

NEWS, NOTICES & CONFERENCES

Conferences, meetings and symposia and other early psychosis-related events are listed at <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~epic/events.html>

Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) Workshop Calendar July-December 1999. The ACHS Education Service aims to help organisations improve the quality of care they deliver using the ACHS Evaluation and Quality Improvement Program (EQuIP). EQuIP provides a framework for effective delivery of health services. Effective use of EQuIP requires the whole organisation to be committed to improving its performance. For further information, contact ACHS Education Service, Level 5, 70 Philip Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

Good Shepherd Buying Service. The Good Shepherd Buying Service is free and available to anyone with a Health-Care Card (Low Income). Non-profit community groups can also use the service. For brochures and further information contact: Good Shepherd Youth and family Service Inc., 117 Johnston Street, Collingwood, Vic 3066; Tel: (03) 9417 4666; Fax: (03) 9416 2340.

People's Health Assembly. Governments have largely failed to place health at the top of the policy agenda. Genuine, People-centred initiatives must therefore be strengthened, both to find innovative solutions and to put pressure on decision-makers, governments and the private sector. Responding to these needs, a People's Health Assembly (PHA) will be organised in the year 2000 by a group of concerned civil society organisations and networks. The Assembly will bring together the knowledge and experiences of different groups and communities around the world with the aim of analysing and assessing these. It will identify the main problems, trends and challenges in order to develop strategies to achieve health for all in the future. For further information about the Assembly, contact Ken Harvey, School of Public Health, La Trobe University, Bundoora 3083, Victoria.; Tel: 61-3-9479 1750; Fax: 61-3-94791783; email: k.harvey@latrobe.edu.au

For up-to-the-minute updates on APS activities, consult the APS World Wide Web Homepage: <http://www.bhs.mq.edu.au/aps/>

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Researchers Development Scheme '98. The objective of the scheme is to develop the research expertise of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers to a level at which you can compete successfully for mainstream research funding. Grants under the scheme may be awarded for a research project which forms part of a current higher research degree study, or an independent research project. Contact: The research Grants & Training Section Research Branch (Location 441), Department of Employment, Education and Youth Affairs, GPO Box 9880 Canberra City, ACT 2601. Tel: (02) 6240 9706; Fax: (02) 6240 9781; email: rbfellow@deetya.gov.au

Rural Health Research Register, Monash University, Centre for Rural Health. The Rural Health Research Register is a National database which contains information on a wide range of research and educational projects in the field of rural health. The Register is instrumental as a directory of research personnel involved in rural health projects. Details of the project title, description, keywords, publications arising from the research and the source of allocated funding can be provided. Access to the RHRR is by phone, fax, letter or email or by direct on-line access via the Web. Information: The Co-ordinator, Rural Health Research Register, PO Box 424, Traralgon 3844, Victoria. Tel: (03) 5173 8181; Fax: (03) 5173 8182; email: rural.health@med.monash.edu.au

OECD Social Expenditure Database 1980-1996, ISBN 92-64-06717-5. For comparative social policy analysis, research and decision making. This database is of interest to academic and public finance administration, health centre administrators, medical associations and NGOs, regional and national government departments and advisors, trade unions, private sector insurance analysts, and social security professionals. Orders: OECD Paris Centre 2, rue Andre-Pascal 75775, Paris, Cedex 16, France. Email: sales@oecd.org; website: www.oecd.org/publications

Conferences

January 2000

THEMHS Summer Forum 2000 'Prevention Promotion Politics' 24-25 January, Dockside, Cockle Bay Wharf at Darling Park, The Balcony, Sydney. Contact: THEMHS Conference, PO Box 192, Balmain, NSW 2041; Tel: (02) 9926 6057; Fax: (02) 9926 7078; Email: enquiries@themhs.org

February 2000

Tenth World Congress on Psychophysiology; Official Congress of the Organization of Psychophysiology (IOP), and incorporating the 9th Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for Psychophysiology (ASP). 8-13 February 2000. Sydney, NSW. Abstract submissions and enquiries: Congress Manager IOP 2000, Box 22 Philip Mall, West Pymble 2073, Australia; Tel: +61 2 9144 1919; Fax: +61 2 9144 4297; Email: IOP2000@uow.edu.au Conference Website: www.IOP2000.conf.au

