

## Forthcoming events

The **11th International Congress of Group Psychotherapy** will be held in Montreal from 22–28 August 1992. Abstract, programme and registration forms: GEMS/IAGP Congress 1992, 4260 Girouard, Suite 100, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H4A 3C9.

The **Second International Conference on Refractory Depression** will be held in Amsterdam from 24–26 June 1992. Further information: Dr P. M. J. Haffmans, Psychiatric Centre Bloemendaal, PO Box 53002, 2505 AA The Hague, The Netherlands (telephone 31 70 3916300; fax 31 70 3970230).

The Psychologist Special Interest Group in the Elderly, Wales Branch, will be holding a **one day conference on successful ageing** to be entitled *Not over the hill, more on top of the world* on 3 April 1992 at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Postgraduate Centre, Newport, Gwent. Fee: £25 (£15 for PSIGE members). Further information: Paul Whitby, Psychology Department, Springfield Unit, St Woolos Hospital, Stow Hill, Newport NP9 4SZ.

A conference entitled **Predictive Testing for Huntington's Disease** will be held at the King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF on 13 November 1991. Fee: £30 per person. *Applications to be returned by 1 November 1991.* Application forms and further information: Huntington's Disease Association, 108 Battersea High Street, London SW11 3HP.

The Institute of Neurology will be holding the 55th series of the **Sandoz Foundation Advanced Lectures on Clinical and Experimental Neurology** on Wednesday evenings during the autumn term from 16 October–4 December 1991. Admission is free, without ticket. Further information: Institute of Neurology, The National Hospital, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG.

The **19th European Conference on Psychosomatic Research** will be held from 27 September–1 October 1992 in Dubrovnik with the main theme *Psychosomatics – Reintegration of medicine*. There is now a call for papers. Further information: Clinic for Psychological Medicine, Kišpatičeva 12, 41000 Zagreb, Croatia, Yugoslavia (telephone 38 41 825).

The following winter term workshops will be held by the **College's Philosophy Special Interest Group** in the Warren Suite, Royal College of Psychiatrists:

30 October 1991 – *Meaningful and Causal Connections*; 13 November 1991 – *The Philosophy of Psychoanalysis*. Further information: Dr Frances Klemperer, Senior Registrar in Psychiatry, York Clinic, Guys Hospital, St Thomas Street, London SE1 9RT.

The International Academy for Biomedical and Drug Research will be holding a workshop on **Target Receptors for Anxiolytics and Hypnotics: from molecular pharmacology to therapeutics** from 24–26 November 1991 in Monte Carlo. Further information: Organising Secretariat, ES Assistance, Via Napo Torriani, 30-20124 Milan, Italy (telephone 39 2 6696702; fax 39 2 6701851).

The **3rd Malaysian Conference on Psychological Medicine** entitled *Towards a Caring Society: Caring for the Psychologically Distressed* will be held from 17–19 January 1992 at Sri Bayu Beach Resort, Pangkor Island, Perak, Malaysia. Further information: 3rd Malaysian Conference on Psychological Medicine, c/o Astra Pharmaceutical (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., PO Box 11221, 50740 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (telephone 60 3 2545177; fax 60 3 2558148).

The King's Fund Centre for Health Services Development will be holding the following seminars: **Hospice – a building or a philosophy of care?** (1 November 1991) and **Sleeping Out in Central London: Initiatives and strategies to serve single homeless people** (29 November 1991). Further information: Linda Moore, King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF (telephone 071 267 6111, extension 268).

A conference on **HIV and Mental Health: which way forward?** will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry, London, on 5 November 1991. Cost: £30 (including lunch and refreshments). Further information: Stephen Firn, Clinical Nurse Specialist (HIV/AIDS), The Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3BX (telephone 081 777 6611, extension 4358).

An international conference entitled **Schizophrenia 1992: Poised for Change** will take place in Vancouver from 19–23 July 1992 and there is now a call for abstracts. Further information: Conference Secretariat, c/o Venue West Ltd, 645–375 Water Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 5C6, Canada (telephone 604 681 5226; fax 604 681 2503).

The **First European Symposium on ECT** entitled *Critical History – future trends* will be held from 26–29 March 1992 in Graz, Austria. Further information: Congress Secretariat, Psychiatrische Universitätsklinik Graz, c/o Peter Hofmann, MD, Auenbruggerplatz 22, A-8036 Graz, Austria.

The World Psychiatric Association and the Egyptian Psychiatric Association will be holding a regional symposium entitled **Updating Management of Psychiatric Disorders** from 16–18 January 1992 in Cairo. Further information: Professor A. Okasha, PO Box 1071, Cairo, Egypt.

The Society for Psychosomatic Research will be holding a conference entitled **Recognition and Management of Psychological Disorders in General Practice** at St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London on 25 and 26 November 1991. Further information: Dr C. Bass, Department of Psychological Medicine, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford OX3 9DU (telephone 0865 220379).

A day seminar for professionals entitled **From Closure to Openness: Therapeutic Work with Children of Parents with Schizophrenia** will be held on 19 October 1991 at The Post Graduate Medical Centre, Mayday University Hospital, Mayday Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey. Fee: £45 (includes lunch and refreshments). Further information and applications: Mrs S. Buddle, Administrator, Croydon Child Guidance Clinic, Victoria House, Southbridge Place, Croydon CR0 4HA (telephone 081 686 0393).

The Forum on Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics will be holding a meeting on **Doctors, Drugs and Pharmacists** on 24 October 1991 at The Royal Society of Medicine. Further information: Miss

Nicole Aaron, Forums Executive, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

#### **Courses**

The Schizophrenic Training Consultancy will be holding an in-depth study course on **Housing Rights for Mentally Ill People** on 7, 14 and 15 November 1991 at the Abbey Community Centre, 34 Great Smith Street, London SW1. Further information: Mrs Pam Jenkinson, 69 Shepherds Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 2BU.

**Postgraduate Training in Behavioural Psychotherapy (BPT)**: this 1991–92 AOTP course, at the Institute of Psychiatry, London, begins with a two-day workshop on 3 and 4 October 1991 and includes theory, treatment demonstrations and participant practice. Trainees then do BPT of their own patients locally, with supervision at the Institute of Psychiatry one half-day monthly for nine months. Eminent speakers run seminars on BPT in adults, the elderly, children and mental handicap. A certificate will be awarded to those completing the course. Cost: £415. Applicants can write, noting degrees and position, to Professor Isaac Marks, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF.

The following courses will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry: **Neuropsychology of Schizophrenia: an international symposium (10 and 11 October 1991)**; cost: £70 (including coffee, tea and buffet lunch). **Community Care for Elderly People with Dementia – psychosocial issues (18 November 1991)**; cost: £55 (including coffee, tea and buffet lunch). Further information and application forms: Mrs Lee Wilding, Short Courses Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3170).

**Contributions for this section should be submitted two months in advance of publication**

### **Annual Meeting 1992**

#### **Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland**

The dates for the Annual General Meeting 1992 to be held at Trinity College, Dublin have been changed to Friday, 24 July–Monday, 27 July 1992. The previous dates unfortunately clashed with a major international psychiatric meeting.

It would be helpful if members could contact the College in the future if College meetings coincide with any other major international psychiatric events.