme at Khartoum University could contact Dr A. Osman, Mother and Baby Unit, Queen Elizabeth Psychiatric Hospital, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2QZ (telephone 021 627 2808).

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# Forthcoming events

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The Section of Psychiatry of the Royal Society of Medicine will be holding a meeting entitled **A Critical Look at Treatment** on 8 February 1994 and one on **Research by Psychiatrists in Training** on 8 March 1994. Further information: Mrs S. Greshoff, Sections Officer, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (telephone 071 408 2119; fax 071 355 3197).

A one-day conference **Psycho-Social Aspects of Disaster: planning for the future** will be held at

the Institute of Psychiatry on 10 February 1994. Further information and application forms: Ms Lee Wilding, Short Courses Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 919 3170); fax 071 703 5796).

A two-day conference **Anorexia, Bulimia and Obesity** will be held at St George's Hospital Medical School on 14 and 15 February 1994 and one on **Psychological and Behavioural**

**Approaches to Modifying Tobacco Consumption** on 4 March 1994. Further information: Philippa Weitz, Head of the Conference Unit, Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (telephone and fax 081 672 9944, extension 55534).

A conference **Women, Mental Health and the Law** will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry on 24 and 25 February 1994. Further information and application forms: Ms L. Wilding, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 919 3170; fax 071 703 5796).

The Society for Psychotherapy Research (SPR) will be holding a one-day meeting **Brief Therapies and Evaluation in the NHS** at the Uffculme Clinic, Birmingham, on 18 March 1994. General information and application forms: Ms Debra Kirby, Gaskell House, Swinton Grove, Manchester M13 0EU; Abstracts of research items should be submitted to Dr Rex Haigh, Uffculme Clinic, Queensbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8QD; service evaluation material should be sent to Mary Burton, District Clinical Psychology Department, Abbots Langley Hospital, College Road, Abbots Langley, Herts WD5 0NT.

**Psychotherapy of Psychosis:** the first joint conference of the Psychotherapy Section of the College and the Association of University Teachers of Psychiatry will be held from 24–26 March 1994 at the University of York. Residential conference fee: £195 (£210 after 1 February 1994). Further information and application forms: Mrs Jean Wales, The Royal College of Psychiatrists.

A conference **Closing the Gap Between Family Research and Family Therapy: wishful thinking or fact?** will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry on 28–29 March 1994. Further information: Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 919 3170; fax 071 703 5796).

**Mental Health, Race and Culture in Europe Conference** will be held at Bristol University from 6–8 April 1994. Further information: The Conference Secretariat, Mental Health, Race and Culture Conference, Richmond Bridge House, 419 Richmond Road, Twickenham TW1 2EX.

**The First European Congress on Disorders of Personality** will take place in Nijmegen, The Netherlands from 14–17 June 1994. Deadline for abstracts: 1 February 1994. Further information: Dr J. Derksen, Congress Organisation, Aula-Congress Center, PO Box 9111, 6500 HN Nijmegen, The Netherlands (telephone 31 80 612184; fax 31 80 567956).

**The 5th European Symposium on Suicidology** will be held from 31 August–3 September 1994 at University College Cork. Further information and submission of papers: Dr Michael J. Kelleher, St Anne's Hospital, Cork, Ireland (telephone 021 305277; fax 021 303017).

**The International Conference of Pakistan Psychiatric Society** will be held at Lahore from 13–16 December 1994. Further information: Dr M.F. Hussain, 69 Canterbury Road, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 5SA.

### Courses

An intensive didactic course **The Cellular and Molecular Pathology of Neurogenerative Disease** will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry from 31 January–3 February 1994. Further information and application forms: Mrs S. Randell, MRC Alzheimer's Disease Brain Bank, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 919 3290, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; fax 071 708 3895).

The Bethlem Royal/Maudsley Hospital and Institute of Psychiatry MRCPsych Parts 1 and 2 course welcomes attendance to lectures during February 1994 on Monday afternoons entitled **The Life Cycle in Psychiatry**. Further information: The Registry, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3163).

**Revision course for the MRCPsych Part I and Part II/Board Certification in Psychiatry Part A and Part B** will be held from 28 February–4 March 1994. Closing date 7 February 1994. Further information and application form: Miss J. Crisell, Board Certification in Psychiatry Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 919 3193).