

## Forthcoming events

**Patient Voices: Patient and Public Involvement and the White Paper – Designed to Care** is the title of the Scottish Association of Health Council's Seventh Annual conference. Taking place on 2 September 1998 at the Forte Post-house Hotel, Erskine, the conference will be of interest to everyone in the NHS in Scotland, especially those concerned with promoting patient choice and involving the public in health care decision-making. Further information: Sandra Anderson, Scottish Association of Health Councils, 18 Alva Street, Edinburgh EH2 4QG (Telephone: 0131 220 4101, Fax: 0131 220 4108, e-mail: sahc@sol.co.uk).

Applications are invited for **Semester I of the MRCPsych Course** at the UCL Medical School. Part 1 of the course begins on 7 September 1998 and will take place on Monday afternoons, and Part 2, on Tuesday afternoons, will commence on 8 September 1998. The course has been restructured to incorporate mock exams, theme-specific revision sessions and research methodology, to address the Colleges' Critical Appraisal Paper for Part II. Further information and application form: Dr Sushrut Jadhav/Joanne Rodway, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences, UCL Medical School, 48 Riding House Street, London W1N 8AA (Telephone: 0171 380 9475).

Pavilion in association with Surrey Oaklands NHS Trust have organised a national conference entitled **Health on the Agenda: Improving the Health of People with Learning Disabilities**. Taking place at the ORT House Conference Centre London on 16 September 1998, the conference aims to explore ways in which people with learning disabilities can be assisted in identifying, communicating and improving their health. Further information: Pavilion Publishing (Brighton) Ltd, FREEPOST BR458, 8 St George's Place, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 4ZZ (Telephone: 01273 623222, Fax: 01273 625526, e-mail: pavpub@pavilion.co.uk).

The Tavistock Clinic have organised 10 monthly seminars beginning in September 1998 on **Working with People in Later Life: A Psychoanalytic Perspective**. Designed for clinicians working with patients, staff and managers in the NHS, social services and the voluntary sector, the seminars will be predominantly clinical with some theoretical focus. They will run on Monday

and Tuesday afternoons and will be useful for clinical psychologists, old age psychiatrists, general psychiatrists, psychotherapists, senior nurses, occupational therapists and social workers. Further information: Rachael Davenhill, Adult Department, Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA (Telephone: 0171 435 7111).

A one-day conference entitled **Getting Better** has been organised for 21 September 1998 in Kensington Town Hall, London. The focus of the day will be the importance of effective patient-doctor communications. Further information: Nexus Structured Communications, Wootton Lodge, Warwick Road, Leek Wootton, Warwickshire CV35 7RB (Telephone: 01926 854455, Fax: 01926 854888, e-mail: 113220,750@compuserve.com).

The International Attachment Network have organised two courses. The first, in association with The Attachment Research Unit (University College London) is entitled **Attachment and Intersubjectivity in Early Development**. This will be held on four Saturdays from 26 September to 7 November at the University of London. **Young Children in Brief Separation** will take place on Monday evenings from 5 October to 9 November. Further information: International Attachment Network, 6 Oman Avenue, London NW2 6BG (Telephone: 0171 482 4212, Fax: 0171 485 7957).

ROSTRUM have organised a three-day course on **Effective Pharmaceutical Project Management**, taking place on 29 September to 1 October 1998 at The Commonwealth Institute, London. Further information: Christine Noddings, ROSTRUM Personal Development, Mildmay House, St Edwards Court, London Road, Romford, Essex RM7 9QD (Telephone: 01708 776016).

A series of conferences have been organised by the University of Southampton's Professional Education and Training Unit. **Alcohol: Who Needs it Badly?** and **CSN/False Memory Syndrome** will take place on the 9 September and 23 September respectively, at the Marchwood Priory Hospital, Southampton. **Schizophrenia: Outcome, Compliance and Costs** on the 15 October and the **Annual Conference for Senior and Specialist Registrars in Forensic Psychiatry**, on the 12/13 November will be held

at the Novotel Hotel, Southampton and the Posthouse Hotel, Portsmouth respectively. Also, **The Effects of Homicide: Victims of the Mentally Disordered Offender** will take place on the 18 November, venue to be announced. Further information: The PET Unit, Mental Health Group, University of Southampton, Royal South Hants Hospital, Brintons Terrace, Southampton SO14 0YG (Telephone/Fax: 01703 825543, e-mail: dkb@soton.ac.uk).

