The Edinburgh University Department of Psychiatry will hold a 3½-day Seminar, on 19–22 July 1972, designed especially for psychiatrists from overseas. Colleagues who have been involved with recent developments in psychiatry in India, Pakistan, Central and East Africa and the West Indies will describe their experiences, which will then be discussed in small groups and in plenary sessions of the Seminar. It is hoped that trainees from overseas—and also British trainees who are interested in their problems—will find it helpful to consider in advance the difficulties facing psychiatric practice in these countries and to study how these difficulties can be overcome.

Full information about the Seminar, and forms of application, can be obtained from Professor G. M. Carstairs, University Department of Psychiatry, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside Park, Edinburgh, EH10 5HF. G. M. CARSTAIRS.

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Forensic Psychiatry Section

(Attention is specially drawn to the following item)

The Forensic Psychiatry Specialist Section of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, in association with the Department of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Bristol, has organized a one-day conference on 'Forensic Aspects of Drug Abuse' at Manor Hall, Bristol, on Friday, 14 April 1972. Further details are available from Dr. I. Pierce-James, Glenside Hospital, Bristol, BS16 1DD.

University of Liverpool

A Symposium on 'Recent Developments in Psychiatry' organized by the Department of Psychiatry in conjunction with the Royal College of General Practitioners is to be held from the 2–4 June 1972 at Burton Manor, Wirral, Cheshire. Speakers will include: Professor Max Hamilton; Dr. G. O'Gorman; Mr. C. G. Gathercole; Dr. J. Pollitt; Dr. T. A. Kerr; Dr. M. B. Shapiro; Dr. M. J. MacCulloch and Miss J. Sambrooks. Further particulars from Dr. R. P. Swinson, Lecturer in Psychiatry, University of Liverpool, 6, Abercromby Square, Liverpool, L69 3BX.

University of Oxford

The following lectures on 'Marriage and the Family', arranged by the Committee for Postgraduate Studies and Department of Psychiatry, will be given at the Warneford and Littlemore hospitals at 5 p.m.:

9 May —Dr. J. Dominian: Marital breakdown.

23 May— Dr. C. C. Harris: Changes in family structure and the care of the elderly.

13 June— Dr. J. G. Howells: The principles of family psychiatry.

Institute of Family Psychiatry

The Annual Introductory Seminars in Family Psychiatry will be held at the Ipswich Hospital, 26–30 June 1972. Further information from the Secretary, The Institute of Family Psychiatry, The Ipswich Hospital, 23 Henley Road, Ipswich, IP1 3TF.

Centre for Postgraduate Psychiatry

The following open postgraduate meeting will be held at the Charles Burns Clinic, Queensbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham 13, at 4 p.m.:

28 April—Dr. James Partridge: Obesity in childhood.

19 May— Dr. Israel Kolvin: Phenomenology of the childhood psychoses.

Association of Psychiatrists in Training

The next meeting of the Association will be held in Newcastle upon Tyne at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 2 May, at the time of the Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

American Association for Child Care in Hospitals

The 7th Annual Conference with the theme 'Optimal Care' will be held, under the sponsorship of McGill University and Montreal Children's Hospital, in Montreal on 24–27 May 1972. Further information: Mrs. Carolyn L. Keleny, Montreal Children's Hospital, 2300 Tupper Street, Montreal 108, Quebec, Canada.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF CLINICAL TUTORS

In September 1970 the Clinical Tutors of the R.M.P.A. held a three-day conference at Merton College, Oxford, which was generally agreed to be very successful.

Some of the papers presented have now been collected and published by the Clinical Tutors Sub-Committee under the editorship of David Watt and Brian Barraclough. The papers included are of good quality, short and to the point, and their subject-matter is of practical value to the work of the psychiatric tutor. For example, there is an essay by Helen Marshall about a Mental Hospital's Medical Library and how to organize it; one by Peter Brook and Gerald Russell on the critical state of junior medical staffing; and one by Michael Shepherd on a novel method of teaching clinical psychiatry.

Copies of this booklet are obtainable from Mrs. V. J. Kewell, M.R.C. Clinical Psychiatry Unit, Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, Sussex, by sending 75p and a stamped addressed envelope 9 in. × 7 in.

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