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# Forthcoming events

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**BPP Medical Education** would like to announce the dates for their next psychiatry courses. The MRCPsych Part I course and a study weekend for the written component of the MRCPsych Part II exam will both take place on 13–14 September, 1997. A clinical skills study weekend for the MRCPsych Part II exam will be held on 1–2 November, 1997. Fees: £220.00 per course or £400 for both Part II courses. Further information: Valerie Sweeney (Tel: 0181 959 7562).

An intensive one-day medical training day on **Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder** is to be held at Regent's College, London on 22 September, 1997. Further information: Tricia Roussel, Course Co-ordinator, International Psychology Services, 17 High Street, Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex BN6 9SY (Tel: 01273 832181; Fax: 01273 833 250; e-mail: triciar@ips.prestel.co.uk).

The Royal College of Psychiatrists' Special Committee on Electroconvulsive Therapy is to offer another **ECT Training Day** to be held on 2 October, 1997 in London. Further information: David Hills, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG (Tel: 0171 235 2351 ext. 108; Fax: 0171 259 6507; e-mail: dhills@rcpsych.ac.uk).

The **4th Triennial Congress of the European Society for Mental Health and Deafness** is due to take place from 2–4 October, 1997 at the Town Hall, Manchester. Further information: Dr B. T. Monteiro/Mr Carlo Laurenzi, Congress Office, British Society for Mental Health and Deafness, 1 Annington Road, London N2 9NB (Tel/Fax: 0181 444 3448).

The **Annual Meeting of the Transcultural Special Interest Group** will take place on Wednesday 22 October, 1997 at 2pm at the Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG. Further information: Gill Gibbins at the College or Dr Khoosal, Brandon Mental Health Unit, Leicester General Hospital, Gwendolen Road, Leicester LE5 4PW (Tel: 0116 2490490 ext. 4727/4728; Fax 0116 2739001).

The British Society of Medical and Dental Hypnosis – Scotland are currently recruiting for their **Medical & Dental Hypnotherapy Training**

courses to be held at Postgraduate Medical Centre, Lancaster House, 5 Lancaster Crescent, Glasgow G12 0RR. The basic course will take place on 4 and 5 October, 1997 and the intermediate on 22 and 23 November, 1997. Fee: £280.00. Further information: Dr Prem C. Misra (Tel: 0141 211 1661).

The Section of Psychiatry at the Royal Society of Medicine are holding a one day conference on **Gay and Lesbian Mental Health** on Tuesday 14 October, 1997. Fee: £70. Further information: Tim Hoof, Academic Department, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE (Tel: 0171 290 2985; Fax: 0171 290 2989).

**Physician Assisted Suicide: The Role of the Psychiatrist**, also organised by the Royal Society of Medicine Section of Psychiatry, will take place on Tuesday 11 November, 1997 at 2pm. Fee: £35. Further information: as above.

**Thomas Szasz** will be speaking at the Institute of Psychiatry on **Confronting Psychiatry's History** on Thursday 13 November, 1997 in the Wolfson lecture theatre at 5.30pm. Tickets are £5.00. Further information: Joanna Moncrieff, Institute of Psychiatry (Section of Epidemiology and General Practice), De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (Tel: 0171 919 3128; Fax: 0171 277 0283; e-mail: spjujmo@iop.bpmf.ac.uk).

**A Living-Learning Experience in a Therapeutic Community, Experiential Workshop** hosted by the Association of Therapeutic Communities will take place on 11–13 November, 1997. Further information: Association of Therapeutic Communities (Tel/Fax: 0181 950 9557; e-mail: 106444.2536@compuserve.com).

A 12 week **Introductory Course in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy** is being held at the University of Manchester from 12 January–30 March, 1998. Fee: £300.00. Further information: Mrs Joyce Russell, University Department of Psychiatry, Rawnsley Building, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9WL.

The Psychiatric Department of Genoa University, Italy are organising the 1st International Congress on Psychiatry and the Net entitled **Internet & Mental Health** which will take place on 7–8

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February, 1998. Further information: Francesco Bollorino, Via Provana di Leyni' 13/2, 16167 Genova (Tel: 010 320 3639/0336 624312; Fax: 010 353 7669).

The **Scottish Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Course**, 1998 will run between February and October and will be based in the South of Scotland. Fee: £2000. Further information: Mrs Marie Mercer, The Cottage, Royal Edinburgh

Hospital, Morningside Terrace, Edinburgh EH10 5HF (Tel: 0131 537 6707).

The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine is pleased to announce that it will host its First International Congress from 26–29 November, 1998. The main theme of the Congress is **Challenges to Specialists in the 21st Century**. Further information: Ms Phoebe Wong (Tel: 852 2515 5755; Fax: 852 2505 3149).

## Recent Council Reports



- CR47** *College policy statement on rape, £7.50*
- CR48** *Report of the Working Party to review psychiatric practices and training in a multi-ethnic society, £5.00*
- CR49** *Consensus statement on the assessment and investigation of an elderly person with suspected cognitive impairment by a specialist old age psychiatry service, £5.50*
- CR50** *'Wish you were here'? Ethical considerations in the admission of patients to substandard psychiatric units, £2.50*
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