A series of seminars on **Personality Development: A Psychoanalytic Approach**, will take place between October 1998 and April 1999 at the Centre for Psychotherapeutic Studies, University of Sheffield. Organised in conjunction with the Tavistock Clinic and the Leeds and Nottingham Baby Observation Courses, each seminar will be led by a child psychotherapist from London and includes a lecture and discussion group. Deadline for booking forms: 25 September 1998. Further information: Jane Allen-Brown, Centre for Psychotherapeutic Studies, 16 Claremont Crescent, Sheffield S10 2TA (Telephone: 0114 222 2973, e-mail: j.allen-brown@shef.ac.uk).

**The Child's Perspective: A Collaborative Approach** is an interdisciplinary conference to promote recognition of the experiences and voices of children. It will be held on 8–10 November 1998 in London. The Training Department, The Institute of Family Therapy, 24–32 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HX (Telephone: 0171 391 9150, Fax: 0171 391 9169).

The second Manchester University Conference in **Community and Rehabilitation Psychiatry for SpRs and new Consultants** will be held on 9–11 November 1998 at Prestwich Hospital, Manchester. Further information: Dr Sarah Davenport, Mental Health Services of Salford, Bury New Road, Prestwich, Manchester M25 3BL (Telephone: 0161 773 9121)

An experimental workshop entitled **A Living-Learning Experience in a Therapeutic Community** will be held on 10–12 November 1998. Further information: Association of Therapeutic Communities, Pine Street Day Centre, 13–15 Pine Street, London EC1R 0JH (Telephone/Fax: 0181 950 9557, e-mail: Therap.Comm@btinternet.com).

**A Joint Meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists Liaison Group and the British Diabetic Association** will take place on 19–20 November 1998. This two-day meeting, to be held in Bradford, covers psychiatric aspects of diabetes. It is appropriate for all psychiatrists, but particularly those that have an interest in liaison psychiatry. Further information: The

British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BD.

A workshop entitled **Eating Disorders: Mysteries, Paradoxes and Challenges** will take place on 20 November 1998 at the Institute of Family Therapy, London. The workshop intends to convey the intriguing nature of eating disorders and to demonstrate the rewards from working with them. Further information: The Training Department, The Institute of Family Therapy, 24–32 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HX (Telephone: 0171 391 9150, Fax: 0171 391 9150).

A conference entitled **Inequality and Mental Health** will be held at the New Connaught Rooms, London on 26–27 November. Inequalities in mental health, access to mental health services and effective ways to tackle these issues will provide the focus. Further information: Professional Briefings, 120 Wilton Road, London SW1V 1JZ (Telephone: 0171 233 8322, Fax: 0171 233 7779, e-mail: profbriefings@msn.com).

**Suicide Inquiries and How to Survive Them** is a one-day conference organised by the Association for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and the General Psychiatry and Psychotherapy Section of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. The aim of the conference, taking place at the Tavistock Clinic, London, is to look at the impact of these inquiries on both staff and institutions both in the NHS and the wider community. Further information: Annabel Thomas, APP Conference Administrator, PO Box 322, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 2YU (Telephone/Fax: 0181 582 1922).

The World Psychiatric Association Section of Epidemiology and Public Health Symposium entitled **From Epidemiology to Clinical Practice** will take place on 1–4 August 1999, Turku, Finland. Further information: Professor Ville Lehtinen, STAKES, National Research and Development centre for Welfare and Health, PO Box 220, FIN-00531, Helsinki, Finland (Telephone/Fax: +358 9 3967 2030, e-mail: ville.lehtinen@stakes.fi).

**Psychiatry on new thresholds** is the theme of the **XI World Congress of Psychiatry** scheduled for 6–11 August 1999 in Hamburg, Germany. Psychiatric care, research and training into the next century will be among the topics covered. Further information: Congress and Exhibition Office, CPO Hanser Service, Zum Ehrenhain 34, D-22885 Barsbüttel, Germany (Telephone +49 40 670 882 0, Fax: +49 40 670 32 83, e-mail: cpo@wpa-hamburg.de).

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The Royal College of Physicians has organised a conference in association with The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health entitled **Alcohol and the Young**. The conference is particularly aimed at child and adolescent psychiatrists and those involved with addiction groups. It will take

place on 27 October at the Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE. Contact the Conference Office for further information. (Telephone: 0171 935 1174 (ext. 436), Fax: 0171 487 5218, e-mail: [conference@rcplondon.ac.uk](mailto:conference@rcplondon.ac.uk)).

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