
Forthcoming events

The Changing Minds: Every Family in the Land Campaign Management Committee would like to announce a one-day workshop entitled **How the Media Perpetuate Stigma and How You Can Use the Media to Reduce It**, to be held on 21 May 1999 at the Society of Chemical Industry, 15 Belgrave Square, London SW1. The Changing Minds Campaign Management Committee is keen to involve as many members of the College as possible in taking forward its messages at a local level and distributing its materials. This important one-day meeting will outline the rationale behind the campaign and will include a contribution from a medical correspondent from a national newspaper. The day will look at images of madness and address lessons to be learned when working with the media, with practical advice on working effectively with them. There will be plenty of time for interaction between contributors and the audience. A pack of campaign promotional materials will be distributed to delegates. There will be a nominal charge of £25.00 for the day. Further information is available from: External Affairs Department, Royal College of Psychiatrists (Telephone: 0171 235 2351, e-mail: dhart@rcpsych.ac.uk).

The Transcultural Special Interest Group and The Philosophy Special Interest Group are holding a one day workshop entitled **Values and Diagnostic Concepts in Transcultural Psychiatry** at the Royal College of Psychiatrists on 20 May 1999. Further information is available from: Dr Khoosal, The Brandon Mental Health Unit, Leicester General Hospital, Gwendolen Road, Leicester LE5 4PW (Telephone: 0116 225 6209, fax: 0116 225 6315).

Improving Healthcare for Young People in Prison: Working Together with the NHS is the title of a conference to be held at The Institute of Psychiatry, London on 5 May 1999. Relevant to all professionals working with young offenders and those with responsibility for service development, the conference will address the broad range of issues which relate to the health care of young people in prison. Emphasis will be given to the relationship between the NHS and prison health care, and topics will include prevention of suicide and deliberate self-harm, anti-bullying strategies and services for substance misuse. Another event being held by The Institute of Psychiatry, in conjunction with the Division of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry (Toronto), is a

meeting entitled **Interpersonal Therapy (IPT) Course**. Taking place on 7–10 June 1999 at The Institute of Psychiatry, the course is a basic four-day workshop on interpersonal therapy aimed at qualified health professionals. It gives participants the option of seeking further training with two or four supervised cases, depending on experience, in order to receive joint accreditation by the two institutions as having received intense supervised training in IPT. Last year, the Royal College of Psychiatrists awarded the course 23 credits for consultant psychiatrists' continuous professional development. A similar award is being sought this year. Further information about both events: Mrs Lee Wilding, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (Telephone: 0171 919 3170/5125, fax: 0171 740 5172, e-mail: L.wilding@iop.bpmf.ac.uk).

A Section of Geriatrics and Gerontology meeting entitled **Dysphagia Following Stroke** will be held on 27 April 1999 at the Royal Society of Medicine. An optional buffet supper will follow the meeting. Further information is available from: Ms Debbie Smith (Telephone: 0171 290 2984).

The Association of Therapeutic Communities, London are the sponsors of a workshop entitled **Experiential Residential Workshop** to be held in Kent on 14–16 May 1999. The workshop has been awarded 14 units for CPD. Further information is available from: Association of Therapeutic Communities, 13–15 Pine Street, London EC1R 0JH (Telephone/fax: 0181 950 9557).

Golf Tournament: American Psychiatric Association v. Royal College of Psychiatrists. Members and Fellows of the Royal College of Psychiatrists who are golfers and are planning to attend the American Psychiatric Association annual meeting in Washington DC in May 1999 are invited to play a two-day 54-hole golf tournament on 17–18 May 1999 with a Ryder Cup format. Any member of the College who has a registered handicap and an interest in playing is welcome. Further information is available from: Dr Peter S. Curran, Department of Psychiatry, Mater Infirmorum Hospital, Crumlin Road, Belfast (Telephone: 01232 741211, fax: 01232 382527) or Dr Stan Jennings, Tucker Psychiatric Clinic, Chippenham Medical Building, 7149 Jahnke Rd, Richmond, Virginia 23225, USA (Telephone: 001 804 320 7881, fax: 001 804 320 2050).

Fellows and Members of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Washington DC for the American Psychiatric Association annual meeting in May 1999 are invited to attend **The Meeting of the North American Group of the Royal College of Psychiatrists**. The reception is scheduled for Monday 17 May 1999, 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm, at a venue to be announced at the meeting. Further information is available from: Dr Michael F. Cleary, 1500 South Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76104, USA.

