

Forthcoming Events

A course on **'Psychiatry of Late Life'** for psychiatrists, geriatricians and community physicians will be held from 18 to 22 July 1983 at the University of Birmingham. Accommodation is available, but places are limited to 30. Information: Mrs V. Gilbert, Administrative Assistant, Board of Graduate Clinical Studies, Medical School, Vincent Drive, Birmingham 15.

The **Tenth Annual Congress of the Association of Professions for the Mentally Handicapped (APMH)** will be held at Digby Stuart College, Roehampton from 12 to 15 July 1983. The major topics will be residential choices available to mentally handicapped people; the development of opportunities for continuing education; staff training; and evaluation of services. Information: APMH, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF (enclosing an s.a.e.).

The **Second International Congress on Psychiatric Nursing**, entitled 'A Framework for Action', will be held at Imperial College, London from 18 to 23 September 1983. It will be organized by the *Nursing Times*, the Psychiatric Nursing Association and the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals. Those interested in presenting a paper should send an abstract (two copies) as soon as possible to Alison Dunn, Editor, *Nursing Times*. Information: Sarah Selbie, Conference Administrator, Nursing Times, 4 Little Essex Street, London WC2.

The **Institute of Group Analysis** is holding a workshop entitled 'The Group Dynamics of Child Guidance: Creative Tension or Destructive Maelstrom?', which is intended for professional staff working in a child guidance or child psychiatric setting who wish to study their participation in child guidance team work. The workshop will be held in London on 7 and 8 July 1983. Information: Mrs Brenda Ling, The Institute of Group Analysis, 1 Bickenhall Mansions, London W1.

The **Royal Society of Medicine's Section of Psychiatry** will be holding the following meetings in May and July 1983. 10 May (3.30 pm): 'Psychogeriatrics'—Professor T. Arie, Dr K. Bergmann, Mr R. T. Woods; 1 July (9.30 am): All Day Joint Meeting of the Psychiatric and Paediatric Sections—'Eating disorders and depression', 'Depressed mothers', 'Prevention: political slogan or attainable goal?', 'Institutional rearing', 'Diagnosing depression in adolescence' and 'Teenage pregnancies'. Information: Section of Psychiatry, RSM, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

Following the success of the previous courses, the DHSS is sponsoring a further course entitled **'Effective Leadership in Hospitals'**. The courses are being organized by the Industrial Society and will take place at the NHS Training Centre, The White Hart, Harrogate from 26 to 30 July 1983. The course is designed for consultants and senior registrars, particularly those who have, or who aim to have, a greater role in the organization of the Service. The course is run on a highly participative style, with small groups discussing various aspects of leadership. Information: Yvonne Castagna, The Industrial Society, Peter Runge House, 3 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5DG.

A series of one-day workshops on **'Introduction to Video'** will be held at Lea Castle Hospital, Wolverley, Worcestershire on 29 April, 29 July and 28 October this year. The workshops offer practical tuition and guidance while actually making a short documentary video examining an aspect of mental handicap. Early application is advised as a maximum of 12 participants will be accepted for each workshop. Information: The Course Organizer, British Institute of Mental Handicap, Wolverhampton Road, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 3PP.

The **12th International Congress for Suicide Prevention and Crisis Intervention** will be held at Caracas (Caraballeda Beach) from 2 to 5 October 1983. Information: Sociedad Venezolana de Psiquiatria, PO Box 3380, Caracas 1010-A, Venezuela.

A **Soirée** will take place at the **Royal Academy, Burlington House, Piccadilly** on 9 June 1983 between 6.45 and 8.45 pm, during which diplomates of all the medical Royal Colleges and their guests will be able to view the Summer Exhibition and enjoy a buffet supper with wine. Dress will be informal. Ticket price is £13 single, to include access to the Exhibition, food and wine. Tickets must be obtained *not later than 26 May* from the Secretary of this College. Cheques should be made payable to the Royal College of Psychiatrists. The President and Council hope that many members of the College will welcome this opportunity to meet colleagues from other branches of medicine in an unusual environment.

The **Institute of Family Therapy (London) Ltd** has a number of one- and two-day workshops planned for the coming months. Those interested should send a large s.a.e. for details of all workshops to the Course Secretary, 43 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RG.