Helping Families Change, 2000 and Beyond 17-19 February, Carlton Crest, Brisbane, Queensland. Keynote speakers at this conference will be Sandra Azar, Sharon Foster & Matthew Sanders. Contact: Helping Families Change: 2000 and Beyond, Parenting and Family Support Centre, School of Psychology, The University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072; Email: emma@psy.uq.edu.au

March 2000

Second International Conference on Caring: 'Share the Care'. 29-31 March, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, QLD. The conference will be hosted by the Carers' Association of Australia. Chairperson: Dr Jane Barratt. Contact: Conference Solutions; Tel: (02) 6285 3000; Fax: (02) 6285 3001; email: carers@con-sol.com; PO Box 238, Deakin West, ACT 2600.

March-April 2000

Sixth Annual Qualitative Health Research Conference. 6-8 April, Banff Conference Centre, Banff, Alberta, Canada. Abstracts can be submitted by post to Dr. Janice Morse, International Institute for Qualitative Methodology, 6-10 University Extension Centre, 8303 112 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2T4, or by email to: qualitative.institute@ualberta.ca

Future Possible 2nd International Conference on Early Psychosis New York City, USA. 31 March, 1-2 April. This innovative and dynamic event will bring together an international group of clinicians and researchers to critically examine and debate the evidence that has been built up in the area of early psychosis through clinical practice and research activities undertaken so far. The meeting will also provide a unique opportunity for delegates to participate in a global event in which ideas, concepts and consensus about important area of work can be considered thus helping to shape the direction of research and practice for the future. The venue for the Conference is Waldorf Astoria Hotel. For further information contact the IEPA Secretariat at mailto:iepa@vicnet.net.au

June 2000

13th International Symposium for the Psychological treatments of Schizophrenia and other psychoses (ISPS) 'Schizophrenia and other psychoses: Different stages - different treatments?' 5-8 June 2000, Stavanger, Norway. We invite you to the ISPS in Stavanger in June 2000 to look upon the functional psychoses and schizophrenias as processes and the result of internal and external factors where

psychoses, or the mental breakdown, will be treated as such. We challenge the opinion that schizophrenia is a biological genetic disorder with an inevitable descending course. On behalf of both the patient and the people working in the field of psychiatry, we want to reinstall hope in the treatment of these serious conditions and provide future treatment in a humanistic tradition. Jan Olav Johannessen & Gerd-Ragna Bloch Thorsen Chair. For further information visit the ISPS2000 conference website at <http://www.isps2000.com/> or email mailto:isps2000@stavanger_forum.no

The Aboriginal Health 2000 Conference; "Cultural Partnerships" 29-30 June, Sheraton Perth Hotel, Perth, Western Australia. The conference is jointly hosted by Royal Perth Hospital and Derbari Yerrigan Health Services, whose partnership has developed beyond the boundaries of traditional primary and tertiary health services to provide holistic care to Aboriginal people with an emphasis on cultural issues. Contact: Aboriginal Health 2000 Conference, Customer Service Department, Royal Perth Hospital, X2213 GPO, Perth, Western Australia 6847; Email: cheryl.miller@rph.health.wa.gov.au

November 2000

The Sixth International Congress of Behavioral Medicine; 'Behavioral Medicine and Public Health in the New Millenium.' 15-18 November, Brisbane. This Congress will provide an opportunity to reflect on the contribution that behavioral medicine research has already made and will continue to make to the world's major public health challenges. Important dates: August 1999: call for abstracts; February 2000: deadline for submission of abstracts. Contact: Intermedia, PO Box 1280, Milton, QLD 4064; Tel: (07) 3369 1477; Fax: (07) 3369 1512; email: ICBM2000@im.com.au. For more information on the Congress and the International Society of Behavioral Medicine (ISBM), consult the website at <http://www.psy.miami.edu/isbm/>