

Announcements

European Association of Behaviour Therapy

—8th European Congress of Behaviour Therapy, VIENNA—September 24th to 27th, 1978. Details of group travel arrangements from:

Mr. H. Lomas, Craig House, Bank Street, Bury BL9 OBA.

9th EABT Congress—4th, 5th and 16th September, 1979 in Paris.

10th EABT Congress and World Congress on Behaviour Therapy in Jerusalem, Israel—13th to 17th July, 1980.

Further details from: Dr. M. Rosenbaum, 15 KEHILAT PADOVA,
NE'OT AFEKA, TEL AVIV, ISRAEL.

The 11th International Congress of Psychotherapy will take place in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, August 27th—September 1st, 1979.

The theme is "Training and Research". Details from:

Secretariat of 11th International Congress of Psychotherapy,
c/o Holland Organizing Centre, 16 Lange Voorhout,
2514 EE The Hague, The Netherlands.

The Journal of Behavioural Medicine starts publication in 1978. Subscription (\$24) through Plenum Publishing Corporation,
227 West 17th Street,
New York, N.Y. 10011,
U.S.A.

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Weekend Symposium on Cognitive Behaviour Therapy

September 23rd and 24th, 1978, Hotel Biltmore, Los Angeles. Co-ordinated by Donald Meichenbaum. For details write to:

BMA,
270 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y. 10016,
U.S.A.

Institute of Mental Subnormality

Five day course for practising psychologists: the behavioural approach in mental handicap. Lea Hospital, Bromsgrove, 20th—24th November, 1978. Fee £50 (overnight accommodation extra).

Introductory Workshops: Lea Hospital, Bromsgrove. September 12th and 13th : December 12th and 13th, 1978. Fee £25 (overnight accommodation extra).

Wessex Branch Meetings—1978

- 21st September Cigarette dependence and its treatment.
Mr. M. Raw, Addiction Research Unit, London.
Venue—Portsmouth.
- October Workshop Management of children and adolescents with behaviour disorders.
Dr. B. Brown, Tennai School, Birmingham.
Venue—Winchester.
- 24th November The Teacher—Child Interaction Project.
Mr. W. Yule, Institute of Psychiatry, London.
Venue—Southampton.

(Further details from ROD HOLLAND, Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley Abbey, Southampton).

Study course on social skills training with adolescents

October 7-8, 1978, Tennal School, Balden Road, Harbourne, Birmingham, B32 2EW.

A 2-day non-residential course for Professionals interested in developing social skills programmes with adolescents. There will be lectures, video-tapes and workshop sessions. 40 places available with a fee of £18 inclusive of coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. Applications stating qualifications and experience to Mr. S. Spence, Study Course Governor, Tennal School, Balden Road, Harborne, Birmingham, B32 2EW.

Correspondence

The role of the nurse therapist

The strength of the BABP lies in the common aim shared by members of various professions. In that context, it would seem worth while from time to time to look at ourselves as behavioural psychotherapists and see how we can or should function. The proportion of nurses among our membership has been rising rapidly and they may now constitute the second largest profession in the Association. With this increasing interest in behavioural treatment among nurses, there has been concern in several quarters to establish the nature of the nurse therapist's role. As we all know, the interest in some quarters has not seemed particularly benign and it is not, therefore, surprising that some of our members took exception to the seemingly rather cavalier announcement that the Association would be setting up an enquiry into the role of the nurse therapist. One of the letters published in the last issue of this Bulletin implied that this is a matter that must be dealt with by the profession itself. Although that must be true of any formalization of role, it seems ridiculous to rule out this Association as a forum for discussion, since all members are concerned with the progress of behavioural psychotherapy.

So—to specifics. As is normal Association practice a working party was convened by one Branch—in this instance Birmingham Branch. The convenor was a nurse therapist as