## Forthcoming events

The Difficult To Manage Patient: Innovations In Mental Health Practice is the first of two oneday conferences organised by Mole Conferences. This will be held on 5 October at the Royal Institution, London. The second, entitled Current Theories and Developments in the Treatment of PTSD will also be held in London at St George's Hospital Medical School on 20 November. Further details: Mole Conferences, Mole House, 47 Tidy Street, Brighton BN1 4EL (Telephone: 01273 242 634, Fax: 01273 235 095, e-mail: pweitz@compuserve.com).

Mole Conferences are also organising a series of one-day **PTSD Master Classes** throughout 1998–1999, which will focus on a range of topical subjects within PTSD. **Mental Health Afternoon Seminars** are also taking place during 1998– 1999 and will include discussions on eating disorders, learning disability, bereavement and suicide among teenagers. Further information: Mole Conferences, Mole House, 47 Tidy Street, Brighton BN1 4EL (Telephone: 01273 242 634, Fax: 01273 235 095, e-mail: pweitz@compuserve. com).

The Maudsley Hospital in association with Hospital Medicine and the British Journal of Nursing have organised Mental Health '98, Treatments for Mental Illness: State of the Art. This will be held at the Royal College of Physicians, London, on 13–14 October 1998. Further details: Mark Allen International Communications, Croxted Mews, 286A–288 Croxted Road, Herne Hill, London SE24 9BY (Telephone: 0181 671 7521, Fax: 0181 674 4550, e-mail: mark allen publishing@compuserve.com).

**Confidentiality – Who to Tell What to, When, and Why** is a conference aimed at addressing the concept of confidentiality both from a general and specifically psychiatric perspective in the context of rapidly changing expectations, practice guidelines, statute and case law. It will be held at the Swallow Hotel, Sheffield on 15–16 October 1998. Further details: Jane Allen-Brown, Conference Organiser, Centre for Psychotherapeutic Studies, 16 Claremont Crescent, Sheffield S10 2TA (Telephone: 0114 222 2973, Fax: 0114 270 0619, e-mail: j.allen-brown@sheffield.ac.uk). An international symposium entitled **Partners** for Mental Health: Nations for Mental Health will be held at Church House Conference Centre, London on 22–24 October 1998. Further information: Professional Briefings, 120 Wilton Road, London SW1V 1JZ (Telephone: 0171 233 8322, Fax: 0171 233 7779, e-mail: profbriefings@ msn.com).

The Second European Conference on Improving the Guality of Mental Health Services: A European Initiative will be held on 19–21 November 1998 in Barcelona. Further details: Mr Romà Macario, Catalana de Congressos i serveis (Telephone: +34 3319 09 55, Fax: +34 3319 18 53, e-mail: catcongressos@minorisa.es).

A two-day European conference on **Psychotrauma, Asylum Seekers and Refugees: Pitfalls in Treatment, Political and Judicial Context will be held on 3-4 December 1998 at the conference centre Huize Bergen, Vught, The Netherlands. Further information: Nicole van de Gevel, GGZ's-Hertogenbosch, PO Box 10150, 5260 GB Vught, The Netherlands (Telephone: +31 73 658 5507, Fax: +31 73 658 5502).** 

Community Health Sheffield NHS Trust in conjunction with Hallam University are offering a two year part-time training course in the **Theory and Practice of Psychotherapy for Sexual Dysfunctions**. Placements are available at both Diploma and MSc level. Further information: Dr K. Wylie, Course Director, Porterbrook Clinic, Whiteley Wood, Sheffield S10 3TL (Telephone: 0114 271 6671, Fax: 0114 271 6676, email: porterbk@netcomuk.co.uk).

The Institute of Group Analysis is offering their 35th Introductory General Course in Group Work and Organisational Process which will take place on 30 Thursdays (three terms) from October 1998–June 1999. The course is recommended for continuing professional development and will be held between the hours of 4.00– 7.30 pm. Applications and further information: Sue Stevenson, The Institute of Group Analysis, 1 Daleham Gardens, London NW3 5BY (Telephone: 0171 431 2693; Fax: 0171 431 7246; email: iga@igalondon.org.uk).

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