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forthcoming events

The **7th Congress of the European Federation of Sexology** will take place on 12–16 May 2004 in Brighton. The event is being hosted by the British Association for Sexual & Relationship Therapy, and sponsored by Lilly, ICOS and Pfizer. For further information and booking, please refer to the following websites: congress website (www.efs2004.com) and booking website (www.hmc.co.uk).

The next **Course in Family Work for Schizophrenia for Overseas Trainees** will be held in London at the Royal Free Hospital on 31 May–11 June, inclusive. Professor Julian Leff will lead the course, which will include engaging the family, giving education, improving communication, dealing with conflict, lowering expressed emotion, and other topics. For further information, please contact Professor Leff (e-mail: jleff@rfc.ucl.ac.uk).

The Royal Society of Medicine: North West (Manchester & Staffs) would like to announce **Depression**, a one-day conference to be held on 1 July 2004 at the Postgraduate Centre, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester. The aim of this conference is to evaluate the relevance of advances in depression therapy, and to

provide an assessment of their likely and appropriate effect upon the management of depression, both now and in the foreseeable future. The conference will be of major interest to general practitioners, obstetricians, gynaecologists, midwives, psychiatrists, psychologists, geriatricians, trainee doctors and nurses. Topics will include recognition and management in a primary care setting; the physical basis of depression; suicide; children and adolescents and their needs; and management of resistant depression. To book online please go to the following address: <http://www.rsm.ac.uk/regions>.

Innateness and the Structure of the Mind is the title of a conference being held on 30 June–3 July 2004 at the University of Sheffield. This is the third annual conference in a three-year project on Innateness. This interdisciplinary conference will explore the prospects for future research in the nativist tradition. What are the key areas for future investigation? What directions should positive theorising from a broadly nativist perspective take? The conference will take an in-depth look at connections between different areas of nativist theorizing, both substantive and methodological, and also critically examine some of the central

concepts and arguments in contemporary nativism. The conference will be of interest to psychologists, psychiatrists, anthropologists, philosophers and biologists. For further information, please visit the website <http://www.shef.ac.uk/~phil/AHRB-Project> or contact Dr Tom Simpson, Research Associate, AHRB Project on Innateness and the Structure of the Mind, Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN (e-mail: innateness_project@hotmail.com).

The International Society for the Psychological treatments of the Schizophrenias and other Psychoses (ISPS UK) would like to announce the ISPS 2004 residential conference: psychological approaches to psychosis. The conference theme is **Tuning into Psychosis: ways of listening, ways of seeing, ways of being with**. The event will take place in Manchester on 13–14 September 2004. Top speakers include Vamik Volkan (USA), Richard Bentall (UK), Christine Barrowclough (UK), Dean Repper from NIMHE and Albert Persaud from the Department of Health. For further information please contact Annabel Thomas, UK Organiser (tel/fax: 01494 580101; e-mail: isps@athomas99.freemove.co.uk) or visit <http://www.isps.org/index.asp?id=1008>.