

Forthcoming events

A three day **Symposium on the Closure of Mental Hospitals** (to mark the closure of Powick Hospital and its replacement by the Worcester Development Project) will be held at the Winter Gardens, Malvern from 20–22 April 1989. There will be sessions on home treatment and research into community care, visits to the facilities of the Worcester Development Project, small group discussions including psychiatrists, other mental health professionals and managers, and a debate on the continuing need for asylums. Invited speakers include Dr Norman Sartorius, Dr John Hoult (Sydney), Professor Leonard Stein (Madison), Professors John Wing and Julian Leff. Early booking is advisable. Further details: Universal Conference Consultants, 17 Salisbury Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8JS (telephone 021-449 7098).

A one day course entitled **Cognitive Therapy for Psychiatrists** will be held at the Department of Psychiatry, University of Oxford, on 24 February 1989. There will be a comprehensive half-day workshop teaching cognitive therapy for depression followed by a series of practical seminars covering cognitive therapy in hypochondriasis, eating disorders, sexual problems and chronically depressed in-patients. Speakers include Professor M. Gelder, Drs D. Clark, C. Fairburn, K. Hawton and J. Scott. On 25 February 1989 there will be a multi-disciplinary workshop for **Advanced Cognitive Therapy Techniques and Difficult Clinical Problems**. Further details of either/both days: Dr H. Warwick, University Department of Psychiatry, Warneford Hospital, Headington, Oxford OX3 7JX.

The **9th International Congress of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynaecology** will be held at the RAI Congress Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands from 28–31 May 1989. Further information: QLT Convention Services/Congrex, Keizersgracht 782, 1017 EC Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The **20th Singapore Medical Association (SMA) Medical Convention** will be held on 16 April 1989 at the Island Ballroom, Shangri-la Hotel, Singapore. The theme will be 'The Patient's Rights'. Further information: The Executive Secretary, 20th SMA National Medical Convention, Singapore Medical

Association, Groundfloor, Housemen's Quarters, College Road, Singapore 0316, Republic of Singapore.

The British Psycho-analytic Society will be holding a day of lectures and discussions given by members of the Society on **Contributions of Donald Winnicott** on 28 January 1989. Fee: £18 (includes morning coffee and afternoon tea). Admission by ticket only. Further information: The Hon. Secretary, Public Lectures Committee, The Institute of Psycho-Analysis, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD (telephone 01-580 4952).

University College London Psychoanalysis Unit will be holding a conference on **Transference and Internal Object Relationships** on 21 and 22 April 1989. Fee: £59 for registration by 15 March 1989; late registration fee: £73. The number of places will be strictly limited. Further information: The Conference Secretary, Psychoanalysis Unit, 26 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AP.

The **6th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychotherapy Research (SPR) UK** will be held at the Raven Hall Hotel, Ravenscar, near Scarborough, from 9–12 April 1989. The keynote address will be given by Professor Leslie Greenberg (York University, Ontario: President-elect SPR) and Professor David Orlinsky (Chicago) will be an Invited Speaker. The meeting will include plenary and workshop sessions. Costs range from £130 to £160, depending on rooms (add £10 for non-members), inclusive of registration, accommodation and all meals. Closing date for bookings: *10 March 1989*. Further details and applications: Jane Hall, MRC/ESRC Social and Applied Psychology Unit, Department of Psychology, University of Sheffield S10 2TN (telephone 0742 756600).

The World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry will hold their Regional Congress on **Biological Aspects of Non-Psychotic Disorders** in Jerusalem, Israel from 2–7 April 1989. Further information: Tracy Drake, VIP International Conference Services, 42 North Audley Street, London W1A 4PY (telephone 01 499 4221).

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