

already shown the need for a better court system in child abuse cases. The costings study was funded by a grant from the Oak Foundation and was carried out by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and the National Children's Bureau. Copies of the costings study, *Family Courts – The Price is Right*, are available on request from the Family Courts Campaign, Eaton House, 66a Eaton Square, London SW1W 9BH or c/o 8 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7QE.

#### Melanie Klein

A new play by Nicholas Wright about the controversial psycho-analyst, Melanie Klein, opened at the National Theatre on 10 August 1988.

In 1934, Melanie Klein's son was reported killed in a climbing accident. There were no witnesses. Nicholas Wright's first play for the NT shows the aftermath of a shattering and unexpected death, and its effect on three remarkable women. Gillian Barge plays the psycho-analyst, with Francesca Annis as her daughter, Melitta, and Zoe Wanamaker as Paula Heimann.

Melanie Klein (1882–1960) was, and remains, one of the most influential figures in psycho-analysis. Born in Vienna, she trained in Budapest and Berlin, where she extended Freud's techniques of analysis to very young children. In 1926 she settled in London. Her most disputed teachings concerned small babies, whom she regarded as capable of violent and complex emotion.

#### High Royds Hospital Centenary

A brief illustrated history of High Royds Hospital has been compiled by Dr Roy Hullin to commemorate the hospital's centenary. Under its original name of the West Riding Pauper Lunatic Asylum at Menston, the hospital was opened on 8 October 1888. There was a high death rate in the early years (reflecting that of the poorer sections of the community at the time) but by the 1930s a steady diminution in the annual rate had occurred.

Following the 1930 Mental Health Act, which provided for the admission of voluntary patients, there was a steady annual increase in such patients so that by the time of the Second World War, 28% of admissions came into this category.

The University of Leeds Department of Biochemistry was initiated in 1952 and in 1962 a Metabolic Research Unit was formally set up under the direction of Dr Hullin in conjunction with Dr R. McDonald. The Unit has published nearly 100 papers in scientific and medical journals and was one of the pioneers of prophylactic lithium in treatment in this country. During this period other separate units, such as the Kanner Unit for children and the Adolescent Unit, were initiated. The renaming of the hospital from Menston to High Royds Hospital took place on 1 January 1963, reflecting the spirit of change in this era.

High Royds, like other large psychiatric hospitals, is now being run down and replaced with smaller locally-based facilities.

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## Forthcoming events

A conference organised by the British Geriatrics Society entitled '**Abuse of Elderly People**' will be held at Regent's College, London on 14 September 1988. Fee: £39.50 for medical staff; £28.75 for nurses and other professionals. Further details: BSG Conference Secretariat, 9 Pavilion Parade, Brighton BN2 1RA (telephone 0273 695811).

'**Drug Dependence: Clinical Phenomena and Basic Mechanisms**', the second in a series of Maudsley Conferences on New Developments in Psychiatry, will be held at the Waldorf Hotel, London from 11–14 July 1989. Further details: Dr Glenn Wilson, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 01 703 5411, extension 3254 or 3245).

The World Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology Association will be holding the **1st International Congress of Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology** from 11–13 November 1988 in Paris. The general theme will be 'Comparative Study of International Medico-Psycho-Judicial Practices Perspectives of Harmonisation'. Further details: Manual Galan, Congress Secretary General, 38 bis, Boulevard Saint-Marcel, 75005 Paris, France.

A symposium entitled '**Community Care — What Next?**' will be held on 7 October 1988 at the Post-graduate Medical Centre, Grantham Hospital, Grantham, Lincs. Cost of registration: £15. Further details and registration forms: Irene Chenery, Clinical Sciences Building, Leicester Royal Infirmary,

PO Box 65, Leicester LE2 7LX (telephone 0533 523240).

A one day conference entitled '**Dementia Disorders — Advances and Prospects**' will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine, London, on 31 October 1988. The meeting will highlight continuing developments in the understanding of the biology and psychology of the dementias and the prospects for their treatment and care. Further details: Dr C. L. E. Katona (Conference Chairman), Department of Psychiatry, University College and Middlesex School of Medicine, Wolfson Building, Middlesex Hospital, London W1N 8AA (telephone 01 272 3070).

A meeting entitled '**Eating Disorders**' will be held at the Royal Society on 25 November 1988. Further information: Lindsay Watson, Charter Clinic, PO Box 323, 1/5 Radnor Walk, London SW3 4PB.

An **international meeting on epilepsy and behaviour** will be held from 15–19 February 1989 at the Marriott Hotel, New Orleans. Further information: Dr M. C. Trimble, National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG.

A meeting entitled '**Communicating Information to Patients about Medicines**' will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine on 1 November 1988. The day's programme provides an opportunity for research update and exploration of the costs and benefits of communication by leaflet. Further details: Ms B. Komoniewska, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (telephone 01 408 2119).

The Transcultural Psychiatry Society (UK) will hold a one day conference on 4 November 1988 on '**Clinical Psychology in a Multi-racial Society**' at The London Hospital (St Clement's), 2a Bow Road, London E3 4LL. Further details: Mr Asad Abbas, District Psychologist, Darenth Park Hospital, Dartford, Kent DA2 6LZ (telephone 0322 29322).

A Meeting entitled '**The Management of Difficult Facial Pain in the National Health Service**' will be held at Eastman Dental Hospital on 18 November 1988. Fee (to include beverages, lunch and book of abstracts): £30 before 1 October: £35 after 1 October. Cheques to be made payable to Pain III. IDS. Further information: Dr Charlotte Feinmann, Consultant Psychiatrist, Eastman Dental Hospital, 256 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8LD.

