

Forthcoming events

The Hong Kong Association for Scientific Study of Mental Handicap in association with the International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency will sponsor an **International Conference on Mental Retardation: The Way Ahead** in Hong Kong from 28 March to 2 April 1991 at Hong Kong Cultural Centre. There is now a call for papers. Further information: Conference Secretariat, Hong Kong Association for Scientific Study of Mental Handicap, Suites 388–389, 58 Blue Pool Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong (telephone 852 833 6166; fax 852 834 9296).

An **International Conference on Railway Suicide** will be held in London from 17–19 April 1991. The programme will include discussion of effects on staff, psychiatric characteristics of victims, nature of injuries suffered, epidemiology of railway suicide, and approaches to prevention. Submission of papers in any of these areas is invited. Non residential fee: £160 (includes lunches and conference banquet). Bookings and abstracts by 1 February 1991. Further details: Professor Roger Farmer, Department of Community Medicine, Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School, 17 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AR (telephone 081 746 8159; fax 071 828 7196).

A conference entitled **Training Excellence** will be held from 8–11 April 1991 at the University of Kent at Canterbury. It will explore training issues and aim to raise standards of practice in the drugs/alcohol field. Further information: Mrs Frances Johnson, CONCILIA, PO Box 18, Ilkley, West Yorkshire LS29 6RA (telephone 0943 72763).

A workshop entitled **Philosophy and the Trainee Doctor: why, what and how** will take place on 2 March 1991 at College Hall, Malet Street, London WC1. Further information: Dr G. Adshead, Senior Registrar in Forensic Psychiatry, St George's Hospital, Clare House, Blackshaw Road, London SW17 8PA.

Regent's College are holding a two-year part-time course leading to a Post Qualifying **Diploma in Existential Psychotherapy**. Further information: Emmy van Deurzen-Smith, Director, Psychology Department, Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1 4NS (telephone 071 487 7406).

The Third Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Society for Existential Analysis entitled **Demystifying Psychotherapy – R. D. Laing and Beyond** will be held on 1 December 1990 at Regent's

College at the above address. Further information: Eve Dolphin, Secretary, S.E.A., 55 Faroe Road, London W14 0EL (telephone 071 602 6154).

A joint conference between the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Psychiatrists on **The Management of Medical Out-patients with Non-organic Disorders** will be held on 24 January 1991 at the Royal College of Physicians. Further information: The Conference Secretary, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, Regents Park, London NW1 4LE (telephone 071 935 1174; fax 071 487 5218).

The **3rd International Lithium Workshop** will take place at Wolverhampton Polytechnic on 24–25 March 1991. Further information: Professor N. J. Birch, Biomedical Research Laboratory, Wolverhampton Polytechnic, Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1DJ.

A workshop on **The Future Management Role of the Consultant Psychiatrist** will be held on 20–22 February 1991 or 10–12 July 1991 and one on **Management Skills for Senior Registrars in Psychiatry** from 24–26 April 1991. Both workshops will be held at the NHS Training and Studies Centre, The White Hart, Harrogate. Programme leaders: Helena Waters and John Sturt. Further information: Mrs Olive Moore, The White Hart, Cold Bath Road, Harrogate HG2 0NF (telephone 0423 505681).

The **British Association for Behavioural Psychotherapy (BABP)** are celebrating their **20th anniversary** with a major conference to be held in Oxford from 25–27 July 1991. Throughout the conference there will be simultaneous presentations on long-term care, adult psychiatric problems, and developmental problems. Special guest will be Professor Neil Jacobson (President of the AABT). Speakers planned include: E. Foa, I. Marks, D. Barlow, J. Gray, A. Bellack and A. Marlatt. The conference will be preceded by practical workshops on 23 and 24 July. Further details: BABP, 59 Revelstoke Road, Wimbledon Park, London SW18 5NJ (telephone 081 944 1133; fax 081 879 3326).

The **European Education Collegium** (main subject: **Education in Psychological Medicine**) will be held from 9–16 February 1991 at the Hotel Histria, Pula, Croatia, Yugoslavia. There is now a call for papers. Further information: Generalturist-Turizam, Congress Dept., Praska 4, 41000 Zagreb, Yugoslavia (telephone 041 431 219; fax 041 422 633).

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