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The 60th Residential Revision Course for the MRCPsych Examinations

will be held at the University of Surrey, Guildford, on 7–14 August 2002 (Part I) and 14–22 August 2002 (Part II). Further details can be obtained from Mrs S. Caines, Belmont Postgraduate Psychiatric Centre, Chiltern Wing, Sutton Hospital, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5NF (tel: 020 8296 4177).

Applications are now invited for semester one of the **MRCPsych Course** run by University College London. Part I takes place on Monday afternoons commencing 2 September 2002 and Part II runs Tuesday afternoons commencing 3 September 2002. The course has been updated in keeping with the Royal College of Psychiatrists 2002 syllabus and includes mock exams, theme-specific revision sessions, research methodology and the College's critical appraisal paper for the Part II exam. For further information and an application form please contact Lee Jameson, Course Administrator (tel: 020 7679 9475; e-mail: mrcpsych@ucl.ac.uk).

The Andrew Sims Centre for Professional Development would like to announce: **Mental Health Act: Section 12 Induction Course**, a comprehensive 2-day course accredited for practitioners who require approval under Section 12 of the Mental Health Act. It is also valuable as an in-depth update for those practitioners who are already approved but wish to keep their knowledge and practice current. This course is taking place in Leeds on two occasions: 19–20 September 2002 and 30–31 January 2003; **Safe and Sound**, a 2-day child protection conference is specially designed for those working with children in the NHS and will focus exclusively on the responsibility and accountability of those in the front-line. This event takes place in Leeds on 10–11 September 2002;

and **Obsessive–Compulsive Disorder**, a professional development seminar presented by Dr Chris Freeman and held on 17 September 2002 in Leeds. For further information on all these courses please contact the Andrew Sims Centre Course Administrator (tel: 0113 305 6044; fax: 0113 305 6041; e-mail: AndrewSims-Centre@cwcom.net).

The University of Manchester, Department of Psychiatry, would like to announce a **Course on Psychodynamic Interpersonal Therapy**, taking place on 16–20 September 2002. This is an intensive week-long course in psychodynamic interpersonal therapy aiming to provide a brief theoretical introduction to the model; acquaint participants with the main features of the model; and enable participants to use the model with patients with the following conditions: somatisation, depression, deliberate self-harm and complex chronic conditions. The course is organised by Professor Else Guthrie. Application forms and further details are available from Mrs Una Dean, Secretary to Professor E. Guthrie, University Department of Psychiatry, Rawnsley Building, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester M13 9WL (tel: 0161 276 5383; fax: 0161 273 2135; e-mail: Una.Dean@man.ac.uk).

The Royal College of Anaesthetists, in association with the Conscious Sedation Society of the UK, will be holding a **Symposium on Safe Sedation Practice** on 31 October 2002. The symposium is aimed primarily at clinical personnel who are involved in the provision of conscious sedation for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes. The aim of the meeting is to provide an update on national recommendations, review current techniques and to discuss training and education in conscious sedation. The structure will consist of short presentations and

discussions of topics to include: overview of conscious sedation in clinical practice; safety of conscious sedation; drug choice for conscious sedation; and multi-professional education in conscious sedation. For further information please contact the Courses and Meetings Department of the Royal College of Anaesthetists, 48/49 Russell Square, London WC1B 4JY (tel: 020 7813 1900; fax: 020 7636 8280; e-mail: educ@rcoa.ac.uk).

The University College London's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences is inviting applications for a 2-year, part-time **MSc in Psychiatric Theory and Research**, starting in October 2002. The MSc is intended for senior house officers and specialist registrars in psychiatry and aims to provide a firm grounding in research methodology. The first year of the course will involve seminars, tutorials and workshops on research methodology, with an emphasis on both conceptual learning and academic skills, as well as lectures covering the MRCPsych Part II curriculum. In the second year students will conduct a research project under supervision and submit a dissertation. Places on the course are limited to 15 students, so early application is advisable. For an application form and prospectus please contact Lydia Clinton, Course Administrator, on tel: 020 7679 9475, or by e-mail: mrcpsych@ucl.ac.uk.

BBR Beynon, Bishop, Ross Medical Education Ltd are the organisers of the following **MRCPsych Course: Part II Clinical**. This will take place on 9–10 November 2002. For further details please contact BBR, 82 The Maltings, Roydon Road, Stanstead Abbots, Hertfordshire SG12 8HG (tel/fax: 01920 872 407; e-mail: admin@bbrmedicaleducation.net).