

Forthcoming Events

The **Section of Psychiatry, Royal Society of Medicine**, will be holding the following meetings from October 1984 to June 1985. The theme for the year is the evaluation and practice of psychological treatments in psychiatric illness. The first meeting will be held on 2 October (Presidential Address: 'Psychotherapy Today: Models and Problems', 8.15 pm, Chandos House, London). The subjects of future meetings are 'Anxiety and Depressive Disorders: Treatment Interactions' (13 November); 'Scientific Status of Psychodynamic theory' (15 January); 'Psychotherapy for Offenders' (12 March); 'Practice and Evaluation of Psychotherapy II' (14 May). All these meetings will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine, London. A meeting on 'Psychotherapy: Evaluation and Practice (I)' will be held at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Edinburgh on 19 April 1985. Information: Dr Ruth Porter, The Ciba Foundation, 41 Portland Place, London W1N 4BN; Dr Sula Wolff, Department of Psychiatry, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside Park, Edinburgh EH10 5HF; Ms Barbara Komoniewska, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

'A Stitch in Time Seminar' will be held at **The Priory Hospital** on 11 October 1984, with an introduction by Sir Desmond Pond, Chief Scientist to the DHSS. Topics will include: 'Adolescent Crisis—"A Stitch in Time"' (Dr Philip Boyd, Consultant Adviser, The Priory Lodge Adolescent Unit); 'The Mind and Myocardial Infarction' (Dr J. Connolly, Maudsley Hospital); 'How to Drink Sensibly' (Joe Ruzek, Drinkwatchers Study Centre); 'Professional Burnout and How to Prevent It' (Dr Desmond Kelly, The Priory Hospital). Information: The Medical Director, The Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ.

The **27th Current Themes in Psychiatry Conference** will be held in the Centaur Lake View Hotel, Srinagar, India, from 5 to 13 April 1985. The meeting is being held in collaboration with the World Health Organisation and the Indian Psychiatric Society. The number of participants from the British Isles will be restricted to 25, with equal numbers from North America and SE Asia. Issues of contemporary concern and recent research will be discussed with maximum involvement of delegates and Faculty. Information: Marie Carlisle, Conference Secretary, Munro Clinic, Guy's Hospital, London SE1 9RT.

The **IVth World Congress of Biological Psychiatry** will take place in Philadelphia from 8 to 13 September 1985, under the auspices of the World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP) and the Society of Biological Psychiatry (USA). Information: Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc., North Woodbury Road, PO Box 56, Pitman, New Jersey 08071, USA.

Further information concerning the World Congress will be circulated to members of the Biological Psychiatry Group in due course. Although it has not been possible for the Group as a whole to become a full society member of the World Federation

of Societies of Biological Psychiatry, the Committee has recommended that anyone who is interested to become an individual member of the World Federation should apply to: Dr G. Struwe, Department of Psychiatry, University of Umeå, S-901 85 Umeå, Sweden.

The **Department of Psychiatry, University of Birmingham**, is holding a symposium on 'The Clinical Methodology of Psychiatric Treatment Trials' on 20 and 21 September 1984. There are to be four sessions relating to assessment in the defect state; dementia; the mother/child relationship; and the use of direct observation techniques. Speakers will include Professors Nancy Andreasen; John Copeland; Max Hamilton; Drs Eve Johnstone; Ramesh Kumar and Frank Margison. Information and booking forms: Dr J. Mackintosh, Department of Psychiatry, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham B15 2TH (telephone: 021 472 1301 extension 2237).

Cambridge Group Work is again offering group work training for health service professionals. The 1984/85 prospectus, which details the courses on offer, is now available from Julie Ashton, 4 Manor Walk, Fulbourn, Cambridge.

The **XIIth International Symposium of the Fulton Society on 'Brain Mechanisms of Emotions'** will be held in Hamburg on 4 September 1985 at the same time as the **XIIIth World Congress of Neurology**. Information: Professor Dr Victor Soriano, Calle Buenos Aires 363, Montevideo, Uruguay.

Professor D. Bobon (University of Liege, Belgium), from the **Association for Methodology and Documentation in Psychiatry**, intends to hold a training meeting in the use of the AMDP system sometime in Spring 1985 in Cambridge. United Kingdom psychiatrists planning to make use or already making use of this instrument in psychopathological research could be offered free accommodation and board for the duration of the Course. Those interested in participating in this three-day event should contact: Dr G. E. Berrios, Department of Psychiatry, Level 4, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 2QQ.

A one-day **MRCPsych Final Examination Workshop** will be held on 29 September 1984 at St Crispin Hospital, Northampton. Limited places will be available. Information: Dr H. Ghadiali or Dr H. Gadhvi, St Crispin Hospital, Duston, Northampton NN5 6UN (telephone Northampton 52323).

The Autumn Term of lectures, tutorials and clinical demonstrations in psychological medicine and allied subjects at the **Post-Graduate Centre in Psychiatry, Morgannwg Hospital**, will run from 12 October to 14 December 1984. Information: Dr Marshall W. Annear, Morgannwg Hospital, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan CF31 4LN.