

Forthcoming Events

The Department of Health and Social Security is sponsoring a conference on **'Mental Illness in Primary Care Settings'** which will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry on 17 and 18 July 1984. The conference is being organized by the General Practice Research Unit. Topics will include classification, screening, treatment effectiveness, patterns of collaboration, international developments and future trends for research and policy. Although attendance will be by invitation only, limited places may be available. Those interested should contact Dr D. G. Wilkinson, General Practice Research Unit, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ, from whom further information is available.

The **IVth World Congress of Biological Psychiatry** will be held in Philadelphia from 8 to 13 September 1985. Suggestions for symposia topics are now invited and should be sent to Dr Wagner H. Bridger, Department of Psychiatry, Medical College of Pennsylvania, 3200 Henry Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19129, USA.

A one-day conference on **'Marriage and Health'**, organized by the Marriage Research Centre, will be held at the Royal College of Physicians (by kind permission of the Treasurer) on 28 March 1984. Topics will include marital breakdown and health, marital stress and depression, family stress and violence and marital stress and alcoholism. Information and booking forms: Jean Bray, Marriage Research Centre, Central Middlesex Hospital, Acton Lane, London NW10 7NS.

An **AUTP Conference on 'Bereavement and Loss'** will be held at Stratford upon Avon from 29 April to 1 May 1984. AUTP members will have priority, but limited places for non-members are available. Information: Dr Kerry Buglass, Director of Studies, St Christopher's Hospice, 51-53 Lawrie Park Road, Sydenham, London SE26 6DZ.

A symposium on the **'Psychiatry of Motherhood'** will be held on 29 March 1984 at the South Staffordshire Medical Centre, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton. Information: Dr Sekhawat, Consultant Psychiatrist, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton WV10 0QP.

The **Society for Reproductive and Infant Psychology** is presenting a seminar on **'Psychological and Social Aspects of Pregnancy and Their Implications'** to be given by Dr Stephen Wolkind. He will present and discuss the findings of the Family Research Unit at the London Hospital Medical School and will comment on their implications for practical care and policy. The seminar will take place on 13 April 1984 at Saint Anselm Hall, University of Manchester.

Information and booking forms: Christopher Macy, Department of Psychology, Rauceby Hospital, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 8PP.

The **Department of Psychotherapy, Southampton**, is organizing a three-day non-residential workshop in family and marital therapy from 26 to 28 March 1984. The theme will be **'The Family—Vehicle for Change: Confronting the Unmentionable'**. The workshop leaders will be Dr Alan Cooklin and Gill Gorell Barnes (Institute of Family Therapy). Information: Dr Pamela Ashurst, Department of Psychotherapy, Royal South Hants Hospital, Graham Road, Southampton (please send an s.a.e).

The Yorkshire Regional Branch of the Division of Clinical Psychology of the British Psychological Society in conjunction with the Yorkshire RHA is organizing a two-day conference on **'Rehabilitation: Analysing Process and Planning Change'** to be held on 12 and 13 April 1984 at the Yorkshire RHA headquarters in Harrogate. Information and application forms: Mrs Anne Gyde, Department of Clinical Psychology, St Luke's Hospital, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield HD4 5RQ.

The **Institute of Family Therapy (London)** has a number of vacancies on the following workshops and courses: **'Focal Family Therapy'**; **'Family Therapy and Violence'**; **'Child Sexual Abuse'**; **'Adolescent Parasuicide'**; **'Strategic Family Therapy with "Hard to Treat" Families by Papp and Silverstein from the Ackerman Institute, New York'**. Further details: Training Secretary, Institute of Family Therapy (London) Ltd, 43 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RG (please enclose an s.a.e.).

The **14th Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologia (CINP) Congress** will be held in Florence from 19 to 23 June 1984. Information: Dr G. Racagni, Institute of Pharmacology and Pharmacognosy, University of Milan, Via Andrea del Sarto 21, 20129 Milan, Italy.

