

## Forthcoming events

The International Council of Prison Medical Services announce the **Third World Congress on Prison Health Care** to be held in Bristol from 15–18 August 1988. Details: Dr P. A. Trafford, Cunard Crusader World Travel Ltd, 15 Colston Street, Bristol BS1 5AP.

The **Liaison Psychiatry Group** is planning two meetings to be held jointly with other societies. On 22 November 1988 a meeting will be held in conjunction with the British Psychosocial Oncology Group at The Society for the Chemical Industry, Belgrave Square, London SW1 and on 8 March 1989 a meeting will be held jointly with The Marcé Society at the Royal Society of London, London W1.

The XIVth International Symposium of the Fulton Society on **'The Neurobiology of Brain Implants'** will be held in New Delhi in October 1989 alongside the XIVth World Congress of Neurology. Further information: Professor Victor Soriano, Calle Buenos Aires 363, Montevideo, Uruguay.

The metanoia Psychotherapy Training Institute will hold a two-day introductory workshop entitled **'Fundamentals of Gestalt Psychotherapy'** on 8 and 9 October 1988. Those who want to learn more Gestalt psychotherapy or incorporate its principles and practice into their current work are welcome to attend the Advanced Training Workshops. Further information: Dr Petruska Clarkson, Clinical Director, metanoia Psychotherapy Training Institute, 13 North Common Road, London W5 2QB (telephone 01 579 2505).

The **Fourth World Congress on Infant Psychiatry and Allied Disciplines** will be held in Lugano from 20–24 September 1989. Further information: Dr Ferruccio Bianchi, Servizio Medico-Psicologico, Via Simen 10, CH-6904 Lugano, Switzerland.

The **First International Conference on Refractory Depression** held by the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine Depression Research Unit will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel, Philadelphia on 6 and 7 October 1988. Further information: Dr Jay Amsterdam, Depression Research Unit, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, 36th & Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19104-4283, USA.

A meeting entitled **'Issues in AIDS Counselling'** will be held on 28 September 1988 at Peter Samuel Hall,

Royal Free Hospital. Fee: £35 (£30 for DCP members and students) inclusive of lunch and coffee. This meeting will be of interest to doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, counsellors, health advisers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and other health care professionals. Further details and application form: Ms L. Perry, Administrator, District AIDS Counselling Unit, Clinic 8, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3 2QG (telephone 01 431 0970).

The Inge Wakehurst Memorial Trust Fund and the National Autistic Society will be holding a **day course for doctors on Autism** at Granby Hotel, Harrogate on 4 November 1988. The course is designed for paediatricians, GPs, community and hospital doctors. The programme will include differential diagnosis of autism and related disorders, the educational and medical management of autistic children, home intervention and provision in the community. Key speakers will be Dr Elizabeth Newson, Dr Tom Berney and Dr Patricia Howlin. The course will be chaired by Professor I. Kolvin. Fee, including tuition, lunch and proceedings: £25. Early application is advisable. Application form and further details: Tracey Sellers, The Inge Wakehurst Memorial Trust Fund, c/o National Autistic Society, 276 Willesden Lane, London NW2 5RB (telephone 01 451 3844).

**Management Skills for Psychiatrists:** two three day courses will be held at 'The White Hart', Harrogate in November 1988. *Management Skills for Consultants*, 7–9 November 1988. Fee £295; *Management Skills for Senior Registrars*, 9–11 November 1988. Fee £200. Further details and application form: Dr Helena Waters, 4 Crodingley Farm Court, Thong Lane, Holmfirth HD7 2TY, W. Yorks (telephone 0484 681268) or John Sturt, 19 Dereham Drive, Arnold, Notts NG5 6PS (telephone 0602 260214).

**Short courses for practitioners in the alcohol/drugs field** will be held at the University of Kent at Canterbury from 19–23 September 1988. There will be the option of a follow-up workshop in March 1989 for each course. Fee: Residential £213; non-residential £153 (to include lunch, tea and coffee). Application form, together with £25 deposit, should be sent *not later than 2 September 1988* to Mrs Joan Thomason, Organising Secretary, School of Continuing Education, Rutherford College, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NX; enquiries: Mrs Gail Jones, telephone 0227 764000, extension 3691.