The Annual Conference of the Society for Psychosomatic Research entitled '**The Somatic Presentation of Psychological Disorder**' will be held on 14 and 15 November 1988 at the Royal College of Physicians,

London. Further information and application forms: Dr Barry Matthews, Springfield Hospital, 61 Glenburnie Road, London SW17 (telephone 01 672 9911, extension 42438).

Papers are invited for the **Sixth Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychotherapy Research (UK)** to be held at the Raven Hall Hotel, Ravenscar, North Yorkshire from 9–12 April 1989. Abstracts (500 words maximum) should be sent to Dr Mike Startup, MRC/ESRC SAPU, Department of Psychology, The University, Sheffield S10 2TN. *Deadline for submissions is 30 November 1988.*

The **University of Bristol Postgraduate Course in Psychiatry**, suitable for GPs, GP trainees and psychiatric trainees taking Part I or Part II of the MRCPsych examination, will take place on Friday afternoons commencing 16 September 1988. Enquiries: Course Secretary (HMB), 42 St Michael's Hill, Bristol BS2 8DZ.

A series of introductory lectures on **Psycho-Analysis in Britain Today** will be held at the Institute of Psycho-Analysis on Wednesdays from 5.30–7.45 p.m. during the Autumn term from 5 October–7 December 1988. Fee for the series: £95 (bursaries are available for students). Application forms: The Executive Secretary, British Psycho-Analytical Society, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD (telephone 01 580 4952). This course will be followed by a further course on contemporary issues commencing in January 1989.

The British Psycho-Analytical Society announce the **1988 Ernest Jones Lecture** 'Hamlet's Other Selves' by Dan Jacobson. The lecture will be given in Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 on 19 October 1988 at 8 p.m. Admission free.

The British Psycho-Analytical Society are holding a day of lectures and discussions on **Reflections on 'Marriage'** (Psychoanalytic contributions) at the Institute of Psycho-Analysis on 1 October 1988. Fee: £18 (includes morning coffee and afternoon tea). Further information: The Hon. Secretary, Public Lectures Committee, The Institute of Psycho-Analysis, 63 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RD (telephone 01 580 4952).

A half-day seminar on **Management of Anxiety** is to be held at the Windsor Post Graduate Medical Centre on 5 October 1988. The principal speakers are Professor Malcolm Lader and Gillian Butler (Research Psychologist, Warneford Hospital, Oxford). Further information and application forms: Mrs C. J. Chitty, Administrator, Post Graduate Medical Centre, King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor,

Berkshire SL4 3DP (telephone 0753 8602441, extension 6339).

A workshop entitled '**Employment Opportunities for People with Severe Learning Disabilities**' will be held at the King's Fund Centre on 20 October 1988. Fee: £30 (includes coffee, lunch and tea). Further information: Mrs Joan Rush, King's Fund Centre for Health Services Development, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF.

The **Cardiff Psychogeriatric Symposium** will be held at Cardiff Castle on 12 October 1988. The management and care of elderly psychiatric patients will be explored and discussed. Contributors include: Professors P. McGuffin, J. Pathy, M. Scanlon, J. R. M. Copeland and B. Pitt and Doctors D. Jolley, G. Blessed, B. Harris and G. Cole. Tickets and full programme: Madeliene Curtis, c/o Duphar Laboratories Ltd., 13 Acacia Close, Magor, Gwent, NP6 3NQ (telephone 0633 881532) or Dr Amgad Tanaghow, Senior Registrar in Psychiatry, Department of Psychological Medicine, University of Wales College of Medicine, Whitchurch Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF4 7XB (telephone 0222 693191).

A conference entitled '**Community Care - The Challenge Begins**' will take place at Worcester College of Higher Education, Henwick Grove, Worcester on 1 October 1988. The key speaker will be Professor Kathleen Jones; other speakers will be from Worcester, Hereford and Bromsgrove Health Authorities and Social Services. Cost: £12 (NSF members £8). Cheques should be made payable to National Schizophrenia Fellowship and sent to NSF, 9 St Michaels Court, Victoria Street, West Bromwich B70 8EZ.

The **Psychotherapy Section first residential conference** will be held at Queen's College, Cambridge from 6-8 April 1989 entitled '**Trauma and its Aftermath**':

an exploration of the impact of trauma on the individual, family and society, from psycho-analytic, group-analytic and sociological perspectives. The conference will begin after lunch on the Thursday and conclude with lunch on the Saturday. Cost: £165 approximately. Booking forms and programmes: Mrs Jean Wales, Secretary to the Psychotherapy Section, Royal College of Psychiatrists.

The third **Guy's/NUPRD MRCPsych Revision Course on Psychogeriatrics and Examination Technique** will be held at Guy's Hospital on 7 and 8 October 1988; cost: £100. Further details and applications: Miss C. Thomas, York Clinic, Guy's Hospital, London SE1 (telephone 01 407 7600, extension 3427).

The Society of Pharmaceutical Medicine will be holding a meeting on **Development and Clinical Evaluation of New Treatments for AIDS** on 15 September 1988 and on **Collaboration in Clinical Trials** on 9 November 1988. Further details: Society of Pharmaceutical Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

A national symposium entitled '**The Neuropsychiatric Aspects of AIDS**' will be held at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London SW1 on 23 September 1988. Further information: Sue Worley or Martin Coombes, Conference Co-ordinators, Duphar Laboratories Ltd, Mansbridge Road, West End, Southampton S03 3JG.

The seventh '**two day workshop on Death and Mental Handicap**' will be held at St George's Hospital Medical School on 22 November and 1 December 1988. Further information and application forms: Sarah Dobson, Section of the Psychiatry of Mental Handicap, Jenner Wing, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, Tooting, London SW17 0RE (telephone 01 672 9944, extension 55497).

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