The **Department of Psychiatry at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care** presents an international psychiatric symposium, **'The Scope for Change in Later Life'**, to be held from 31 May to 1 June 1984 in Toronto. Information: Dr Joel Sadavoy, Department of Psychiatry, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, 3560 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario M6A 2E1.

Because of the importance of keeping health care professionals and the public informed about developments with the preventive treatment of recurrent affective disorders, the

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and the Office of Medical Applications of Research of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are convening a **Consensus Development Conference on 'Mood Disorders: Pharmacologic Prevention of Recurrences'**. The meeting will be held at NIH from 24 to 26 April 1984. Information: Ms Michele Dillon, Prospect Associates, Suite 401, 2115 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, USA.

The **Regional Symposium of the World Psychiatric Association** is to be held at Finlandia Hall in Helsinki from 18 to 21 June 1984. Several symposia on current issues will be arranged. Information: Miss D. Hart at the College address.

Preliminary enquiries have been made about the possibility of arranging a **Study Tour to China** and there has been an encouraging response from the Chinese Psychiatric and Medical Associations. The tour will be advertised as soon as the dates have been confirmed (either Autumn 1984 or Spring 1985) and further details are available. Enquiries to Dr C. D. Davies, Secretary, Study Tours Sub-Committee, at the College address.

The **12th Psychiatric Tutors Conference** will be held at the University of Birmingham (Vale Conference Centre at Edgbaston) from 20 to 22 September 1984. The conference will include a one-day course on the Practical Applications of Television in Psychiatric Education organized by Dr T. A.

Betts and Mr Paul Morby of the University Department of Psychiatry and the TV & Film Unit. The Conference will spend an afternoon at the Uffculme Clinic and further sessions on different aspects of training psychiatry are being arranged. Further details are available from Jane Boyce, Education Department at the College address.

The **Transcultural Society (UK)** will be holding a conference at Bedford College from 6 to 8 April 1984. The theme will be 'Women—Cultural Perspectives'. Information: Dr S. Fernando, Department of Psychiatry, Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, Middlesex (telephone: 01-360-6600).

Applications are invited for admission to a two-year, part-time **MSc in Psychotherapy** at the University of Warwick, commencing in October 1984. Applicants should have completed their MRCP and already have training and experience in some form of psychotherapy. Attendance is one full day per week. Information: Dr John D. Davis, Department of Psychology, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL (telephone: 0203-24011, ext 2044).

A one-day **MRCPsych Final Examination Workshop** will be held on 17 March 1984 at St. Crispin Hospital, Northampton. Limited places are available. Information: Dr H. Ghadiali or Dr H. Gadhvi, St. Crispin Hospital, Duston, Northampton NN5 6UN (telephone: Northampton 52323).

The College

The College's Medals and Prizes

Gaskell Medal and Prize

In addition to the medal the award attached to this prize is £500. The annual examination for the prize will be held on 23 and 24 May 1984. Entries should be sent in by 31 March 1984.

The Prize has always been considered one of the foremost academic distinctions obtainable in clinical psychiatry, and members are asked to bring it to the notice of suitable candidates at their hospitals who may be eligible to compete.

Full particulars of the Regulations are given below, and entry forms may be obtained on application to the Dean.

REGULATIONS

The examination must be held in England according to the terms of the Trust.

Candidates must produce evidence of (a) having been qualified officers in one or more psychiatric hospitals or clinics in psychiatry in the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the Commonwealth or in the Republic of Ireland for at least two years; (b) having passed the MRCPsych examination or

possessing any other degree or diploma in psychological medicine.

Candidates must be over 23 and under 35 years of age on 1 January of the year of the examination.

The examination includes a written paper, a clinical and an oral.

An entry fee of £5 is charged, returnable to bona fide candidates.

Research Prize and Bronze Medal

A College Prize is awarded for research. The value of the Prize is £500 and the recipient(s) receive the College's Bronze Medal. An opportunity will be given to recipients to report the research at a Quarterly Meeting of the College, subject to approval by the Programmes & Meetings Committee. No prize will be awarded if a sufficient standard is not reached.

Entries for the Prize should be submitted to the Dean by 31 March of each year. For further details, please contact the College's Education Officer at the College address.