The London Society for Ericksonian Psychotherapy and Hypnosis will be holding training events on 7 October 1988 – **Hypnosis and Healing** – and 8 and 9 October 1988 – **Advanced Class** (Herbert Lustig, Philadelphia, USA); and on 18 November 1988 – **Trance, Trauma and Treatment** – and on 19 and 20 November 1988 – **Advanced Class** (David Calof, Seattle, Washington, USA). Further details and application forms: Aphra Peard, 4 Wardley Green Cottages, Milland, Liphook, Hants GU33 7LY. Telephone enquiries: Lisa Jennings, Workshop Organiser, LSEPH – 01 546 5488 (evenings).

A WPA regional symposium entitled '**Mental Health Community Services**' will be held from 29 March–1 April 1989 in Granada. Further information: Simposio Regional, Avenida del Sur 13, E-18071 Granada, Spain.

The **Fifth European Seminar and Exhibition on Computer-Aided Molecular Design** will be held on 5 and 6 October 1988 at the Acropolis Convention Centre, Nice, France. Further details: Penny Robinson, IBC Technical Services Ltd., Bath House, 56 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2EX (telephone 01 236 4080).

A **one day academic conference** for psychiatrists and those interested in dream research sponsored by the **European Association for the Study of Dreams** is to be held at the Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Institute of Psychiatry, on 8 October 1988. The morning session will be devoted to the physiology of dreaming and the afternoon to creativity in dreaming. Speakers will include Professor Ian Oswald, Dr Peter Fonagy and Professor Liam Hudson. Cost: £20 (including lunch, tea and coffee). Early registration is advisable. Cheques should be made payable to Dr Peter Fenwick, The Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 01 703 5411).

The Royal Society of Medicine in collaboration with the Society for the Study of Addiction will be holding a meeting entitled '**Responding to Drug Problems: An Anglo-Dutch Debate**' on 15 and 16 September 1988 at the Royal Society of Medicine, London. Early application is advised. Programme and registration details: Barbara Komoniewska, The Royal Society of

Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (telephone 01 408 2119, extension 301).

A one day symposium entitled '**Current Themes in Mental Handicap**' will be held at Guy's Hospital, London, on 22 September 1988. Subjects include: development of mental handicap services; family implication of mental handicap; ethics and sexuality in mental handicap; definition of psychiatric disorders; service evaluation and quality assurance. Speakers will include: Professor Chris Kiernan, Dr Ann Gath, Dr Oliver Russell, Ann Craft and Theresa Joyce. Fee: £15 (including coffee, lunch and tea). Further details: Symposium Secretary, Psychiatry of Mental Handicap, Medical School, Guy's Hospital, London SE1 9RT.

**Oxford Introductory Course in Group Analysis:** In association with the Institute of Group Analysis (London), an introductory course in the theory and practice of analytic group work will be held in Oxford between September 1988 and May 1989. The course, which meets weekly on Tuesday evenings, will be of interest to staff of the mental health services and related agencies who use small groups for therapy, training and teaching. Fee: £275. Information and application forms: Mrs Ros Clarke, 45 The Warren, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3XB.

The **Association for Family Therapy** will be holding its **Thirteenth Annual Training Meeting and Trainers Meeting** from 13–16 September 1988 at the University of York. The Plenary Speaker will be Dr Gianfranco Cecchin (Centre for Therapy of the Family, Milan) on 'Old Wine in New Bottles: A Review of the Work of the Milan Group'. Participants will also be able to attend a variety of workshops. The Trainers Meeting theme will be Course Development and Evaluation. Application forms: Dr Michael Sevitt, Conference Organiser, 7 Upper Park Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 5LB (telephone 01 546 4173, evenings) or Pat Green, Conference Secretary (telephone 01 549 2979).

An international congress on '**Recent Developments in Mental Health and Case-Registers**' will be held in Curacao from 4–9 September 1988. Further information: Congress-Secretariat, Rembrandtstraat 67, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles.

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