
Forthcoming events

The Wirral and West Cheshire Community NHS Trust would like to announce a two-day conference entitled **The Third Age into the Millennium - The Future of Elderly Mental Health Care**. Taking place in Chester on 22–23 November 1999, this conference is aimed at a multi-disciplinary audience working within the elderly mental health setting. Topics will include service development, nursing in the year 2000, interface between medicine and psychiatry, dementia care mapping, memory clinic and CPA and Mental Health legislation. Further information: Alison Carroll, Business Manager, Mental Health, Clatterbridge Hospital, Wirral CH63 0LN (telephone: 051 334 4000, ext 4045). **CPD points: 10.**

The Clinical Governance Support Service, an initiative coordinated by the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research Unit, is organising its second symposium. **NHS staff - the key to success in clinical governance** will take place on 23 November 1999 at ORT House Conference Centre. The event will include keynote presentations, workshops and a panel discussion. Key issues on the agenda include: clinical performance and accountability, developing performance appraisal systems and the training and education issues arising from the implementation of clinical governance. For a booking form, please contact Sam Coombs, College Research Unit (telephone: 0171 235 2351 ext 234; e-mail: scoombs@rcpsych.ac.uk).

Data Protection in the Health Sector - The New Law is the title of a national one-day conference taking place in London on 23 November 1999. Organised by the University of Southampton, Faculty of Law, this conference explores the requirements of the new law and the implications for health organisations, particularly in the NHS. Speakers include staff from the NHS Information Authority, the NHS Executive and the Office of the Data Protection Registrar. Further information: Jill Elliott, Manager, Continuing Professional Development, Faculty of Law, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton SO17 1BJ (telephone: 01703 592376; fax: 01703 593885; e-mail: jill.elliott@soton.ac.uk).

The Group Analytic Society (London) are the organisers of a Millennium Winter Workshop entitled **The Still Point of a Turning World. A Personal Search for the Meaning of Time**. The

subject will be the study of time; how we perceive it, how the perception changes with age, culture, mental state and other factors; how it affects the treatments we offer and how our perception influences the way we live and relate to each other. The event will take place on 4–17 January 2000 at The Old Admiral's Residence, at the Royal Navy College in Greenwich. Further information: Jason Maratos, Department of Child Mental Health, 2 Hamilton Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP13 5BW (telephone: 01494 535727; fax: 01494 452673; e-mail: jason-maratos@clara.net; website: <http://www.gaprac-tice.org.uk/time/workshop.html>).

The British Neuropsychiatry Association Winter Meeting will be held in London on 13–14 January 2000. The meeting will cover topics relating to the social brain on the first day and neuropsychiatric aspects of epilepsy on the second. Further information: Mrs S. Bull, Conference Secretary, PO Box 5246, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 2UF (telephone/fax: 01279 461292). **CPD points: 10.** For details of membership to the BNPA, open to medical practitioners in psychiatry, neurology and related clinical neurosciences, please contact: The Secretary, Professor A. S. David, Department of Psychological Medicine, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF.

The University of Leicester and Leicestershire and Rutland Healthcare NHS Trust are organising a one-week **Course on Eating Disorders** on 6–10 March 2000. The course will be taught by Dr Bob Palmer and members of the Leicestershire Eating Disorders Service together with guest speakers. It is designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to the clinical aspects of anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and related disorders in adults and older adolescents. The course will consist of a combination of lectures, workshops and discussion groups and will emphasise the management of clinical problems. Further information: Mina Patel, Business Manager, Specialist Services, George Hine House, Towers Hospital, Leicester LE5 0TD (telephone: 0116 225 6577). **CPD points: 25.**

Mole Conferences are the organisers of the following events. **Bullying in the Workplace**, an afternoon conference taking place on 1 March 2000, will concentrate on how effective action

can prevent and stop bullying in the workplace and the inherent distress it causes. **Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder: practical solutions for practical problems** will address issues of early diagnosis, assessment and interventions including special educational provision, behaviour modification approaches, adaptations to family functioning and the judicious use of stimulant and other medications. This conference will be held on 15 March 2000. Finally, **Gone but not forgotten: the impact of past trauma in later life** takes place on 22 March 2000. All events take place in central London. Further information: Mole Conferences, 26 Church Road, Portslade, Brighton BN41 1LA (telephone: 01273 242634; fax: 01273 235095; e-mail: pweitz@compuserve.com).

The European Federation of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy in the Public Sector (the

EFPP) together with the Tavistock Clinic, the Association of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy in the NHS (APP), the British Confederation of Psychotherapy (BCP) and the Association of Child Psychotherapy (ACP) are organising a major international millennium conference at Oxford University on 6–9 April 2000. One of the main speakers is Joyce McDougall. The overall theme is **Changing minds, changing relationships**. There will be many opportunities to hear and discuss clinical and organisational themes connected with the development of psychoanalytic psychotherapy in the coming decades with participants from Western and Eastern European countries. Further information: Bell Howe Conferences (EFPP), 1 Willoughby Street, Beeston, Nottinghamshire NG9 2LT (telephone: 0115 943 6323; fax: 0117 943 6440; e-mail: efp@bellhowecon.demon.co.uk).

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10 - 12 February	Forensic Faculty Residential Meeting	Cardiff Marriott Hotel
9 - 10 March	General and Community Residential (with CTC)	Kensington Town Hall, London
15 - 17 March	Liaison Residential Conference	Raven Hall Hotel, Ravenscar
30 March -1 April	Psychotherapy Residential Conference	Swallow Hotel, Bristol
11 April	Learning Disability One-day Meeting	Kensington Town Hall, London
18 - 19 May	Substance Misuse Residential Meeting	Jurys Hotel, Cork
3 - 7 July	Annual Meeting	Edinburgh International Convention Centre
18 - 20 September	Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Residential Meeting	Kensington Town Hall, London
4 - 6 October	Learning Disability Residential Meeting	Jurys Hotel, Cork
21 October	RD Laing (1927-1989): Psychiatrist - Philosopher	Brunei Theatre, School of Oriental Studies, London
8 - 10 November	Social and rehabilitation Psychiatry Residential	Swansea Marriott Hotel

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