

forthcoming events

Applications are now invited for Semester Two of the **MRCPsych Course** run by University College London. Part I takes place on Monday afternoons and Part II on Tuesday afternoons. This popular course is commencing in March 2004. The course has been updated in keeping with the Royal College of Psychiatrists syllabus and includes mock exams, theme specific revision sessions and patient perspectives. For further information and an application form, please contact Lydia M. Clinton, the Course Administrator (tel: 020 7679 9475; e-mail: mrcpsych@ucl.ac.uk).

The Association of European Psychiatrists (AEP) will be holding the **12th AEP Congress** on 14–18 April 2004 in Geneva, Switzerland. For registration and further information, please visit the following website: <http://www.ke-nes.com/aep2004/registration.asp>.

A one-day conference organised by the Spirituality and Psychiatry Special Interest Group of the Royal College of Psychiatrists,

entitled **'Beyond Death: does consciousness survive?** will take place on 16 April 2004 in the Wolfson Lecturer Theatre, Kind's College Hospital, Weston Education Centre, Cutcombe Road, Denmark Hill, London SE5 9RW. The aim of this day is to discuss broader issues surrounding phenomenological, philosophical and spiritual aspects of consciousness and its ability to survive after death. Current scientific research in this area will be presented, discussed in a spiritual wisdom context, and the implications of these ideas for mental health considered. For further details please visit: <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/college/sig/spirit/#events>.

The Midland Course in Group Works with Children and Adolescents 2004 will take place in Northampton on 15–16 May 2004; 22–23 May 2004 and 12–13 June 2004. This course is for professionals who are interested in group work with children and adolescents, whether they are beginners or have already had experience of group work. The course

(non-residential) will be held over three weekends and the course fee is £390. For further information and application forms please contact: Dr Kedar Dwivedi, Course Director, c/o 1 Becket Way, Northampton, NN3 6EX (tel: 01604-604608; fax: 01604-604531; e-mail: Kedar.Dwivedi@ngh-tr.anglox.nhs.uk).

Autism Cymru are the organisers of an **International Autism Conference** to be held in Cardiff on 17–19 May 2004. Aimed at parents, practitioners and those with autism, the conference aims to celebrate Welsh practice in the autism field and to draw attention to the pioneering work being undertaken by the Welsh Assembly Government and its partners within the autism sector throughout Wales. For further information please contact Jennie Thomas (tel: 029 2046 3263) or Sue Gallagher (tel: 01970 625 256). Autism Cymru has a website, at the following URL: <http://www.autismcymru.co.uk>.