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## Forthcoming events

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Leicester University are the organisers of **Squaring the Circle: Personality Disorder, Risk Assessment and Rights**, an international conference to be held on 19 October 1999. Topics will include risk assessment and mental health professionals, and rights of personality disordered offenders. The conference will be followed by workshops on **Training in the Assessment of Psychopathy using the PCL-R** on 20–22 October 1999. Further information: Victoria Cochrane, Professional Development Unit, Leicester University, University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH (telephone: 0116 252 2471/3332; fax: 0116 252 2028; e-mail: vclm@admin.le.ac.uk).

The Association for Professionals in Services for Adolescents will be holding their annual conference, **Self-Harm in Adolescence**, at the Copthorne Tara Hotel, Kensington, London on 22–23 October 1999. The provisional programme includes topics such as: Self-harming behaviours and group processes in residential settings; suicidal behaviour, violence and dangerousness; and management of self-harm, in a secure psychiatric setting. Further information: The Association for Professionals in Services for Adolescents, 1 Arun House, River Way, Uckfield TN22 1SL (telephone: 01825 760886; fax: 01825 768864; e-mail: apsa@bhm.co.uk).

**Working With Difference: A Conference on Contemporary Mental Health Practice for a Multi-Ethnic Community** is a one-day event taking place in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire on 1 November 1999. Organised by Aylesbury Vale Healthcare, this conference will explore, through lecturers and workshops, what is required to make our services more relevant, equitable and accessible for a multi-ethnic community. Further information: Jane Lincoln, Conference Administrator, Tindal Centre, Bierton Road, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP20 1HU (telephone: 01296 504559; fax: 01296 399332).

Mole Conferences would like to announce three events. **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Clinical Practice**, taking place on 22 October 1999, is a one-day conference which will look at complex trauma reactions and evidence-based treatments. **Facing Grief**, taking place on 8 November 1999, will look at death, loss and grief in an experimental way, which will enable participants to gain a deeper understanding of

their own fears and anxieties so that they will be more prepared to help others. **Quality Standards & Excellence**, on 12 November 1999, will look at standards for education, training and professional development for counsellors in primary care. Further information: Mole Conferences, 26 Church Road, Portslade, Brighton BN41 1LA (telephone: 01273 242634; fax: 01273 235095; e-mail: pweitz@compuserve.com).

The Association of Therapeutic Communities are the sponsors of **Experiential Residential Workshop**, an event which will be held in Kent on 16–18 November 1999. The course focuses on the use of intensive psychosocial treatment for borderline personality disorder and other clinical conditions and is designed for those who work in, or are interested in working in therapeutic communities. Further information: The Association of Therapeutic Communities, 13–15 Pine Street, London EC1R 0JH (telephone/fax: 0181 950 9557; e-mail: post@therapeuticcommunities.org).

The **Fourth Britain: Israel Conference on Forensic Psychiatry**, organised by Broadmoor Hospital, will take place on 17–18 November 1999 at the Staff Education Centre, Broadmoor Hospital, Crowthorne. Further information: Dr Harvey Gordon, Consultant Forensic Psychiatry, Broadmoor Hospital, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG45 7EG (telephone: 01344 773111; fax: 01344 754625).

The Geriatrics and Gerontology Section of the Royal Society of Medicine is holding a **Specialist Training Registrars in Elderly Medicine & Old Age Psychiatry** meeting on 23 November 1999. This meeting takes the form of five case presentations followed by discussion. It is hoped that the cases presented will demonstrate difficult diagnostic or management problems relevant to elderly people. Further information: Debbie Smith, Section of Geriatrics and Gerontology, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (telephone: 0171 290 2900; fax: 0171 290 2909).

**Drug and Alcohol Abuse: What Physicians Need to Know** is a one-day conference organised by the Royal College of Physicians. The event will take place on 9 December 1999 and sessions will include: Defining the problem; The alcohol-intoxicated patient in the emergency department;

Managing the confused and intoxicated drug abuser; Complications of drug abuse; Drug abuse in pregnancy, and Alcohol withdrawal: what is the optimum therapy? Further information: The Conference Office, Royal College of Physicians (telephone: 0171 935 1174 ext 252/300/436; fax: 0171 487 5218; e-mail: conferences@rcplondon.ac.uk).

**Evidence-Based Child Psychiatry** is the title of an event being organised by Dr F. Khin-Maung-Zaw, Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, the Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Trust. Taking place at the Birmingham Medical Institute on 17 February 2000, this day event will cover the relevance of evidence-based practice in child psychiatry as well as critical appraisal skills and transferring theory into

practice. Further information: Ms Michelle Lake (telephone: 0121 333 9181).

The University of Manchester, Department of Clinical Psychology would like to announce their **Introductory Course in Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy**, which will run for 12 weeks, from 17 January to 3 April 2000. In addition to providing workshops on cognitive behavioural therapy, the course will also provide detailed clinical supervision and any participant will be expected to take on a patient for cognitive therapy while the course is running. The course will be based in Manchester. Further information (post or e-mail): Mrs Joyce Russell, University Department of Clinical Psychology, Rawnsley Building, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9WL (e-mail: Joyce.D.Russell@man.ac.uk).

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