Hare Psychopathy Checklist-Revised Training (PCL-R) is a two-day residential course taking place at University of Birmingham Conference Park on 21-22 June 1999. Further information: Glenys Leadbetter, Practice Manager, Forensic Psychology Practice Ltd, The Willows Clinic, 105 Short Heath Road, Erdington, Birmingham B23 6LH (Telephone: 0121 350 6550, fax: 0121 350 3303, e-mail: ebo@globalnet.com).

Serious Mental Health Illness - Here Today, Here Tomorrow is a conference looking at managing patients with enduring illness and challenging behaviour, with workshops and speakers, being organised by the Norvic Clinic, Norwich. It is taking place on 24 June 1999 at Carrow Road Football Ground, Norwich. Further information: Mrs Jenni Egnore, Norvic Clinic, St Andrew's Business Park, Norwich NR7 0HT (Telephone: 01603 439 614, fax: 01603 701 954).

The Behavioural Science and Law Network is organising the first joint annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society and the European Association of Psychology and Law. The conference is entitled **Psychology and Law International Conference** and will be held in Dublin on 6-9 July 1999. Preceding the main event there will be seven one-day practical 'master courses', namely: Assessment and Treatment of Anger, Interviewing Children: Techniques for Improving the Accuracy and Completeness of Children's Reports, What Works with Crime? Cognitive-Behavioural Programmes in Criminal Justice Settings, Risk Analysis, Assessment and Management: Implications of the Latest Research, Investigative Psychology: Informing Criminal Investigations, Assessing Credibility, and Advances in Assessing Capacities for Legal Competences. The courses are designed to be of particular value to practitioners in a wide range of disciplines and occupations, and to those developing research interests in the areas concerned. Further information: Jill Elliott, Conference Administrator, Faculty of Law, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton SO17 1BJ (Telephone: 01703 592 376, fax: 01703 593 885, e-mail: jill.elliott@soton.ac.uk).

The **British Association for Psychopharmacology 1999 Summer Meeting** will take place on 25-28 July 1999 at the Harrogate International Centre in Harrogate. Topics will include new strategies for treatment of the dementias: addressing disease progression, subjective effects of stimulants and opiates: neural and psychological studies and cannabis and cognition. There will also be a workshop in pre-clinical psychopharmacology and other activities. Further information is available from: Mrs Susan Chandler, BAP Administrator, or Miss Tammy Ward, PA to the Administrator, BAP Office, 6 Regent Terrace, Cambridge CB2 1AA (Telephone: 01223 358 395, fax: 01223 321 268, e-mail: susan@bap.org.uk or tammy@bap.org.uk).

The International Attachment Network will be running a series of courses entitled **From Attachment to Developmental Psychopathology**. The next available dates are 27 April-20 July 1999 and the courses are held at the Tavistock Clinic in London. Applications for individual lectures will be accepted. Further information: Brenda Ling, Administrator (Telephone: 0171 482 4246).

The University of Birmingham Medical School Division of Neuroscience is offering three masters level courses in September 1999. All are two-year part-time and provide collaborative learning in a multi-disciplinary setting. The courses are: **MSc in Psychiatry (Forensic Mental Health Care)**, taught at the Reaside Clinic, Birmingham, **MSc in Psychiatry (Child and Family Mental Health)**, taught at Parkview Clinic, Birmingham, and **MSc in Learning Disability Studies**, taught at the Queen Elizabeth Psychiatric Hospital, Birmingham. Further information about the first course: Dr Martin Humphreys, Course Director, Reaside Clinic, Birmingham Great Park, Rubery, Birmingham B45 9BE (e-mail: martin.humphreys@sbmht.wmids.nhs.uk). Further information about the second and third courses: Dr Stuart Cumella, Department of Psychiatry, Queen Elizabeth Psychiatric Hospital, Birmingham B15 2QZ (e-mail: S.Cumella@bham.ac.uk).

The 10th Congress of the Association of European Psychiatrists (AEP 2000) will be held in Prague, Czech Republic, on 28 October-1 November 2000. Further information: Professor N. Sartorius, AEP Congress Organisers, POB 50006, Tel Aviv 61500, Israel (Telephone: 972 3 514 0018/9, fax: 972 3 517 2484/517 5674, e-mail: AEP2000@kenes.com, URL: www.kenes.com/aep).

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