

Further details from the International Schizophrenia Centre, The Crescent, Bangor, LL57 2AG.

Last year's award was made to Dr Sunjai Gupta, Honorary Lecturer at the Institute of Psychiatry, London, for his paper on the possible effects of climate and weather on the onset of psychotic illnesses.

New national clinical centre

St Thomas' and Guy's Hospitals are to collaborate to open Britain's first Clinical PET (Positron Emission Tomography) Centre for the early diagnosis of a number of diseases including cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease and epilepsy, and have launched an associated fund-raising campaign.

A new association of Bulgarian psychiatrists

In November 1991 an Initiative Committee was set up at the Sixth Congress of Bulgarian Psychiatrists in Sofia to prepare the ground for a new, independent professional organisation of Bulgarian psychiatrists. It was recognised that there was pressing need for a rapid change in the organisation and practice of psychiatry, on the build-up of a new professional identity and new professional organisations, and innovation in education and training. It was felt that the great majority of Bulgarian psychiatrists wished for a closer integration in, and intensive collaboration with, the world psychiatric community.

New publications

Homelessness and Mental Illness: the dark side of community care, edited by M. R. Page and R. B. Powell, is available from Concern, 52 Friern Barnet Road, London N11 3BP (£3.95, including postage and packing).

Old Age: a register of social research 1985-90, edited by Gillian Crosby, is available price £18. Further information: Centre for Policy on Ageing, 25-31 Ironmonger Row, London EC1V 3QP (telephone 071 253 1787).

The following King's Fund publications are now available: *Making it Happen - Employment opportunities for people with severe learning difficulties*; *Supporting Self-Advocacy: Service Evaluation by People with Learning Difficulties*; *Is Race on your Agenda? Enabling Community Integration*. Further information: King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF (telephone 071 267 6111; fax 071 267 6108).

Positive Thinking for Mental Health is available from: The Administrator, BMGH, The Playtower, Ladywell Road, London SE13 7UW (£3, plus 50p postage and packing; cheques should be made payable to Black Mental Health Group).

Moving to the Dance - or - Service Culture and Community Care is available from VIA Publications, 5 Kentings, Comberton, Cambridge CB3 7DT (£8.95 plus postage and packing - £1 for orders up to £15, £2.50 above).

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Forthcoming events

The **First European Symposium on ECT** entitled 'Critical History - Future Trends' will be held in Graz, Austria from 26-29 March 1992. Further information: Congress Secretariat, Psychiatrische Universitätsklinik Graz, A-8036 Graz, Auenbruggerplatz 22, Austria (telephone 43 316 385 36 16; fax 43 316 35 5 20).

Ethics and Psychiatry, an international conference of the Romanian Free Psychiatrists' Association, will take place in Bucharest from 2-4 October 1992. Further information: Secretariat, APLR Conference 1992, Grupul Pentru Dialog Social, 120 Calea Victoriei, Sector 1 Bucharest, Romania (fax 0400 14 14 71; 0400 14 15 25).

A conference entitled **The Brain Damaged Patient: Recent Advances in Pathogenesis and Treatment** will

be held on 27 and 28 April 1992. Further information: Mrs Lee Wilding, Conference Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3170; fax 071 703 5796).

Gender Identity and Development in Childhood and Adolescence: a two day international conference will be held on 13 and 14 March 1992 at St George's Hospital, London. Fee: £160. Further information and application forms: Philippa Weitz, Conference Unit, Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (telephone 081 672 9944, extension 55534; fax 081 767 4696).

The **2nd International Conference on Children and Death** will be held at the University of Edinburgh

from 12–15 September 1992 and there is now a call for papers. Chairman, Scientific Committee: Dr Dora Black. Further information: Conference Office, Macmillan Magazines, 4 Little Essex Street, London WC2R 3LF.

The **9th International Psychiatric Conference of the Pakistan Psychiatric Society** is being held in Peshawar, Pakistan from 8–10 December 1992 with the theme *Community versus Institutional Care*. Further information: Dr Anis-ur-Rehman, Secretary, Organising Committee, Government Mental Hospital, Peshawar, Pakistan.

