

side General Hospital, but referrals will be channelled through the Centre. Medication will not be dispensed at the Centre but will be obtained by the client from his general practitioner. Clients will have access to all information in their case records other than that specifically excluded as confidential.

Social workers will participate in groups and other Centre activities, and will also carry cases from home

visiting, using a 'whole family' approach as far as possible.

It is hoped that the Centre will offer a more appropriate response to the needs of the mentally disordered, in particular for those whose problems have a major social or environmental component, and will facilitate a more logical division of therapeutic effort between medical and non-medical therapists.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

University of Birmingham Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

An intensive residential course in Forensic Psychiatry will be held at Wyddrington Hall, The Vale, University of Birmingham, from 3-6 April. The course, which is open to senior and junior psychiatrists, is of particular interest to M.R.C.Psych. and D.P.M. candidates, but others, including consultants and prison medical officers, are welcome. General practitioners may attend under Section 63. Course fees: Residents (including accommodation and all meals) £47; Non-residents (including coffee, lunch, tea and dinner) £34. Enquiries about the course should be sent to Dr R. Bluglass, Postgraduate Clinical Tutor in Forensic Psychiatry, Midland Centre for Forensic Psychiatry, All Saints Hospital, Lodge Road, Birmingham, B18 5SD. Applications to attend, accompanied by the appropriate fee, should be sent *as soon as possible* to Professor J. M. Malins, Director, Board of Graduate Clinical Studies, The Medical School, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, B15 2TJ. Cheques should be crossed and made payable to 'University of Birmingham'.

Centre for Research into Adolescent Breakdown

A half-day release course, from October 1978 to June 1979 is offered to professional people who are at present working in the public sector and are actively engaged in the psychological treatment of seriously disturbed adolescents. The course will have a psycho-analytic orientation and will include lectures and clinical seminars with emphasis on assessment of psychopathology and problems of treatment. The fee will be £180 and the course will be limited to a maximum of 18 participants. Intending applications should apply to their R.H.A. or employing authority

for study leave and payment of fees. Further details and application forms are obtainable from Dr Ronald Baker, Brent Consultation Centre, 51 Winchester Avenue, London N.W.6. Telephone 01-328 0918. *The closing date for applications is 31 March 1978.*

The Winnicott Memorial Fund

The Winnicott Memorial Fund of the British Psycho-Analytical Society, in association with the Royal College of Midwives, is holding a one-day conference on 'The Beginnings of Life: is a new formula needed in the maternity services?' on Friday, 21 April, at Bedford College (University of London), Regent's Park, London NW1 4NS. The intention is to consider how our present services meet the needs of babies and their parents during the period of birth and afterwards. Applications, accompanied by the conference fee of £6.00 (which includes coffee, lunch and afternoon tea) should be sent *immediately* to Mrs Joyce Coles, 120 Corringway, Ealing, London W5 3HA.

British Association for Psychopharmacology

A scientific meeting, organized by the British Association for Psychopharmacology, will be held at the Royal College of Physicians, London NW1, on 7 April. The programme will include the B.A.P. annual guest lecture by Dr Irwin Kopin, Chief, Laboratory of Clinical Science, National Institutes for Mental Health, U.S.A., and a half-day symposium on 'Mechanisms of Action of Benzodiazepines', which will present recent discoveries concerning the existence of benzodiazepine receptors. Further details from the Honorary Secretary, Professor E. S. Paykel, Department of Psychiatry, St George's Hospital Medical School, London SW17.

Inter-Clinic Conference, 1978

The next Inter-Clinic Conference will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 17 and 18 April, at the Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London WC1. The title is 'The Next 50 Years' and the theme 'The future of the inter-disciplinary approach to child guidance and child psychiatry'. The Conference is organized by a Management Committee representative of eleven professional and special interest groups concerned with psychiatry, psychology, social work and education, including the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Application forms from the Conference Organizer, 25 Stratford Road, London W8 6RU (telephone 01-937 8325). Please enclose s.a.e. with written requests for information.

University of Birmingham Introductory Training Course in Psychodrama

This course, consisting of 12 sessions, will take place at the Centre for Postgraduate Psychiatry, Uffculme Clinic, Queensbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8QD each Friday from 7 April-30 June (excluding 2 June) from 2.30-4.30 p.m. It will be open to multi-disciplinary participants. Fee: £25. Further details from the Course Director, Dr Martin Davies, at the above Centre (telephone 021-449 4481).

Association of Psychiatrists in Training

The Association of Psychiatrists in Training is holding further one-day intensive workshops on examination technique. These will be held at the Maudsley Hospital on 15 and 16 April, and at Winterton Hospital, Stockton-on-Tees, on 21 or 22 April. Further details from the APIT Exam Workshop Secretary, The Maudsley Hospital, 99 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ. A fourth workshop will be held in Edinburgh on 6 May. For details of this write to Dr C. Freeman, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside Lane, Edinburgh EH10 5HF.

International Psychohistorical Association

The First Annual Convention of the International Psychohistorical Association will be held on 8, 9 and 10 June at the New York Coliseum Holiday Inn, 440 West 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019. Further information from the Convention Chairman, Dr David Beisel, Department of Social Sciences, Rockland Community College, Suffern, New York 10901, U.S.A.

The Tavistock Clinic

The School of Family Psychiatry and Community Mental Health of the Tavistock Clinic, in conjunction with the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations, is holding a five-day course on 'The Problems of Working with Adolescents in Varied Settings' from 24-28 July. The conference will be of particular interest to social workers, psychiatrists, general practitioners, educational welfare officers, heads and staff of schools and residential communities, and the aim is to integrate experiential and conceptual learning and to provide an experience of containment which could help course members to work with the interaction between themselves and their clients or colleagues. Further details and application forms from: The Executive Officer (Training), School of Family Psychiatry and Community Mental Health, The Tavistock Centre, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA.

Eleventh Miles International Symposium

The Eleventh Miles International Symposium, on 'The Mechanisms of Pain and Analgesic Compounds', will be held in the Turner Auditorium, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A., on 7-9 June. Further information from Edward G. Bassett, Ph.D., Symposium Coordinator, Miles Laboratories, Inc., Elkhart, Indiana 46514, U.S.A.

Seventh World Congress on Mental Handicap

The Seventh World Congress on Mental Handicap will be held in Vienna, Austria, from 1-6 October. The general theme is 'Choices', and the Congress will explore the choices that mentally handicapped people, their relatives and the professional groups have to face in the coming years. The detailed programme will be available shortly from Lebenshilfe für Behinderte, Rueppgasse 7/1, A-1020, Vienna, Austria.

Ninth Congress of the International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology

The Ninth Congress of the International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology will be held at the University of Dublin, Trinity College, from 20-24 August. Further information from Dr Austin Darragh, IMAX, Irish Medical Association, 10 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2, Ireland.