

**New publications**

A report *Impact of Depression* resulted from a multidisciplinary panel, consisting of professionals from fields such as psychiatry, general practice, health economics, occupational health and patient groups, who each highlighted the impact of depression from their own standpoints. A copy can be obtained by written request to Clarinda Cuppage, Burson-Marsteller, 24-28 Bloomsbury Way, London WC1A 2PX.

*Challenging Community Care Decisions* is a blueprint from the Public Law Project designed to help lawyers and voluntary agencies advise people who are experiencing community care problems. The briefing covers all aspects of social services community care from assessments for community care to the provision of services and identifies seven ways of challenging unsatisfactory community care decisions. As well as the briefing, the group has designed a booklet for people who need community care, carers, and those who provide community care services.

Copies of the briefing can be obtained from: Challenging Community Care Decisions, The Public Law Project, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR, price £10.00 including postage and packing. Enquiries about the leaflet should be sent to the same address.

Shenley Relatives' link (SRL), the campaigning group for the mentally ill that has grown out of the fight to save Shenley Psychiatric Hospital in Hertfordshire, have published their report *Towards a New Shenley: positive proposals for mental health care in Brent and Harrow*. The report costs £5.00 including postage and packing and is available from Shenley Relatives' Link, 36 Brambling Close, Bushey Hall Drive, Bushey, Hertfordshire WD2 2HW.

*Helping You Cope* was written by the Tranquilliser Working Party of the Mental Health Foundation and is a guide for the general public on starting and stopping tranquillisers and sleeping tablets.

Further information: The Mental Health Foundation, 37 Mortimer Street, London W1N 7RJ.

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## Forthcoming events

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The 2nd St George's Conference on **Suicide and the Murderous Self** will be held on 24 February 1995. Further information: Philippa Weitz, The Conference Unit, Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, London SW17 0RE (telephone 081 725 5534, between 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.; fax 081 725 3390).

A one-day conference **Women and Drugs** will be held at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham on 15 March 1995. Further information: The Women's Inter-Agency Group, West Midlands Regional Drugs Taking Unit, c/o Unity Centre, 6 Unity Place, Oldbury B69 4DB (telephone 021 544 3939; fax 021 544 2094).

**The Annual Day Conference in Psychiatric Rehabilitation in the Community** will be held on 16 March 1995 at the Postgraduate Medical Education Centre, Maple House, East

Surrey Hospital. Further information: Mrs Jill Gunn, Postgraduate Administrator, PGMEC, Maple House, East Surrey Hospital, Three Arch Road, Redhill RH1 5RH (telephone 0737 782925 or 768511, extension 1429).

A meeting of the Transcultural Psychiatry Special Interest Group will take place at the College on 20 March 1995 with the theme **Ethical Issues in Transcultural Research**. Further information: Jean Wales, Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG (071 235 2351).

A one-day conference **Psychiatry and Medicine**, to mark the retirement of Professor Arthur Crisp, Chairman of the Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, will be held on 30 June 1995. It will examine the changing face of psychiatry over the past 25 years and see what advances and challenges await in the

future. Further information: Philippa Weitz, The Conference Unit, Department of Mental Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE (telephone 081 725 5534).

The 5th Conference on Women and Mental Health will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry, London on 12 and 13 July 1995 entitled **Women, Mental Health and the Family**. There is a call for workshop leaders and short papers within the following main topics: The Family - social and cultural issues; Women's Mental Illness, within the family; Mental Health and the Life Cycle of Women: as daughters, workers, partners, mothers, carers and widows. Please reply by 1 March 1995 to Molly Venning, Psychotherapy Unit, The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ (telephone 071 919 2384/5).

**The Third International Conference on Refractory Depression** will be held in Napa, California from 18-21 October 1995. Further information: Professor Jay D. Amsterdam, Conference Chairman, Depression Research Unit, University City Science Center, 8th Floor, 3600 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19104-2649, USA (telephone 215 662 3462; fax 215 662 6443).

**The 11th Congress of the German Society for Addiction Research and Treatment** will be held from 27-30 March 1996 at the Medical University, Lübeck. Further information: Dr Ulrich John, Medizinische Universität zu Lübeck, Klinik für Psychiatrie, Ratzeburger Allee 160, D-23538 Lübeck, Germany (telephone 451 5002450; fax 451 5002603).

**The 3rd Triennial Conference of the European Association for the History of Psychiatry (EAHP)** will be held in Würzburg, Germany from 11-14 September 1996 and suggestions for appropriate section topics and

speakers are welcome. Please contact: Dr Paul Hoff, Psychiatric Hospital, University of Munich, Nussbaumstrasse 7, D-80336 Munich, Germany or Dr Mario Lanczik, Psychiatric Hospital, University of Würzburg, Fuchsleinstrasse 15, D-97080 Würzburg, Germany.

### Courses

Applications are invited for the Spring term of the modular integrated half day release **MRCPsych Course** at University College London Medical School: Part 1, Monday afternoons (started 23 January 1995); Part 2: Tuesday afternoons (started 24 January 1995). Further information: Dr Sushrut Jadhav or Melissa Lobo, University College London Medical School, Riding House Street, London W1N 8AA (telephone 071 380 9478).

The British Association for Psychopharmacology will be holding a one day intensive revision course in **Psychopharmacology and Basic Neurosciences** for the *MRCPsych Part I and Part II Examinations* on 25 March 1995 to take place in Manchester. Further information and application forms: Mrs Susan Chandler, BAP Secretary, Baker Building Flat, Engineering Department, Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1PZ (telephone 01223 358395; fax 01223 321268).

The 1995 Manchester course on **Psychiatry in Developing Countries** will be held in the Department of Psychiatry at Withington Hospital from 3-7 April 1995. The course is full-time and lasts one week. Further enquiries and applications: Mrs Linda Harding, Senior Administrative Assistant, Department of Psychiatry, Withington Hospital, West Didsbury, Manchester M20 8LR (telephone 061 447 4360).

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