FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MIND (National Association for Mental Health)

Two five-day non-residential courses on the use of creative media with the mentally ill and the mentally handicapped are to be held at Camden Art Centre, Arkwright Road, London, N.W.3.

The Exploration of Self in Projective Materials, 18–22 August 1975. This course on the use of art, clay, graphics and three-dimensional techniques in work with the mentally-disordered in hospitals, day centres and activity groups, is for those involved with the creative abilities of psychiatric patients or disturbed people who are becoming more readily able to express themselves emotionally through media of various kinds. It will be limited to 30 participants, and there will be specialist tutorial help for those requiring it.

Shared Experience in Art, Clay and Media, 1–5 September 1975. This course is for those involved with the care and teaching of mentally handicapped young people in schools, hospitals, homes and the community. It will be limited to 30 participants.

The fee for each course is £25 plus £5 non-returnable booking fee, including all materials. Applications to Andra Goldman, MIND, 22 Harley Street, London, W1N 2ED.

MIND is also offering support groups to people, both in the professional and the voluntary sector, who feel there is considerable responsibility involved in working with the mentally ill and who need help in practical matters. The brief of each group is defined by the needs of its individual members. Each group will have 10 members and will meet for 10 weeks. The fee is £10 per group. For further information contact Andra Goldman, Training and Education Department, MIND, 22 Harley Street, London, W1N 2ED.

Centre for Postgraduate Psychiatry, Birmingham

The next open postgraduate meeting will be held on Friday, 19 September at 4 p.m. at the Charles Burns Clinic, Queensbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8QD. Mr. J. Foote, Assistant Director of Birmingham Social Services Department, will speak on 'Personal Social Services'. The meeting will be preceded by tea at 3.30 p.m. Further information from Dr. L. G. Scarth, Postgraduate Clinical Tutor in Child Psychiatry, at the above address.

The Postgraduate Centre in Psychiatry, Morgannwg (Penyfai) Hospital, Bridgend

The Autumn Term lectures, tutorials and clinical demonstrations in psychological medicine and allied subjects will take place each Friday from 10.15 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. between 26 September and 12 December (except 7 November). Details from Dr. M. W. Annear, Morgannwg Hospital, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, CF31 4LN.

Tavistock Clinic: Introductory Course in Psychotherapy for Psychiatrists

Applications are invited for this two-year course, intended to provide psychiatrists with an introduction to the theory and practice of individual and group psychotherapy. The course will be held on Mondays from 2.15–7 p.m., starting in October. Further information from Dr. S. Bourne, Course Organizer, Introductory Psychotherapy Course, Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London, NW3 5BA.

International Symposium on Clinical Pharmacy and Clinical Pharmacology

This symposium, organized by the New England Medical Center Hospital, the Istituto Di Recerche Farmacologiche 'Mario Negri', Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and the Tufts University School of Medicine, will be held at Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, from 17–19 September 1975. Applications to attend should be sent to Tufts University, Box 72, 136 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, U.S.A., at least two weeks before the opening date and should be accompanied by a U.S. Bank draft for $75.00. Reservations for rooms at the Copley Plaza Hotel should be made by 19 August.

Seventh Pahlavi Medical Congress

The Seventh Pahlavi Medical Congress will be held from 24–29 April *1976*, in the Medical School of Pahlavi University, Shiraz, Iran. The first three days will be devoted to a Postgraduate Course on *Medical Education: Principles into Practice*, and this will be followed by a three-day Multispeciality Biomedical Congress, which will include a session on Medical Education. The official language will be English.

Those wishing to give ten-minute papers at the Congress are asked to send abstracts of their proposed papers (not more than 250 words) *by 31 December 1975.*

Abstracts, applications to attend the Congress, or requests for further information should be addressed to Dr. T. Fakouhi, Director, Seventh Pahlavi Medical Congress, Pahlavi University Medical School, Shiraz, Iran.

VIIIth International Congress on Cybernetics

This Congress will be held in Namur, Belgium, from 6–11 September *1976*, and will deal with the

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following subjects:

1. Principles of Cybernetics and General Theory of Systems
2. Cybernetics in Social Systems
3. Cybernetics in Mechanical Systems
4. Cybernetics in Biology and Medicine

Authors of papers are asked to send titles and summaries of papers by 1 January 1976. Information about the Congress is obtainable from the Secretariat of the International Association for Cybernetics, Palais des Expositions, Place André Rijckmans, B-5000 Namur, Belgium.

Fifth International Congress of Psychosomatic Medicine

This Congress, organized by the Société Française de Médecine Psychosomatique, will be held in Paris from 9–12 September *1976*. The themes will be:

1. The place of the body in the psychotherapeutic and doctor-patient relationship:
   The body in the hospital environment
   The doctor and his patient's sexuality
   The sick body and the disabled body
   The body in the therapeutic dimension
   The body and its socio-cultural status
2. The future and confines of medical activity:
   Medical idiology called in question
   The patient's expectations of the doctor or of medicine
   Wherefore the hospital?
   Medicine and health policy
   Medicine and non-therapeutic demands

The official languages of the Congress will be English and French.

Applications to present papers should be addressed to: Dr. Léon Chertok, 22 rue Legendre, 75017 Paris.

Registration forms foı attendance at the Congress are obtainable from: SOCFI/WAGONS-LITS/COOK, 7 rue Michel-Ange, 75016 Paris.

International Computing Congress, MEDCOMP

This British-sponsored congress is to be held in Berlin on 24–26 November *1976*. It is designed to cover the medical computing field internationally, both in relation to the state of the art and to ways in which computers affect medical education and patient care, to bring users up to date, and to discuss advance research projects. There will also be discussions by trade unionists and politicians about the part society ought to play and their views on such issues as privacy and confidentiality. Participants will be mainly experienced doctors, nurses and hospital administrators. Further information is available from Professor J. Anderson, Department of Medicine, King's College Hospital Medical School, Denmark Hill, London, SE5 8RX.

Sixth World Congress of Psychiatry

This Congress is to be held in Hawaii from 28 August to 3 September *1977*. Information from the Organizing Committee, VI World Congress of Psychiatry, American Psychiatric Association, 1709 Eighteenth Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20000, U.S.A.

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