
Forthcoming events

The Critical Psychiatry Group autumn meetings are as follows: **Workhouse to Workfare: The Therapeutic Effect of Employment** by Justine Schneider on 5 October; **Living Dangerously: Risk Thinking and Risk Management in Mental Health Care** by Professor Nicholas Rose on 2 November; and a **Debate on Psychosurgery** with invited speakers on 7 December. All meetings are free and take place in the Small Lecture Theatre at the Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Camberwell, London at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Further details: Dr Joanna Moncrieff, Department of Psychological Medicine, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital (Telephone: 0181 746 5991), or Dr Jonathan Bindman or Dr Mike Crawford at the Institute of Psychiatry.

Pavilion have organised two national one-day conferences. **Caught in the Acts: Working with Mothers Involved in Mental Health and Child Care Proceedings** will take place in London on 12 October 1998. It will be of interest to child protection staff and managers in health and social services, solicitors and barristers involved with family work, voluntary child care agencies, community mental health teams and police child protection teams. **Towards More Responsive Services for People with Severe Mental Illness** is to be held on 26 October 1998 in Manchester and on 12 January 1999 in London. Main aims will be to identify critical factors in providing responsive and reliable services at local level, establish which services are essential and discuss the best way to meet demands in the context of limited resources and competing priorities. Further details: Pavilion Publishing (Brighton) Ltd, 8 St George's Place, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 4ZZ (Telephone: 01273 623 222, Fax: 01273 625 526).

A one-day conference entitled **Improving the Family Justice System – An Opportunity to Hear the Voice of the Consumer** has been organised by The National Council for Family Proceedings. Scheduled for 28 October 1998 in London, the conference aims to enable professionals to review their understanding of what constitutes good practice in public and private law proceedings in light of the experiences of consumers of the family justice system. Further details: Iris Murch (Conference Administrator), National Council for Family Proceedings, University of Bristol, Rodney Lodge, Grange Road,

Bristol BS8 4EA (Telephone: 0117 973 1462, Fax: 0117 973 7308).

Schumacher College will be holding a course entitled **The Psychology of Awakening: Buddhism in Contemporary Life** on 29 October to 6 November 1998. The course focuses on how insights into the nature of the human mind, found in the Buddhist tradition, can be translated into the language and practice of contemporary psychotherapy in the West. Further details: Schumacher College, The Old Postern, Dartington, Devon TQ9 6EA (Telephone: 44 (0) 1803 865934, Fax: 44 (0) 1803 866899, e-mail: schumcoll@gn.apc.org).

Core Arts, a charity promoting the creative abilities of people with mental health problems, has organised an exhibition at the Guildhall, London. This features portraits of some of the country's best comedians in order to challenge the stereotypes associated with people with mental illness. The exhibition, entitled **Paint the Stars**, will run until 31 October. Further details: Core Arts, 1 St Barnabas Terrace, Homerton, London E9 6DJ (Telephone/Fax: 0181 533 3500).

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: A Cross Cultural Perspective is the title of a two-day conference organised by the Transcultural Unit, Lynfield Mount Hospital. Scheduled for 5–6 November 1998 in Bradford, it will be of interest to all those professionals concerned with psychological trauma. Further details: Conference Secretariate, The Transcultural Unit, Lynfield Mount Hospital, Heights Lane, Bradford BD9 6DP (Telephone: 01274 363198/363204, Fax: 01274 363213).

Newton Lodge Regional Secure Unit will be organising a conference on **The Aftermath of Peter Sutcliffe** at Fieldhead Hospital, Wakefield on 6 November 1998. Further details: Dr Leslie Haskayne, Wakefield and Pontefract Community NHS Trust, Newton Lodge, Ouchthorpe Lane, Wakefield WF1 3SP (Telephone: 01924 327377, Fax: 01924 327383).

Sterling Events Ltd, on behalf of The National Centre for Clinical Audit, will present **Clinical Audit 98: Towards Clinical Excellence Annual Conference and Exhibition** on 12–13 November 1998 at Harrogate International Conference

Centre. Clinical governance, primary care groups, priorities and performance, patients and social services are top of the agenda. Further details: Sterling Events Ltd, 62 Hope Street, Liverpool L1 9BZ (Telephone: 0151 709 8979, Fax: 0151 709 0384, e-mail: audit98@sterling-events.co.uk).

