

Forthcoming Events

The Annual Scientific Meeting of the **Institute of Psychosexual Medicine** will be held at Selwyn College, Cambridge from 25–27 September 1987. All Members and Associates will be welcome. Details: Dr Judy A. Gilley, Honorary Secretary, Institute of Psychosexual Medicine, 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London W1M 9DE.

The **Xth International Conference on the Social Sciences and Medicine** will be held at Hotel Terramar, Sitges, Spain from 26–30 October 1987. Further details and application forms: Dr P. J. M. McEwan, Glengarden, Ballater, Aberdeenshire AB3 5UB, Scotland.

The **Annual Soirée of the Fellowship of Engineering** is being held at the Royal College of Physicians, London on 1 July 1987. It will be an extended evening reception (black tie), during which the visitors view an exhibition, followed by dinner. The guests will include the Presidents of the other Royal Colleges, the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Chief Medical Officer of the DHSS. Previously tickets have been restricted to Fellows of Engineering, their spouses and guests but this year the Fellowship is keen to provide an opportunity for representatives of the two professions to come together. Six tickets (for three members and their spouses) are available (price £32.50 per person) to Members of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and may be obtained by written application to the Secretary, Mrs V. Cameron, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1Y 8PG.

A three-day course for specialists in child and adolescent psychiatry '**Research to Practice in Child Psychiatry**' concerning developmental perspectives on childhood psychiatric disorders and their relevance for diagnosis and treatment will be held from 30 September–2 October 1987 at the Institute of Psychiatry. Speakers will include Professor A. D. Cox, Dr C. Dare, Professor P. J. Graham, Professor R. Nicol, Professor M. L. Rutter, Dr D. Steinberg, Dr S. Wolkind and Professor W. Yule. Registration fee £120, which includes coffee, lunch and tea. Accommodation is available at a nearby university hall of residence at £10.50 per night including breakfast, or in central London hotels. Further information: Deanna Voos, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF (telephone 01 703 5411).

The **8th Australian Congress of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law** will be held in Melbourne from 26–29 November 1987. Keynote speaker will be the psychologist and lawyer Ralph Slovenko, Professor of Law and Psychiatry, Wayne State University. Submission of abstracts on any topic relevant to the psychosocial aspects of the legal system is invited. Abstracts or enquiries to ANZAPPL, Box 655E, GPO, Melbourne 3001, Australia (telephone 03 417 3868).

A lecture entitled '**Religion and Psychiatry: Common Visions of a Healthy Humanity**' will be held on 24 June 1987 at 2.00 p.m. at the Large Lecture Theatre, Clinical Sciences Building, St James' University Hospital, Beckett Street, Leeds. The speakers will be the Rt Revd David Jenkins, Bishop of Durham ('The Priest as Psychiatrist') and Professor Andrew Sims, University of Leeds ('The Psychiatrist as Priest'). Further information: Conference Department, Royal Society of Health, 38A St George's Drive, London SW1V 4BH (telephone 01 630 0121).

The third **Manchester Conference for the Newly Appointed Consultant Psychiatrist** will be held on 10 and 11 September 1987 at the Department of Psychiatry, Manchester Royal Infirmary. Time-budgetting, managing the ward round, dealing with anxiety and sparing time and energy for life outside work will be among the aspects of a consultant's work reviewed in small group discussions, role play with video-feedback and group exercises. The non-residential fee for the course will be £90. University accommodation is available for a further fee. Consultants within five years of appointment are invited to apply for further information or for registration to Dr Digby Tantam, Department of Psychiatry, University Hospital of South Manchester, West Didsbury, Manchester M20 8LR.

A conference entitled '**Aspects of Autism—Biological Research**' will be held at the University of Kent, at Canterbury from 18–20 September 1987. Submission of poster-papers are invited for presentation at this conference. All work on autism will be welcome, including psychological, educational and clinical as well as biological studies. Summaries of the subject matter (50–100 words) should be sent to the Conference Organiser. Limited funds may be available towards the expenses of those presenting posters so applications for support, where required, should be included with the summary. All submissions and enquiries should be sent to: National Autistic Society, 276 Willesden Lane, London NW2 5RB.

The United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals Division of Psychiatry (Professor J. Watson) and Section of Psychotherapy (Dr A. Ryle) will be holding an **introductory workshop in brief psychotherapy** from 10–11 October 1987. An integrated (cognitive/analytic) approach will be introduced through lectures, role playing, small groups, etc., open to practitioners and trainees of counselling or psychotherapy, from medical, psychological, social work, occupational therapy, lay psychotherapy or nursing backgrounds. Details: Dr A. Ryle, Psychotherapy Unit, St Thomas' Hospital, London SE1 7EH.

Group Analysis North in association with the **Group-Analytic Society (London)** will be holding a residential weekend workshop from 26–28 June 1987 entitled 'The Analysis of Shame in Groups' at Dalton Hall, University of Manchester. Application forms and enquiries: Brian Nichol, The Centre for Adult and Higher Education, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL (telephone: 061 2733 3333, extension 3166 or 3499).

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