Forthcoming events

A series of one-day seminars are scheduled throughout November at various locations within the UK, on **Stress Management for Women**. Further details: Institute For Professional Businesswomen, Kindale House Morris Close, Park Farm Ind. Est., Wellingborough, Northants NN8 6XF (Telephone: 0800 89 2617; Fax: 0800 89 2616).

Applications are now invited for the 1996/1997 course in the Clinical Use of Hypnosis for medical personnel leading to a medical diploma in clinical hypnosis. This will be held on one weekend per month at Maidstone Priority Care NHS Trust, Maidstone, starting from 16-17 November 1996. Further information: Dr V. M. Mathew, Maidstone Priority Care NHS Trust, 180-186 Union Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1EY (Telephone: 01622 673358).

MIND will be holding their annual conference, More Than a State of Mind: Mental Health into the Millennium, 26–28 November 1996 at Bournemouth International Centre. Further details: Mind Conference and Training Unit, 15–19 Broadway, London E15 4BQ (Telephone: 0181 519 2122 ext 214; Fax: 0181 522 1725).

The Royal College of Psychiatrists and The Society of Psychosomatic Research will present a joint conference entitled, **Psychosomatic Medicine in**

the Workplace on 2-3 December 1996, at the Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1. Further details: Dr M. Hotopf, Department of Psychological Medicine, Institute of Psychiatry, 103 Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ (Telephone: 0171 740 5073/5078; Fax: 0171 740 5129).

A national one-day conference entitled **Direct Power: User Empowerment - A Practical Agenda for Change**, will take place on Wednesday 11 December 1996 at the UMIST Conference Centre, Manchester. The conference aims to give practical guidance on developing user empowerment, advocacy and care planning to improve services for people with mental health needs. Further information: Pavilion Publishing (Brighton) Ltd., 8 St George's Place, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 4ZZ (Telephone: 01273 623222; Fax: 01273 625526).

The XIth International Psychiatric Conference of the Pakistan Psychiatric Society will be held on 26–28 February 1997 at the Pearl Continental Hotel, Karachi. Further information: Professor Musarrat Hussain, 11th International Psychiatric Conference, Conference Secretariat, Department of Psychiatry, Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC), Karachi 75510 (Telephone: 52003346/520039; Fax: 5676023).

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