

Forthcoming events

The annual meeting of the Society of Biological Psychiatry will be held from 9–13 May 1990 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel and Tower, New York City with the theme **Biological Rhythms in Psychiatry: Order and Disorder**. Further information: Professor David J. Kupfer, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, 3811 O'Hara Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, USA.

A meeting entitled **Serotonin System Related Syndromes (SRS): Psychopathological and Therapeutic Links** will be held in Venice from 29–31 March 1990. Further information: Professor G. B. Cassano, Institute of Clinical Psychiatry, University of Pisa, Via del Brennero 2, 56017 S. Guiliano T, SGT, Pisa, Italy.

An international congress on **Treatment of Mental Illness and Behavioural Disorder in the Mentally Retarded** will be held in Amsterdam from 3–4 May 1990. Further information: PAOS, PO Box 325, 2300 AH Leiden, The Netherlands (telephone 010 31 71 143141; fax 010 31 71 140145).

An introductory course on **Transactional Analysis** will be held from 9–10 December 1989 and on **The Fundamentals of Gestalt Psychotherapy** from 14–15 December 1989. Further details of these and other courses and workshops: Caroline Fish, Administrator, Metanoia Psychotherapy Training Institute, 13 North Common Road, London W5 2QB (telephone 01 579 2505).

A five day course on **Research Methods and Statistics** organised by the University of Birmingham Departments of Psychiatry and Statistics will be held from 26–30 March 1990 at the Medical School, Birmingham University. Fee: £140 for cheques received before 31 January 1990; £160 for cheques received thereafter. Course booklet will be supplied in advance of meeting. Further information: Dr John Mackintosh, Uffculme Clinic, Queensbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 (telephone 021 449 4481, extension 251).

The Institute of Child Health (University of London) in conjunction with the Department of Psychological Medicine, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, will be holding a one day course: **Introduction to Assessment and Treatment in Child Sexual Abuse** on 19 February 1990. A one day course: **Child Sexual Abuse Update** will be held on 27 June 1990. Fee for each course: £45. Further details

and application forms: Mrs Anne Crowley, Short Courses Officer, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1EH (telephone 01 829 8692).

The School for Advanced Urban Studies (University of Bristol) will be holding a seminar entitled **Implementing the NHS White Paper Reforms** from 1–2 February 1990. Cost: £210 (including meals and accommodation). Administrative enquiries: Linda Price, Seminar Secretary; content/structure of seminar: Dr Carol Propper, School for Advanced Urban Studies, Rodney Lodge, Grange Road, Bristol BS8 4EA (telephone 0272 741117).

The Association of University Teachers of Psychiatry announces the **5th Residential Psychotherapy Conference** to be held at University College Oxford from 5–7 April 1990 entitled '**From Adversity to Creativity – Psychotherapy in the 1990s**'. Speakers include Dr Anton Obholzer on the Psychodynamic Understanding of the Management of Institutions, Dr David Bell and Ms Wyn Bramley on the Use and Abuse of Staff Groups, Drs Bernard Rattigan on Working with AIDS Patients, Zaida Hall on Group Therapy for the Sexually Abused and Kingsley Norton on the Therapeutic Containment of Acting-Out Disorders. Conference fee: £145 (residential); £115 (non-residential). Further information and application forms: Angela Sheppard, Conference Administrator, Conference Call, 77 Bridge Street, Osney, Oxford OX2 0BD.

A World Psychiatric Association Regional Symposium entitled **Psychiatric Treatment in the 21st Century** will be held from 22–25 May 1990 in Hong Kong. Further information: WPA Regional Symposium, c/o Conference & Exhibition Department, Swire Travel Ltd, Room 1811–1823, Swire House, 9 Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong (telephone 010 852 5-8448192; fax: 010 852 5-8452418 – after 29 December 1989 omit 5 before main numbers).

Two three-day courses on **Management Skills for Psychiatrists** will be held at the White Hart Centre, Harrogate. 'Managing Psychiatry: The Future Management Role of the Consultant Psychiatrist', 21–23 March 1990; 'Managing Skills for Senior Registrars in Psychiatry', 27–29 June 1990. Further information: Mrs Olive Moore, The White Hart, Cold Bath Road, Harrogate HG2 0NF (telephone 0423 505681).

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