

trainees cf. 59% in CTC study), and trainees now find regular unit meetings at least moderately useful compared to the "boring and unhelpful" reports received by the CTC.

Several areas of concern were identified from this study.

- (a) Present training courses are not helping trainees to develop specific management skills.
- (b) Speciality-specific management training should be considered.
- (c) Trainees' low attendance at joint meetings, when such meetings are being encouraged.
- (d) Trainees' lack of involvement in service planning and development and in budget and audit development.
- (e) Trainees need to participate in the management process rather than observe it.

While the general dissatisfaction with management training highlighted in this study might be a cause for concern, it may reflect changes in clinicians

attitudes and the fact that current training is not meeting senior registrars' needs. The trainees' most frequent suggestion to improve training was a formalised programme, including theoretical and practical aspects of management, beginning in the first year of higher training if not earlier. We believe the development of such programmes should become a training priority.

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Courses

The Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF will be holding the following courses: **Prion Diseases in Humans and Animals** at The Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London W1, 2–4 September 1991, fee: £250; **Eating Disorders: the way forward: new approaches in therapy and management** at The Institute of Psychiatry, 19 and 20 September 1991, fee: £100; and **Neuropsychology of Schizophrenia** at the Institute of Psychiatry, 10 and 11 October 1991, fee: £70. Further information: Mrs Lee Wilding, Short Courses Office, Institute of Psychiatry at the above address.

They will also be holding a two-year part-time course leading to an **MSc degree in Neuroscience** beginning October 1991 mainly at the Institute of Psychiatry and partly at the Institute of Ophthalmology. The MSc may also be taken as a one-year full-time course. Individual topics may in addition be taken as short courses. Applications are invited from medical and suitably qualified science graduates. Further details: The Secretary, Department of Neuroscience, Institute of Psychiatry (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3259; fax 071 703 5796).

A revision course for MRCPsych Part II and Board Certification in Psychiatry of the Institute of Psychiatry Part B Examinations will be held from 23 September–4 October 1991. Fee: £250 (non-residential). *Closing date: 2 September 1991*. Further details and application form: Miss J. Crisell, Board Certification in Psychiatry Office, Institute of Psychiatry (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3193).

A one year part-time post-qualification course in **Cognitive Therapy** will start in Oxford in January 1992. Further information and application forms: Dr M. J. V. Fennell, Department of Clinical Psychology, The Warneford Hospital, Oxford OX3 7JX. (*Closing date for applications: 15 September 1991*).

The 2nd Manchester Course on Cognitive Behaviour Therapy will be held from 16 September–9 December 1991. This will include a two-day Introductory Workshop on 16 and 17 September followed by a half-day weekly course from 23 September. Further information and application forms: Dr Sidney Benjamin, Department of Psychiatry, The Rawsley Building, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9WL.