

Announcements

Postgraduate Course on Behavioural Psychotherapy, May 15-17, 1978, Institute of Psychiatry, The Maudsley Hospital, London, SE5 8AF.

This is a non-residential 3-day course for psychiatrists, clinical psychologists and social workers with a minimum of 2 years clinical experience. It will involve lectures, seminars and videotape demonstrations of the principles and practice of behavioural psychotherapy in adult patients with neurotic, marital and sexual problems. The number of places will be limited. The course will be run by Dr. M. Crowe and Dr. I.M. Marks. Fee £38. Applications together with curriculum vitae stating degrees and experience to Dr. Marks.

North Wales Branch

11.15 a.m. at "Bod Difyr", 4, Station Road, Old Colwyn.

April 19th "Psychology and General Practice" Mrs. Judy Hutchings, Gwynedd.

May 3rd "The Behavioural Approach to Social Work" Mr. Howard Lomas, Social Services, Bury.

Annual Conference and A.G.M. 1978

The Annual Conference will be held this year in Stirling University, which is set at the foot of the Ochil Hills on the edge of the Scottish Highlands.

Following the workshops on June 29th and 30th the Conference will begin with registration on the afternoon of Friday 30th June. Papers and symposia will be presented over Saturday 1st and the morning of Sunday 2nd July. The Association's A.G.M. and election of office bearers will be held on the Saturday afternoon and it is anticipated that social events will be arranged for both evenings.

The programme has not yet been finalised, but should include:

"Behavioural group therapy with mildly mentally handicapped women" - paper by Paul Dickens (Dunfermline).

"Recent advances in the treatment of obsessive - compulsives" - paper by Edna Foa (Philadelphia, U.S.A).

"Brief standard self-rating for phobic patients" - paper by Isaac Marks (London).

Symposium on the applications of behaviour therapy in the community - various speakers.

Costs: Residential (full board and refreshments): Members £24 Non Members £29. Non-residential (coffee, lunch, afternoon tea): Members £13 Non Members £18

Anyone wishing an application form should write to the Honorary Secretary (see back cover).

European Association of Behaviour Therapy

The Eighth Annual Conference of EABT will be held at The Psychiatric University Clinic, Vienna, Austria, 24-27 September, 1978.

Further details may be obtained from Laurence E. Burns, Hon. Sec. EABT, Department of Clinical Psychology, Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale, Lancashire OL12 9QN.

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Correspondence

Dear Sir,

Nurse Therapist Enquiry (Behavioural Psychotherapy, 6 No. 1 p.23)

We have several reservations concerning the nature of this enquiry, the manner in which it is being conducted and the authority with which it has been mounted.

The following points are at issue:

- (1) Have the Executive Committee of the B.A.B.P. been invited by the G.N.C. to institute this enquiry or, alternatively, have they (the Executive) approached the G.N.C. for approval to mount such an enquiry?
- (2) Have the B.A.B.P. been approached by or have they themselves approached the J.B.C.N.S. or the C.C.N.S. in respect of this matter? (particularly with regard to questions 2 and 3 listed on their announcement).
- (3) Why, in the list of professions invited to surrender opinions or evidence were nurses (as distinct from trainee and trained nurse therapists) not included?
- (4) What is the objective of the enquiry?
- (5) To what extent does the Executive Committee of the B.A.B.P. consider that it is **appropriate** to publicise an enquiry into a branch of nursing without (a) making explicit the intention of the exercise (b) informing their readership whether or not this "enquiry" meets with the approval of the governing body of the nursing profession.

We would be grateful for clarification of these issues particularly in view of the fact that we currently organise the only **approved** course which undertakes to train nurses in behavioural methods in mental handicap, acute and long term psychiatry and therefore consider it our duty to make representation to, and if necessary express our