

Forthcoming Events

BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY CONSCIOUSNESS AND EXPERIENTIAL PSYCHOLOGY (CEP) SECTION EVENTS

STUDYING CONSCIOUSNESS: OBJECTIVE AND SUBJECTIVE WAYS OF KNOWING - A DAY OF DIALOGUE

May 13th 10-4 pm, Parsifal College, London NW3.

Includes talks by Anthony Jack (Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience) on Introspective Physicalism - foundations for a science of experience and Jean Hardy (Psychosynthesis Trust) on Our Psychology is Too Small.

Cost: £20 members, £25 non-members, £15 students including lunch.

Details: John Pickering (SMN Member) Psychology Dept, Warwick University, Coventry, CV4 7AL. Email: j.pickering@warwick.ac.uk Tel: 01203 523151 Fax: 01203 524225

GOODBYE TO REDUCTIONISM: CURRENT MIND-BODY 'KNOTS' AND HOW TO UNRAVEL THEM

June 3, 2 - 6.30 pm, BPS London Office, 33 John Street, London WC1N 2AT

A dialogue with Max Velmans (Goldsmiths College, University of London and SMN member) on a new approach to consciousness described in his recent book on Understanding Consciousness (Routledge).

Cost: £15 (CEP member, student) £20 (non-member) £10 (CEP student subscriber) including wine reception. Details: Deborah Biggerstaff, Dept Public Health and Epidemiology, University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TT Email: BiggerDL@PCR-FS1.bham.ac.uk Tel: 0121 414 6852 Fax 0121 414 7878

IMAGINATION AND TRANSFORMATION: 4TH ANNUAL CEP CONFERENCE

September 22-24 Somerville College, University of Oxford

What role does imagination play in our capacity to transform our lives?

Speakers include Professor Anees Sheikh (Marquette University, Milwaukee) Imagery and transformation, James Low (Munro Clinic, Guys Hospital) Therapeutic imagery, Tessa Adams (Goldsmiths College, London University) Images for life: the impact of contemporary art. Submissions welcome on the main conference theme of imagination and transformation plus the sub-themes of imagery, cross-cultural traditions, and death and dying. Also on any area of interest to the CEP section including consciousness studies, experiential and transformational psychology. Submission deadline for papers, symposia, workshops etc. May 31st 2000. (Other forms of presentation, e.g dialogue, are also welcome.) Poster deadline June 30th 2000. Send 200 word abstract and 500-1000 word summary or paper together with author's name, affiliation, postal and e-mail details to Dr Max Velmans, Psychology Dept, Goldsmiths College, University of London, New Cross, London SE14 6NN. E-mail: m.velmans@gold.ac.uk Tel: 0207 919 7874 Fax: 0207 919 7873. Free place to best PhD student submission, please indicate interest when applying.

Cost: Residential £190, Non-residential day rate £40. Discounts for CEP members, students, early booking and presenters. Details: Contact Deborah Biggerstaff as above or at Needlers End Cottage, 32 Stoneton Crescent, Balsall Common, Coventry CV7 7QG Email: DLBiggerstaff@cwcom.net

The CEP webpage www.warwick.ac.uk/cep also carries information on CEP events.

GIFFORD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

26-29 May, Aberdeen

The Gifford Lectures in the four old Scottish universities have been well known for over a century. This conference is a new venture sponsored by all four universities and will have the theme: *Natural Theology: Problems and Prospects*. I shall be attending the Friday myself. The papers are wide ranging and will be delivered by scholars from all over the world. Keynote speakers include Prof. Richard Swinburne FBA, Prof. Willem Drees, Prof. Eleonore Stomp, Prof. Michael Behe and Prof. Paul Davies. Details can be found on www.abdn.ac.uk/cpts/gifford/shtml

THEOSOPHY SCIENCE WEEKEND

June 9 - 11, Camberley, Surrey

The annual conference this year will be entitled 'Modern Science and the Esoteric Philosophy' and will be held at Tekels Park. All the speakers are Network members: Geoffrey Farthing, Richard Milton, Edi Bilimoria, Julian Candy and myself. Richard will be speaking on taboo-suppressed research in science, Edi on mirages in scientific cosmology resolved by occult cosmogenesis, Julian on Goethe, science and the esoteric and myself on a science of the spirit. Bookings to Peter Brown, Stoke House, Dorchester Rd, Hook, Basingstoke RG27 9DW. Tel: 01256 762269

THE LIGHT AND SOUND 2000 CONFERENCE

Dominican University, River Forest, IL, USA June 14 - 18:

Light and Sound: Healing Technologies

A professional conference where the latest work within education, health, conventional and complementary practices will be discussed and demonstrated. Speakers will be coming from all over the world. Details from Spectrum International Institute, 2535 Techny Road, Northbrook, IL 60062 www.LightandSouthHealth.com

MERIDIAN 2000: The Civilisation of Birth

Conference held at Queen Mary and Westfield College of the University of London, June 19-23

A conference exploring the role of birth in shaping some of the most powerful patterns of individual life. These include the dynamics of human relations, groups and social institutions, the evolution and conduct of politics, war and religion, philosophical assumptions and creative processes. The conference will built on the emergent paradigm of pre- and perinatal psychology and will explore the deconstruction of individual and social defences and the integration and reconstruction of civilisation at this point of history. The conference will be designed as a holistic learning event, bringing together multimedia presentations, research reports and workshops. Its structure and process will incorporate best practice from advanced learning systems and applied complexity theory.

