

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley Abbey

The Officers' Mess Farewell Ball will be held on 5 August for *Officers past and present*. Limited tickets at £7.50 are obtainable from the Mess Secretary, Officers' Mess, Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley Abbey, Southampton SO3 5GZ, by 10 July.

### Laterality and Psychopathology Conference

An international conference on 'Hemisphere Asymmetries of Function and Psychopathology' will be held on 22-24 August at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School. The conference will include papers and workshop discussions; papers are invited. Further details from Dr John Gruzelier, Neuro-Psychophysiology Laboratory, Department of Psychiatry, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8RF.

### Pre-school Playgroups Association

The Pre-school Playgroups Association is to hold a conference on 'Opportunities Grasped: Working with Parents' at Hulme Hall, Manchester University, from 22-24 September, which will be of interest to all those working with handicapped children under five. The residential conference fee is £20 for PPA members, £22 for non-members, and booking forms and programmes are available from Mrs. Delphine Knight, PPA National Adviser, 10 Woodhaw, Egham, Surrey. *Early application is requested.*

### European Behaviour Therapy Association

The Eighth Annual Conference of the European Behaviour Therapy Association will be held on 24-27 September at the Psychiatric University Clinic, Vienna, Austria. Further information from the Honorary Secretary, Laurence E. Burns, Department of Clinical Psychology, Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale, Lancashire OL12 9QB.

### International Conference on the Child under Stress

An International Conference on the Child under Stress, sponsored by the British Association of Social Psychiatry, will be held in Monte Carlo from 15-21 October. Copies of the programme are available from the Secretariat—Caroline Roney, Medical Conference Organizers, 100 Park Road, London NW1 4RN.

### Royal Society of Health

A meeting on 'The Mentally Handicapped Child: A Plan for Action', arranged by the Nursing Services Group of the Royal Society of Health, will be held at Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate, London SW7 on 20 October, at 2 pm. Admission is free for RSH members; £1.00 for non-members. The closing date for applications, which should be sent to The Conference Department, The Royal Society of Health, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN, is 12 October.

### Institute of Mental Subnormality

The Educational Programme 1978 of the Institute of Mental Subnormality includes a number of courses and workshops on aspects of the management of the mentally handicapped, held in various parts of the country. Full details from the Secretary, Institute of Mental Subnormality, Wolverhampton Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 3PP.

### Forthcoming World Psychiatric Association Symposia

*International Symposium on 'Psychotherapy of Schizophrenia'*, organized by the WPA Section of Psychotherapy, in conjunction with the University of Lausanne. Lausanne, 28-30 September. Information: Professor C. Müller, Hôpital de Cery, 1008 Lausanne-Prilly, Switzerland.

*WPA Symposium on 'Prevention and Treatment of Psychiatric Illness'*, in conjunction with the Egyptian Psychiatric Association. Cairo, 4-6 December. Information: WPA Secretariat, Psych. Universitätsklinik, Lazarettgasse 11, 1097, Austria.

*WPA Symposium on 'Science and Psychiatry'*, in conjunction with the Royal College of Psychiatrists. London, 12-14 November 1979. Information: WPA Secretariat, as above.

### International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency

The Fifth Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency will be held in Jerusalem from 1-7 August 1979. The deadline for the submission of abstracts of papers is 31 December 1978. For further information, including the possibility of group travel from London, contact the Secretary: Dr D. A. Primrose, The Royal Scottish National Hospital Larbert, Stirlingshire, Scotland.