

at the post-discharge careers of patients. One such study (Black, 1976) shows the value of the typology described by Blackburn (1971), but more sophisticated studies of treatment and discharge outcome will be required to evaluate fully the variety of other methods which have been developed.

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## Forthcoming Events

The **Third World Congress on Pain**, sponsored by the International Association for Study of Pain, will be held from 4 to 11 September, 1981, in Edinburgh. Information: Third World Congress on Pain, University of Edinburgh, 16 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD; or Louisa Jones, Secretary, International Association for the Study of Pain, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, USA.

The next **APIT MRCPsych Examination Workshop** will be held on 18 and 19 October, 1980. Course fee £24 (APIT members: £20). Information: Mrs Vanstone-Walker, Course Secretary, Maudsley Hospital, London SE5 8AZ.

A half-day release course in 'Child Psychiatry and Mental Handicap' has been organized as part of the **Advanced Level Course for the MRCPsych Examination** by the London and St. Bartholomew's Hospitals. It will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 1 October to 17 December, 1980, in the Department of Psychiatry, The London Hospital. Information: Mrs O Weltman, Psychiatric Out-patient Department, The London Hospital, London E1 1BB.

A half-day release **MRCPsych Course in Basic Sciences (Part 1)**, organized by London and St. Bartholomew's Hospitals will be held at the Department of Psychological Medicine, St Bartholomew's Hospital on Wednesday afternoons from 1 October to 17 December, 1980. Information: Mrs C Hawkins, German Hospital, Ritson Road, London E8.

The First International Conference of the Mental Research Institute entitled '**Innovations in Psychotherapy and Family Medicine**' will be held from 25 to 27 June, 1982, in Nice. Information: Diana Sullivan, Everstine, MRI, 555 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, California 94301, USA.

A one-week introductory course in **Child and Adolescent Psychiatry** has been organized by members of the staff of the Institute of Child Health and the Hospital for Sick Children. The course will be held at the Institute from 24 to 28 November, 1980. Information: The Sub-Dean, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guildford Street, London WC1N 1EH.

A General Course in Group Work will be held on Thursday evenings from October 1980 to June 1981 at the **Institute of Group Analysis**. Information: The Course Secretary, Institute of Group Analysis, 1 Bickenhall Mansions, Bickenhall Street, London W1H 3LF.

The **8th World Congress of Social Psychiatry** will be held in Zagreb from 16 to 22 August 1981. Participation by presentation of papers, symposia and panel discussions is welcome. Information: Dr M. Stojanovic, University Hospital, Vinogradska c. 29, 41000 Zagreb, Yugoslavia.