Details from: Meridian House, 115 Poplar High Street, London E14 0EA Tel: 020 7987 3600. www:meridian.org.uk

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SPIRIT RELEASE CONFERENCE: THE WAY AHEAD

The College of Psychic Studies, London, July 29

The Association was founded in 1999, for the promotion of spirit release therapy. To our first conference we welcome all those with an interest in the area, which includes the release of

spirits from people, from locations and the work of rescue circles. The conference will encourage audience-participation.

Details from: Linda Deverell, 31 Lonsdale Avenue, Cliftonville, Kent CT9 3BY. Tel/Fax: 01843 221135 e-mail: Bolinda@btinternet.com

ASSOCIATION FOR THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF CONSCIOUSNESS - 4TH ANNUAL MEETING - THE UNITY OF CONSCIOUSNESS: BINDING, INTEGRATION, AND DISSOCIATION

Universite Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, June 29 - July 2

The main questions to be addressed at this meeting will be: How do diverse systems in the brain co-operate to produce a unified experience? Are there conditions under which this unity breaks down and is conscious experience really unified at all? Topics to be addressed will include:

- The role of synchronous oscillations in binding and integration
- Computational models of binding, integration, and unity
- Neuropsychological disorders with dissociation of experience.
- Dissociations between perception systems.
- Unification of consciousness and self across time.
- The existence or non existence of unified consciousness.

You can check the conference web site for further information:

www.ulb.ac.be/event/assc4/

To find out more about ASSC, consult www.assc.caltech.edu Information on their two journals: Consciousness & Cognition: www.apnet.com/www/journal/cc.htm PSYCHE: www.psyche.cs.monash.edu.au/

ITALIAN ASSOCIATION OF TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY: TIME OF THE SOUL - CONSCIOUSNESS, CREATIVITY, COMMITMENT

Assisi 1-6 September

A major conference featuring many of the luminaries of transpersonal psychology, including Frances Vaughan and Roger Walsh. Session themes will include SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL HEALTH, MEDITATION AND STATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS, APPLIED ETHICS, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT. There will be parallel experiential workshops during the afternoon, then open conversations and concerts in the evening. Further details from: AIPT/Assisi 2000, Via Corvisieri 46, 00162 Rome, Italy. E-mail: aipt@mclink.it www.mclink.it/assoc/aipt In UK: John Drew, 49 Ridgeway, London NW11 8QP. E-Mail: profdrew@compuserve.com

COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES TOUR TO CHINA

September 2-17

An opportunity to witness a range of traditional Chinese therapies, combined with a journey through China involving visits to Beijing, Xian, the Sacred Buddhist mountain and Giant Buddha in Sichuan, and the sublime landscapes of Guilin. The tour will allow participants to gain a real insight into Chinese healing, culture and society. The tour will examine acupuncture, therapeutic massage, Qi Gong and herbal medicine through visits, talks,

demonstrations and discussions.

Details from: Master Travel FREEPOST (SE 7045) London SE24 9BR, Tel: 020 8671 7521

HH THE DALAI LAMA - THE PATH TO ENLIGHTENMENT

September 20-24 - France

A 5 day seminar in which the Dalai Lama will give a complete overview of the Buddha's path to happiness, liberation and enlightenment, mapping out the Buddhist path, from the fundamental teachings up to the highest practices, His Holiness will present the framework for a complete spiritual path for today, both profound and practical. Further details: Association Golfe du Lion, 8 Rue de la Bouquerie, 34700 Lodeve, France e-mail: golfedulion@wanadoo.fr www.dalailamafrance2000.com

CALL FOR PAPERS: NEW SCIENCE OF CONSCIOUSNESS

3rd International Conference on Cognitive Science October 17-19 2000 in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Updated information on the conference "New Science of Consciousness" can be found on the website: <http://ai.fri.uni-lj.si/xaigor/conference.html> The purpose of the conference is to exchange the ideas and experience in research of consciousness that go beyond the borderlines of current scientific pathways. The conference is open to new ideas/theories/speculations that try to explain the phenomena of life, cognition and consciousness.