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists are holding a one-day conference on **Why Mothers Die: Lessons From the 1994-96 Report on Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths in the UK**. Scheduled for 23 November 1998, the conference will be useful to obstetricians, midwives, GPs, obstetric anaesthetists and psychiatrists. Further details: Post-graduate Education Department, The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RG (Telephone: 0171 772 6245, Fax: 0171 772 6388, e-mail: bhex@rcog.org.uk).

Women Behaving Badly? - Cycles of Violence is the title of the Sheffield Secure Care one-day conference to be held on 10 December 1998 at The Swallow Hotel, Sheffield. At its focus is the idea of women as perpetrators of violence with reference to homicide, child abuse and self-harm. Further details: Jane Allen-Brown, Centre for Psychotherapeutic Studies, 16 Claremont Crescent, Sheffield S10 2TA (Telephone: 0114 222 2973, Fax: 0114 270 0619, e-mail: j.allen-brown@sheffield.ac.uk).

The British Indian Psychiatric Association (UK), in association with the Indian Psychiatric Society, will be holding their Joint Annual Meeting on 6-10 January 1999 in Bhuvnesvar, India. Further details: Dr Harish Gadhvi, c/o Jenny Castles, Abbeydale Court, 98 Bistern Avenue, Walthamstow (Telephone: 0181 509 4135, Fax: 0181 509 4101).

The FOCUS project at the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research Unit is organising a multi-professional event entitled **Developing Effective Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services: Current Initiatives and Innovations** in collaboration with the Audit Commission, the Health Advisory Service (HAS 2000) and Young Minds. The event will focus on the current state of child and adolescent mental health services and will look at recent initiatives to promote evidence-based practice and service effectiveness in this area. The event is scheduled for 2 February 1999 at the Royal College of Physicians. Delegate fees are £120 before 7 December, £150 thereafter. Further details and booking form: Sam Coombs, College Research Unit, 11 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EE (Telephone: 0171 235 2351 ext. 234).

FOCUS at the College Research Unit is also coordinating a half-day training session on **An Introduction to the Health of the Nation Outcome Scales for Children and Adolescents (HoNOSCA)** on the morning of 3 February 1999 at a central London venue. Training cost: £50. Further details: Sam Coombs, College Research Unit, 11 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EE (Telephone: 0171 235 2351 ext. 234).

An international symposium on the **History of Psychiatry on the Threshold to the 21st Century - Two Millennia of Psychiatry in West and East** will be held in Nagoya City University Medical School, Nagoya, Japan on 20-21 March 1999. Further details: Department of Psychiatry, Nagoya City University Medical School, Mizuhocho, Mizuho-ku, Nagoya, 467-8601, Japan (Telephone: 81 52 853 8269/8271, Fax: 81 52 852 0837).

The connection between cognition and symptoms in schizophrenia is the theme of **The Mount Sinai Conference on Cognition in Schizophrenia** to be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico on 16-17 April 1999. Deadline for submission of abstracts: 1 February 1999. Deadline for registration: 1 March 1999. Further details: Philip D. Harvey, Department of Psychiatry, Box 1229, Mt Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY 10029, USA (Fax: 001 212 860 3945, e-mail: PDHARVEY@compuserve.com).

The Biennial Meeting of the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico on 17-21 April 1999. This meeting will bring together basic and clinical researchers from across the United States and around the world. The goal of the meeting will be a lively exchange of ideas among scientists actively interested in schizophrenia and related scientific areas. Further details: International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Conference Coordinators, Maryland Psychiatric Research Center, PO Box 21247, Baltimore, MD 21228, USA (Telephone: 001 410 719 6804, Fax: 001 410 788 3394, e-mail: icost@umaryland.edu).

The 152nd American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, entitled **The Clinician**, will take place on 15-20 May 1999 in Washington, DC. For those wishing to participate by presenting new research, the deadline for submission of abstracts is 6 January 1999. For further details: Scientific Program Office, American Psychiatric Association, 1400 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20005 (Telephone: 001 202 682 6170, Fax: 001 202 682 6850, e-mail: apa@psych.org).

The Second International Conference on the (Non) Expression of Emotions in Health and Disease will be held on 9–11 June 1999 at Tilburg University, The Netherlands. Further

details: Tilburg University, PO Box 90153, 5000 LE Tilburg, The Netherlands (Telephone: 31 13 466 2087, Fax: 31 13 466 2370, e-mail: Emotions@kub.nl).

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