

Forthcoming events

The **International Congress on Stress, Anxiety and Emotional Disorders** will be held in Braga, Portugal from 1–3 July 1991. Further information: Dr Jose Fernando A. Cruz, Universidade do Minho, Laboratorio de Psicologia, Rua Abade da Loureira, 4700 Braga, Portugal (telephone 351 53 612249/351 53 37776; fax 351 53 77936).

The Institute of Psychiatry will be holding a conference on **Religion and Psychiatry** on 10 May 1991. Course fee: £55 (including lunch and refreshments). They will also be holding a course entitled **Family Solutions in Family Practice: New Perspectives on Old Problems** on 25 and 26 June 1991. Course fee: £120 (including buffet lunch and refreshments). Further information: Mrs Lee Wilding, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 7AF (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3170).

The **2nd International Congress on Amino Acids and Analogues** will be held in Vienna from 5–9 August 1991. Further information: Dr G. Lubec, University of Vienna, Department of Paediatrics, A1090 Vienna, Währinger Gürtel 18, Austria (telephone 43 1 23 40 424; fax 43 1 40 400 3238).

The Schizophrenia Training Consultancy will be holding a seminar on **Protection and Preparation: Ways in which Relatives, Carers and Guardians can Protect the Property and Financial Interests of Mentally Disordered People and Ensure their Future Security** on 18 and 19 May 1991 at the Institute of Optimum Nutrition, Fulham, London. They will also be holding a conference entitled **Dangerousness: Concepts of Danger to Self and to Others and Management of Violence and Challenging Behaviour in Mental Illness** on 21 and 22 June 1991 at Friends House, Euston Road, London. Further information: Mrs Pam Jenkinson, Schizophrenia Training Consultancy, 69 Shepherds Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 2BU (telephone 0344 420202).

The British Association of Psychotherapists Child Section will be holding parallel courses on **Therapeutic Communication with Children and Adolescents** in north and south London in Autumn 1991. There will be one term of 11 weekly seminars. Applications should be received by 15 June 1991; early application is advised. Fee: £150. Further information: Mrs Judith Lawrence, BAP Secretary, 121 Hendon Lane, London N3 3PR (telephone 081 346 1747).

The **Third European Health Services Research Meeting** will be held at University College London from 13–14 December 1991 and there is now a call for abstracts for papers and posters. *Deadline for abstracts 31 May 1991*. Further information and abstract forms: Rosemary McMahon, Third European Health Services Research Meeting, Professional Briefings, 120 Wilton Road, London SW1V 1JZ (telephone 071 233 8322; fax 071 233 7779).

The **Third Annual Meeting of the British Sleep Society** will be held at Worcester College, Oxford from 1–3 September 1991. Further information and abstract forms: Dr J. Stradling, Osler Chest Unit, Churchill Hospital, Headington OX3 7JL (telephone 0865 225236; fax 0865 225221).

Applications are invited for the **University College London, Department of Psychology, Diploma in Family Therapy**. It aims to train practitioners to work with families in a multi-cultural society. Applicants must have a relevant professional qualification and have completed some recognised introductory work in family therapy. *Closing date 31 May 1991*. Further information and application forms: Dr Alan Cooklin, Course Director, Marlborough Family Service, 38 Marlborough Place, London NW8 0PJ (telephone 071 624 8605).

The **Art & Science of Healing** seminar will be held at The Priory Hospital on 15 May 1991. Chairman: Dr John Cobb (Consultant Psychiatrist, The Priory Hospital). Topics: *The Practice of Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapy* (Dr Lynne Drummond, Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry at St George's Hospital and Dr Richard Stern, Consultant Psychiatrist, Springfield University Hospital); *Cognitive Analytic Therapy: An Integrated Time-Limited Approach* (Dr Anthony Ryle, Consultant Psychotherapist, St Thomas's Hospital); *Sexual Problems: An Update* (Tricia Barnes, Sexual and Marital Therapist, London W1). Apply to: The Medical Director, The Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ.

The Tavistock Clinic will be holding a part-time course of six weekly sessions of 2 hours 45 minutes duration on **Understanding the Management of Perinatal Bereavement** on 8 and 22 May, 5, 12, 19 and 26 June 1991. A new course is held each term with a follow-up in a later term. Fees: £70, including a registration fee of £10. Further information and

application forms: The Training Administrator, The Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA.

An **Advanced Cognitive Therapy Course** will be held at the Department of Psychiatry, Edinburgh University from 24–28 June 1991. Fees: £300 (non residential). Further information: Dr Chris Freeman, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 5HF.

The **Second Congress on Mental Health and Deafness** will be held in Namur, Belgium, from 9–11 May 1991. Further information: Secretariat of the Second Congress on Mental Health and Deafness, La Bastide, Avenue Vauban, 8, B-5000 Namur, Belgium (telephone 32 81 22 52 55; fax 32 81 23 14 45).

A conference entitled **Women Doctors and Their Careers** will take place on 29 April 1991 in the Clarendon Wing of the General Infirmary, Leeds. Fee: £45. Further information: Julia Dunning, Health Visitor, PO Box 12, Whitley, Goole, North Humberside DN14 0JT (telephone 0977 662560).

A study day for psychiatrists entitled **Current Issues in Transracial Adoption**, organised by NETCAP (North East Thames Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists) will be held on 12 June 1991 at the Robin Brook Centre, St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London EC1. Further information: Dr Guinevere Tufnell, Child & Family consultation Centre, Shernhall Street, London E17 (telephone 081 509 0424).

The **Society for Existential Analysis** will be holding Forums on 3 May 1991—Death, Dying and Being (With) and on 7 June 1991—The Philosophical Issues of Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome. Further information: The Secretary, Society for Existential Analysis, School of Psychotherapy & Counselling, Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1 4NS (telephone 071 602 6154).

A two-day workshop entitled **Supporting Self-Advocacy: The Advisors' Role** will be held on 23 and 24 May 1991 at the King's Fund Centre, London. *Closing date for applications: 19 April 1991.* Further information: Andrea Whittaker or Melanie Kornitzer, King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF (telephone 071 267 6111).

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But if that Variety of Symptoms, that often affects the Body, under those Disorders, arise from a wrong Turn of the Fancy. I hope these Gentleman will be so candid as to inform us, from whence that wrong Turn of the Fancy it self arises, that is supposed to give Being to all those Symptoms: For I deny, that the Thoughts themselves can ever start from a regular Way of Thinking, without inferring, at the same Time, a change in the Motions of the Animal Fibres; whether the Object causing that irregular Turn of Thought, was primarily struck upon the Mind, and so acted upon the Mind, and so acted upon the Body, by first acting upon the Passions: or was first lodg'd in the Fibres, and, by affecting the material Organs, after that, disconcerted the Passions: and after them, the Mind: I say, which way soever the Shock was received, it's impossible that the mind can suffer, and the Body be unaffected at the same

Time, & vice versa. For, we perceive, in those violent Passions or Transports of Anger, that are big enough to raise a temporary Madness, if, at the same Time, they do not disconcert the Animal Organs; upon the Abatement of these Motions, the Mind will naturally subside, settle and recover its former State of Tranquility again; which is far otherwise, when the Organs, that support the Passions, are affected, for then the Madness or Discomposure holds on, and the Patient often continues under its Influence whole Nights and Days without the least Intermission.

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