

## Forthcoming events

The **European Society for Psycho-Oncology** and the **British Psychosocial Oncology Group** will hold their **Annual Conference** on 1 and 2 September 1989 at the Royal College of Physicians, London. Further information: (BPOG), Dr Maggie Watson, CRC Psychological Medicine Group, The Royal Marsden Hospital, Downs Road, Sutton, Surrey; or (ESPO) Dr Sid Bindemann, AMI, Ross Hall Hospital, 221 Cookston Road, Glasgow G52 3NQ.

The National Schizophrenia Fellowship will be holding a two-day conference entitled '**Theories and Therapy of Schizophrenia**' on 21 and 22 July 1989 at the Institute for Optimum Nutrition, 5 Jerdan Place, London SW6. It is designed to present current medical and social models of schizophrenia and of its treatment. Price: £25; voluntary organisations: £12.50. Further information: Mrs Pam Jenkinson, NSF Conference Organiser, 69 Shepherds Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 2BU (telephone 0344-420202).

An international symposium on '**New Horizons in Paediatric Neurosurgery/Neurology**' will take place in Tel Aviv from 25–28 June 1990; the **3rd International Workshop on the 'At Risk Infant'** will take place in Tel Aviv from 1–5 July 1990. Further information about both events: Professor Shaul Harel, c/o International Ltd, PO Box 29313, 65121, Tel Aviv, Israel.

The **Manchester Course in Group Psychotherapy** will again take place between October 1989 and June 1990. The course is equivalent to the Institute of Group Analysis (London) General Group Work Course, and consists of an experiential group and a theoretical session for 30 weeks. Further information: Dr Keith Hyde, The 'Red House', 5 Devonshire Road, Salford, Manchester M6 8HY (telephone 061-789 7373, Extension 4470/4471).

The **North West Region Course in Dynamic Psychotherapy** provides an intensive training in individual and group psychotherapy on a part-time basis spread over three years. The second course will commence in September 1990, by which time applicants must have attended a General Group Work Course of the Institute of Group Analysis (London). For further information: Dr Frank Margison, Gaskell House, Swinton Grove, Manchester (telephone: 061-273 2762).

**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 October 1989 and May 1990. 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. Further information and application form: Mrs Ros Clarke, Psychotherapy Department, Warneford Hospital, Headington, Oxford OX3 7JX.

A symposium entitled '**Current Themes in Mental Handicap**' will be held on 13 September 1989 at Guy's Hospital, London. Fee: £15 (including coffee, lunch and tea). Further details: Symposium Secretary, Psychiatry of Mental Handicap, Medical School, Guy's Hospital, London SE1 9RT.

The **Canadian Academy of Child Psychiatry** announces that its **Ninth Annual Meeting** will take place from 17–19 September 1989 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, St John's Newfoundland. Topics will include any aspect of child or adolescent psychiatry. Further Information: J. H. Beitchman, MD, Program Chairman, Canadian Academy of Child Psychiatry, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1R8, Canada.

The **London Society for Ericksonian Psychotherapy and Hypnosis** (affiliated to the Milton H. Erickson Foundation in Phoenix, Arizona, USA) will be holding their 1989 Workshop entitled '**Generative Approaches to Ericksonian Hypnotherapy**' (Stephen Gilligan, PhD), from 7–9 July 1989 in London. Further details: Aphra Peard, 1 Mill Lane, Stedham, near Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 0RS.

The **26th Annual Foundation Celebrations of the Oxford Postgraduate Fellowship of Psychiatry** will be held on 30 September and 1 October 1989 at Mansfield College, Oxford, and will include the Nikko Tinbergen and Linford Rees Lectures. All Members and their guests are invited to attend the President's Banquet and the Weekend Celebrations. Further information: Dr R. H. Martin, St Antony-at-the-Gate, Potterspury Lodge, Towcester, Northamptonshire NN12 7LL.

