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Further information: Pavillion Publishing, 8 St George's Place, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 4GB (Telephone: 01273 623 222, Fax: 01273 625 526).

Forthcoming events

The Educational Forum for Mental Health will be holding a series of national conferences in March 1999, starting with **Crisis Intervention Approach in Mental Health** on 22 March 1999 and **Community Mental Health Services - Current Developments** on 23 March 1999. These will be followed by **Mental Health of Elderly - Current Developments** and **Dementia - Current Developments**, which will take place on 24 March 1999 and 25 March 1999 respectively. Finally, there is **Autism - Current Developments** on 26 March 1999 and **Services for People with Learning Disabilities and Challenging Behaviour** on 27 March 1999. The venue for all conferences will be the Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall, University of York, York. Further information: National Conference Secretariat, PO Box B135, Huddersfield HD1 1YG (Telephone: 01484 532 102, Fax: 01484 425 69, e-mail: worldforum@aol.com).

The **Third Annual Meeting of the British Indian Psychiatric Association** will be held on 20-21 March 1999 in the Manchester area. The meeting will comprise of lectures on Advances in Clinical Neurosciences and Implications for Psychiatry, Psychopharmacology - Making Choices, Cognitive Behaviour Therapies - A Panacea?, and Psychological Therapies and the Asians. In addition, there will be a choice of workshops and a social cultural evening. Further information: Dr Thakor Mistry, Organising Secretary, All Saints Hospital, Lodge Road, Birmingham B18 5SD (Telephone: 0121 685 6430; Fax: 0121 685 6206).

The Royal College of Psychiatrists' Research Unit (in association with several other professional organisations) is holding its fourth multi-disciplinary conference on **Clinical Effectiveness in Mental Health**. The conference will take place on 13 May 1999 at the Commonwealth Institute in London, and is aimed at mental health clinicians of all disciplines, clinical audit and effectiveness

staff, service managers, health care commissioners, academic centres and those with a particular interest in effectiveness in mental health. It will centre around three main themes: 'live' examples of clinical effectiveness initiatives, consumerism in mental health and organisational support for clinical effectiveness. Further information: Ms Victoria Thomas, College Research Unit, 11 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EE (Telephone: 0171 235 2351, ext. 282, Fax: 0171 235 2954, e-mail: victoria.thomas@virgin.net).

Midland Course in Group Work with Children and Adolescents is the title of a non-residential course being offered by the Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust. Taking place in Northampton on 11 May 1999, as well as during the weekends of 22-23 May 1999, 12-13 June 1999 and 26-27 June 1999, the course will be suitable to those who are interested in group work with children and adolescents, whether they are beginners or have already had experience of group work. Further information: Dr Kedar Dwivedi, Course Director, c/o Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, 8 Notre Dame Mews, Northampton (Telephone: 01604 604 608, Fax: 01604 604 531, e-mail: Kedar@dial.pipex.com).

Taking place on 7-11 June 1999, **The Seventh Manchester Course in Liaison Psychiatry** organised by the University of Manchester, is an intensive week long course in liaison psychiatry particularly suitable for newly appointed consultants and specialist registrars. Emphasis will be placed upon small group teaching and workshops, and in addition to clinical issues, the course will cover managerial and administrative aspects, research and audit. Further information: Mrs Una Dean, Secretary to Dr E. Guthrie, University Department of Psychiatry, Rawnsley Building, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester M13 9WL (Telephone: 0161 276 5383, Fax: 0161 273 2135).

Tilburg University are the organisers of the **Second International Conference on "The (Non) Expression of Emotions in Health and Disease"** being held on 9–11 June 1999 at Tilburg University, the Netherlands. This three-day conference aims to make clinicians and researchers in behavioural medicine, health psychology,

psychosomatics and psychiatry more familiar with recent developments in fundamental emotion research. Further information: Conference Secretariat Psychology Department, Tilburg University, PO Box 90153, 5000 LE Tilburg, The Netherlands (Tel: 31 13 466 2175, Fax: 31 13 466 2370, e-mail: Emotions@KUB.NL).

New Joint Royal College Council Report



Care of Older People with Mental Illness Council Report CR69

This report reviews the progress on the recommendations made in the original 1989 joint report. Aimed at a wide group of readers including commissioners of services for older people, it discusses demographic trends and the main types of mental illness in old age. Both the panel involved in writing this report and its advisory group were more broad-based than for the previous report, and this breadth is reflected in the emphasis on inter-agency and multi-disciplinary working.

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