
Forthcoming events

The Royal Society of Medicine will be holding a one-day symposium entitled the **Healthcare Needs of Women with Learning Disabilities** on 20 May. Further information: Lisa Spicer, Academic Administrator, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (Telephone: 0171 290 2988; Fax: 0171 290 2989; e-mail: Lisa.Spicer@roysocmed.ac.uk).

The Department of Geriatric Medicine of Keele University will be presenting **Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks: New Aspects of Learning in Older People** on 21 May. Further information: Mrs Olwyn Mander, Dept. of Geriatric Medicine, School of Postgraduate Medicine, Thornburrow Drive, Hartshill, Stoke on Trent ST4 7QB (Telephone: 01782 554995; Fax: 01782 747319; e-mail: mea07@keele.ac.uk).

To mark the **100th Anniversary of the RAMC a Reunion and Display** will be held at the Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley, Southampton on 14 May. Netley was the main Service Psychiatric Hospital and closed in 1978. The programme will include a church service, historical displays and a sunset ceremony. Further information: Reunion Event Office, Royal British Legion Netley, 100 Station Road, Netley Abbey, Southampton SO31 5AJ (Telephone: 01703 453056).

The **National Deaf Children's Society** is running a series of six information days this spring for professionals working in the field of personal and social education for all children as part of its pioneering **Deaf Children in Mind—Personal and Social Initiative**. Fees: £45 (+VAT). Further information: Helen Reed, Project Co-Ordinator, NDCS, 15 Dufferin Street, London EC1Y 8PD (Telephone: 0171 490 8656; Fax: 0171 205 0123).

The **Annual Sigmund Freud Lecture** will be given on 14 May at 8.30 p.m. at the Edward Lewis Theatre, Middlesex Hospital Medical School, Windeyer Building, 46 Cleveland Street, London W1. Susie Orbach will speak on **Beyond the Grand Emotions: The Challenges of Disappointment**. Tickets: £9.00 (Students £5.00). Please send cheques payable to The Anna Freud Centre enclosing SAE to Rowena Kendal, The Anna Freud Centre, 21 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SH (Telephone: 0171 794 2313).

The **Special Committee on Electroconvulsive Therapy** propose to organise another **Training Day in ECT** to be held at the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall, London on 28 May 1998. The day is aimed at consultant psychiatrists with responsibility for ECT, although there will be sessions of interest to psychiatrists, nurses or anaesthetists involved in ECT practice. Further information: Mrs Joanna Carroll, CPD/Conference Assistant, Royal College of Psychiatrists (Telephone: 0171 235 2351 ext. 108).

The **1st Memory Clinic Conference** will be held at the Post-Graduate Centre, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8RF on 9 June. Fee: £40. Further information: Sarah Dunn/Sally Armstrong, Therapeutic Research Unit for the Elderly, Hammersmith Hospital, London W12 0NN (Telephone: 0181 743 8663).

Cassel Hospital, Richmond will be hosting a two-day course in **Management and Leadership in Mental Health Services** on 14–15 May. Further information: Fiona Wilkins, Administrator, Training and Consultancy Services, Cassel Hospital, 1 Ham Common, Richmond, Surrey TW10 7JF (Telephone: 0181 237 2947; Fax: 0181 237 2996).

BBP Medical Education would like to announce their **Clinical Skills Study Weekend for the MRCPsych Part II Exam** which will take place on 9–10 May. Fee: £240. Further information: Valerie Sweeney (Telephone/Fax: 0181 959 7562).

The **Behavioural Science and Law Network** are offering a series of courses based on practical issues at the interface between law and the behavioural sciences. These include **Managing risk in mental disorder services** which will take place on 12 May, **Developing witness skills**, taking place on 2 June; and **Managing risk in child protection services** which will take place on 19 May. Fee: £140 each. Further information: Jill Elliott (Telephone: 01703 592376; Fax: 01703 593885; e-mail: jill.elliott@soton.ac.uk).

Community Care for the New Millennium is the title of the **TAPS 13th Annual Conference**, taking place on 15 July. Further information: Ms Helen Smith, TAPS Research Unit, 69 Fleet Road, Hampstead, London NW3 2 QU (Telephone:

0171 586 4090; Fax: 0171 722 9959; e-mail: helen@fleet69.demon.co.uk).

The **12th International Congress on Criminology** is being organised by the Korean Institute of Criminology, under the auspices of the International Society for Criminology and will be held in Seoul, Korea from 24–29 August. Further information: Mark J. Sweetin, Congress Secretariat, Korean Institute of Criminology, 142 Woomyon-Dong, Socho-Gu, Seoul, 137-140, Republic of Korea (Telephone: (822) 571 0365/5288; Fax: (822) 571 7487/5290; e-mail: cs.team@kic.re.kr).

The **7th European Symposium on Suicide and Suicidal Behaviour** would like to make a call for papers. The event will take place in Gent, Belgium from 9–12 September. Further information: Medicongress (Telephone: +32 (0) 9 344 39 59; Fax: +32 (0) 9 344 40 10).

The **European Behavioural Pharmacology Society** in conjunction with the **US Behavioural Pharmacology Society** are organising their **7th**

Biennial Meeting to be held on 2–6 September in Brno, Czech Republic. Further information: A. E. Šulcová, Professor of Pharmacology, Dept. of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, Masaryk University, Joštova 10, CZ-662 43 Brno, Czech Republic (Fax: +420 5 4212 6377; e-mail: sulcova@med.muni.cz).

The **International Symposium of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation** will take place on October 1–4 in Göttingen, Germany. Further information: Professor Dr Walter Paulus, Dept. of Clinical Neurophysiology, University of Göttingen, Robert-Koch-Str. 40, D-37075 Göttingen (Telephone: +49 551 39 6650; Fax: +49 551 39 8126; e-mail: clineuphy@gwdg.de).

The Joint Congress of the **Royal College of Psychiatrists and The Arab Federation of Psychiatrists** will be held in Al-Ain, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from 16–19 November. Applications and further information from Professor Abou-Saleh, UAE University, PO Box 17666, Al-Ain, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (Telephone: +9713 672000).

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