A day of lectures and discussions on **Contributions of Wilfred Bion** will be held at the Institute of Psycho-Analysis on 15 February 1992. Further information: The Hon. Secretary, Public Lectures Committee, The Institute of Psycho-Analysis, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD (telephone 071 580 4952).

A one day workshop **Understanding Autism** will be held at Alston Hall College, Preston, on 14 February 1992. For details of this and other workshops: British Institute of Mental Handicap, Wolverhampton Road, Kidderminster, Worcs DY10 3PP (telephone 0562 850251).

A study day **Who's Who in Mental Health** will be held at the YWCA Central Club, London on 29 February 1992. A national conference **Models of Psychiatric Rehabilitation – a skilled approach to community care** will be held on 13 and 14 March 1992 at Friends House Euston Road, London NW1. Further information about these and other events: Mrs Pam Jenkinson, Director, Schizophrenia Training Consultancy, 69 Shepherds Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 2BU (telephone 0344 420202).

The **3rd British Lithium Congress** will take place from 6–10 September 1992 at Compton Park Centre, Wolverhampton Polytechnic. Further information: Professor N. J. Birch, Biomedical Research Laboratory, School of Health Sciences, Wolverhampton Polytechnic, 62–68 Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1DJ (telephone 0902 28525, extension 1136; fax 0902 321161).

A spring term workshop (18 March 1992) will be held at the Department of Psychiatry, Middlesex Hospital. Topic: **What is the Relevance of Philosophy for Psychiatry?** (Joint meeting of the College's Philosophy Special Interest Group and University College London, Department of Psychiatry. Further information: Man Cheung Chung (telephone 071 380 9462; Roland Littlewood (telephone 071 380 9479).

Courses

The Department of Psychiatry, Withington Hospital, is holding a one week course on **Psychiatry in Developing Countries** from 6–10 April 1992. Course fee, including single accommodation: £500. Further information and applications: Mrs Linda Harding, Senior Administrative Assistant, University of Manchester, Department of Psychiatry, Withington Hospital, West Didsbury, Manchester M20 8LR (telephone 061 447 4360).

Further Uses of Hypnosis Intermediate Course will be held on 11–12 April 1992 at the Metropolitan Branch, British Society of Medical & Dental Hypnosis. Further information: Courses Secretary, 42 Links Road, Ashted, Surrey KT21 2HJ (telephone 0372 273522).

The spring term of the **Regional Postgraduate Course for Senior Registrars in the Psychiatry of Mental Handicap** will start on 29 April 1992 and will continue for 12 sessions. Further information: Dr Dora Kohen, Charing Cross Hospital, Department of Psychiatry, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8RP.

Discovery Courses in Medical Education will be held during March and April 1992. Further information: Miss S. Hosier, Centre for Medical Education, Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee DD1 9SY, Scotland (telephone 0382 60111, extension 3090; fax 0382 645748).

The course **Psychosocial Aspects of Clinical Paediatrics and Child Psychiatry** will take place from 23–27 March 1992 at the Department of Child Health at the Royal Free Hospital. Cost: £240 (including lunch and refreshments). Further information: Professors I. Kolvin, L. Hersov or Dr A. Lecouteur, Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 (telephone 071 435 7111, extension 2264).

The British Association of Psychotherapists will be holding 20 weekly evening seminars on **Psychoanalytic Aspects of Work with Individuals** over two terms beginning September 1992 in both North London and South London. Further information and application forms: Mrs Judith Lawrence, 37 Mapesbury Road, London NW2 4HJ (telephone 081 452 9823).

A newly designed revision course for the **MRCPsych Part I and Part II/Board Certification in Psychiatry Part A and Part B** will be held from 23–27 March 1992 at the Institute of Psychiatry. Fee: £260 (non-residential). *Closing date: 2 March 1992*. Further details and application form: Miss J. Crisell, Board Certification in Psychiatry Office, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 071 703 5411, extension 3193).