
Forthcoming events

The University of Southampton's professional Education and Training Unit (PET) would like to announce the following one-day conferences: **Prison Mental Health Care**, which takes place at Ravenswood House Medium Secure Unit Fareham, near Portsmouth, on 24 September 1999, **Somatisation - Helping Patients with Medically Unexplained Symptoms**, to be held at the New Place Management Centre, near Southampton, on 11 November 1999, and **Anxiety**, which takes place at the Mental Health Foundation in London on 17 November 1999. Further information: The PET Unit, Mental Health Group, University of Southampton, Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton SO14 0YG.

Pavillion Publishing are the organisers of the following conferences: **Adult Protection: Policy and Practice**, which takes place on 24 September 1999, will review recent research and policy development and present models of good practice in relation to a range of adult protection issues; **Holistic Perspectives on Dying, Loss and Bereavement with People with Learning Disabilities**, which will be held on 29 September 1999, will look at the impact of loss for individuals with learning disabilities from a broad perspective; **Ageing with a Learning Disability**, on 22 October 1999, will move forward the debate around providing services for older people with learning disabilities. All three conferences will take place in London. Further information: Pavillion Publishing, 8 St George's Place, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 4GB (telephone: 01273 623222; fax: 01273 625526).

A one-day conference entitled **Religious Identity and Mental Health** will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry in London on 14 October 1999. The purpose of this conference is to address the difficulty experienced by many psychiatrists in evaluating the relevance and importance of religious and spiritual material in the context of psychiatric assessment. The event will be of interest to psychiatrists, psychiatric trainees, other mental health professionals, religious practitioners, and users of mental health services and their carers. Further information: Mrs Lee Wilding, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 0171 919 3170; fax: 0171 740 5172; e-mail: L.wilding@iop.kcl.ac.uk).

The Rett Disorder and the Developing Brain is the title of a one-day conference to be held at the Royal Society of Medicine on 15 October 1999. The following topics will be covered: chemistry of the Rett disorder, physiology of the Rett disorder, the anatomy of Rett disorder, and root and branch in Rett. Further information: Ms Kate Lindley, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (telephone: 0171 290 2900 extension 4907; fax: 0171 290 2989; e-mail: kate.lindley@roysocmed.ac.uk).

The National Centre for Mental Health and Deafness (Mental Health Services of Salford NHS Trust) and the University of Salford are the organisers of a one-day conference entitled **Starting Point: Issues in Forensic Mental Health and Deafness**. The conference will take place on 21 October 1999, at the University of Salford. Further information: Dr B. T. Monteiro/Dr S. M. Ridgeway (telephone: 0161 772 3432; e-mail: smcateer@JDU.mhss-tr.nwest.nhs.uk) or Dr Alys Young (telephone: 0161 295 2481; e-mail: a.young@social-work.salford/ac/uk).

The Institute of Family Therapy has organised a workshop entitled **Eating Disorders: Mysteries, Paradoxes & Challenges**. Taking place on 29 October 1999 at the Institute of Family Therapy in London, this workshop intends to convey what is so intriguing about the eating disorders and to demonstrate how rewarding they can be to work with. Those attending the workshop will learn how to make sense of the complex multifactorial aetiology and will receive a beginners guide to the very latest news on the role of biological factors. Further information: The Training Department, The Institute of Family Therapy, 24-32 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HX (telephone: 0171 391 9150; fax: 0171 391 9169; e-mail: ift@psyc.bbk.ac.uk).

Huntington's Disease, Clinical Practice - Making a Difference is a multi-disciplinary one-day conference organised by the Leicestershire Huntington's Disease Service. The programme will consist of lectures and workshops focusing on effective clinical practice, research developments, views of families living with Huntington's disease and ethical dilemmas. The conference takes place on 9 November 1999 at Leicester City Football Ground in Leicester. Further information: Dr Heather Dipple, Mill Lodge, Mill Lane, Kegworth, Derbys DE74 2EJ (telephone: 01509 674582; fax: 01509 674885).

The International Attachment Network would like to announce a Saturday workshop on **Workplace Bullying: A Threat to a Secure Base**. Being held in London on 20 November 1999, topics will include: A psychoanalytic understanding of bullying, the association between bullying and occupational health, and the role of bystander: cultural and institutional aspects. Further information: Ms Brenda Leig, The International Attachment Network (telephone: 0181 438 0340).

The Clinical Governance Support Service (CGSS) is coordinated by the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research Unit. The second symposium, entitled **NHS Staff - the Key to Success in Clinical Governance** will take place on 23 November 1999 at ORT House, Camden, London. This event will focus on issues such as developing systems for improving performance and accountability and clinical governance and education and training. Further information:

Sam Coombs, CRU Communications Officer, College Research Unit (telephone: 0171 235 2351 extension 234; e-mail: scoombs@rcpsych.ac.uk).

The Australian Association for Infant Mental Health, affiliated with The World Association for Infant Mental Health, would like to announce the 6th Annual Conference **The Infant Speaks: The Baby, Her Family and the Therapeutic Process**, which will be held at the University of Melbourne, Australia on 26-28 November 1999. The conference will focus on new understandings of the infant's shared inner world and their capacities for communication and the implications of these for psychotherapeutic work with infants and their families. Further information: Ms Fiona Campbell, The University of Melbourne (e-mail: f.campbell@pb.unimelb.edu.au); Mr Michael Sullivan, The University of Melbourne (e-mail: m.sullivan@pb.unimelb.edu.au).

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TRAINING DAY IN ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY

King's Fund, Cavendish Square, London
Tuesday, 9th November 1999

The Royal College of Psychiatrists' Special Committee on Electroconvulsive Therapy is to offer another ECT Training Day at the King's Fund, London. The format will be a combination of presentations and participatory workshops. The Training Day will include sessions of particular interest to nurses and anaesthetists, as well as psychiatrists involved in ECT practice.

A programme and booking form can be obtained from:

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