The **British Psycho-Analytical Society** are holding a day of lectures and discussions on '**Contributions of**

Melanie Klein' on 10 June 1989 and one on 'Basic Psychoanalytic Concepts' on 1 July 1989. Fee for each Day: £18. The Society are also holding a series of introductory lectures and seminars on 'Psychoanalysis in Britain Today' – Part 1: Basic Principles, Autumn Term 1989, Wednesdays, 4 October–6 December, 5.30–7.45 p.m. Part 2: Developments: Theoretical and Clinical Implications, Spring Term 1990: Wednesdays, 10 January–14 March, 5.30–7.45 p.m. Fee for each series: £100 or £175 for both. *Closing date for autumn term: 30 June 1989; for spring term: 1 November 1989.* Further information: The Honorary Secretary, Public Lectures Committee, The Institute of Psycho-Analysis, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD (telephone 01-580 4952).

The **18th European Conference on Psychosomatic Research** will be held in Helsinki from 13–17 August 1990. The theme is 'Psychosomatics: A challenge to health care'. Further information: Conference Secretariat, Congress Management Systems, PO Box 189, 00171, Helsinki, Finland.

L'Arche's 25th anniversary conference for professionals concerned with people who have mental handicap, entitled '**Caring and Community: the Experience of L'Arche**', will be held on 5 December 1989 at Church House, Westminster, London. Address by Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health. Further details: Michael Gibberd Conferences, 8 Fielden Square, Todmorden, Lancashire OL14 6LX (telephone 0706 817968).

The **British Neuropsychiatry Association Summer Meeting** will be held from 10.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. on 30 June 1989 at the Zoological Gardens, Bristol. The subject will be 'The Neuropsychiatry of Memory'. Admission free to members of BNPA and their guests. Lunch and refreshments: £10. Further details: Dr J. M. Bird, Burden Neurological Hospital, Stoke Lane, Stapleton, Bristol BS16 1QT (telephone 0272 701212, extension 2925).

The **Eighth National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect** will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah from 22–25 October 1989. The theme is 'Off the Beaten Path – Putting an End to Child Abuse and Neglect'.

Further information: Eighth National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, PO Box 45500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145, USA.

A one day **National Conference on 'Crisis Intervention Therapy in Community Mental Health'** will be held on 26 September 1989 at the University of York. Conference fee: £58; accommodation at York University: £16 (B&B). Further information: Dr N. Rao Punukollu, Director, National Institute of Crisis Intervention Therapy & Research, 63 Nabcroft Lane, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield HD4 5DU (telephone 0484 658054).

A day course in **Psychiatric Rehabilitation in the Community** is to be held on 29 June 1989 at The Freudenberg Postgraduate Medical Centre, Netherne Hospital. Registration fee: £12 (payable in advance of attendance). Further details: Dr M. Y. Ekdawi, Consultant Psychiatrist, Netherne Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey CR3 1YE.

The Portman Clinic will be holding a course entitled '**Child Sex Abuse within the Family: An Inter-Agency Perspective**' for three terms from October 1989 to July 1990 on Thursdays from 2.00–3.00 pm. It will be available, on the basis of personal interview, to applicants from the health, legal and social work professions. *Closing date for applications: 15 July 1989.* Course fee: £200. Further information and application forms: Dr Elif Gurisik, Vice-Chairman, Portman Clinic (address as below).

The Portman Clinic is holding a course of weekly seminars exploring the **psychodynamic basis of sexual perversion and social deviancy** for three terms from October 1989 to July 1990 on Tuesdays from 1.00–2.30 pm. It is open to medical and non-medical professionals who have had some, although not necessarily extensive, experience in psychotherapy. Course fee: £200. The course has been approved under Section HM67/27 and HM63. *Closing date for applications: 16 July 1989.* Further information: Dr Estela V. Welldon, Clinical Tutor, Portman Clinic, 8 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 5NA (telephone 01 794 8262).

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