Submissions

The authors should submit the camera ready paper, 4 (four) pages, that must contain the title, the authors' names and addresses, e-mails and fax numbers, the name of section (one of: 'New biology', 'Physical and complex-system backgrounds of cognition and consciousness', 'Philosophical, psychological and computational aspects of consciousness', 'Complementary medicine' and 'Borderline phenomena of consciousness'), a short abstract (up to 100 words), introduction, main sections, conclusions and references. The papers must be submitted in three copies and sent before June 30th to: Prof. Igor Kononenko (chair), University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Computer and Information Science, Trzaška 25, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia. Email: igor.kononenko@fri.uni-lj.si
Registration and other information: <http://ai.ijs.si/is/is2000/indexa00.html>

THE FINDHORN FOUNDATION, Autumn Conference: Soul in Education

October 21-23

Soul in Education - The Spirit of Learning will provide a major forum in which to review the structure and content of effective education. The aim is to share practical experience, big dreams, and down-to-earth techniques and methodologies developed in response to today's needs. The gathering will attract those wishing to integrate the spiritual dimension within the curriculum design and learning environments. It will also provide opportunities for mutual learning and inspire action aimed at creating coherent soul-conscious educational opportunities. Among the speakers are members Ravi Ravindra, Danah Zohar, Satish Kumar and Paul Robertson. Details: The Park, Findhorn, Forres IV36 3TZ Tel: 01309 691933 www.findhorn.org/edu.sol/

HOLY ISLAND PROGRAMME

You can combine a holiday with a course on Holy Island at very reasonable cost (£25 for 24 hours). Some weeks feature courses on meditation, permaculture or feng shui, while others are themed (meditation in action, healing with herbs). Two periods have no theme and can be used for a combination of work and personal retreat. Details: Holy Island Project Office, Kagyu Samye Ling, Langholm, Dumfriesshire, DG13 0QL. Tel: 013873 73232 Xtn 2 or email office@holyisland.org

LIGHT, COLOUR & SOUND - call for papers

Queens' College, Cambridge, 30 June - 7 July 2001

First announcement of the second major international conference of the LIGHT Trust. The six-day event will provide two three-day conferences, back to back. The first three days will focus on 'The creative, healing art of Light, Colour and Sound', and the second three days on 'New paradigms in the psychology and science of Light, Colour and Sound for the 21st century'. If you consider that your research might be presented at the conference, you are invited to submit an abstract of up to 200 words to Michael Baker, The Old Hall Community, East Bergholt, Colchester, Surrey CO7 6TG. Email: Mikhail@aq-heal.keme.co.uk
Details of Luminews, the quarterly publication of LIGHT Trust can also be obtained from Michael Baker.

ACCESSING YOUR INTUITION VIA DOWSING, WITH ROY AND ANN PROCTER

The next date is May 20th. There will be more dates later in >the year. (Not yet fixed).
Further details are to be found at >www.dspace.dial.pipex.com/procter/

THE SOCIETY FOR PSYCHICAL RESEARCH

All lectures are held at the Kensington Central Library Lecture Theatre at 6.35 p.m.

May 11 - Biblical Records as Data Banks for Psychical Researchers - with special reference to Biblical mysteries, with Rev. Lionel Fanthorpe

June 8 - Synthesising Science and Mysticism, with Member Sutapas Bhattacharya

The 24th SPR Annual Conference will be held at University College, Northampton from September 8 - 10. The programme will depend on submissions put forward and accepted.
Details from the SPR at 49 Marloes Rd, London W8 6LA.

EVENTS AT ST. JAMES'S, PICCADILLY

Talks at 7 p.m, 197 Piccadilly. Tapes available.

May 2 - New Age or New Paradigm, with Members Chris Clarke, Anne Baring and Satish Kumar.

May 15 - Who Am I? And How Shall I Live? With Andrew Cohen

May 17 - Money Was Never Meant to be a Struggle, with Nick Williams

June 2 - The Lazy Person's Guide to Emotional Healing with Flower Essences, with Member Dr. Andrew Tresidder.

June 6 - The Great Turning, with Joanna Macy.

July 10 - Ta Chuan - The Key to Understanding the I Ching, with Member Dr. Stephen Karcher.

July 31 - Consciousness: The Bridge Between Science and Spirit, with Peter Russell.

THE COLLEGE OF PSYCHIC STUDIES

**Lectures at 7.00pm - unless otherwise stated - at the College of Psychic Studies, 16
Queensberry Place, London SW, Tel: 0171 589 3292**

May 15: 12.30 - 2.30pm A New Scientific Look at Consciousness with Dr Edgar Mitchell

7.00 - 9.00pm The Quantum Hologram: Nature's Mind by Dr Edgar Mitchell

May 23: Living in the Light by Eileen Campbell

June 6: Psychic Animals by Dr Rupert Sheldrake

June 27: Auric Imaging by Harry Oldfield

July 4: Crop Circles by Shawn Randall

July 9-15 : Course (Price £550) Vision Quest led by Jude Stammers

BRIGHTLIFE 2000 - Courses by Members

The Gatehouse, Ballavoddan Manor, Andreas, Isle of Man IM7 3HH Tel: 01624 880318

May 20-24: Spiritual Releasement Therapy by William J & Rev Judith Baldwin

July 1: Working with Angels, Muses & Nature Spirits Dr William Bloom

July 2: Psychic Protection, Cleansing & Blessing by Dr William Bloom

July 9-14: Healing Relationships by Diane O'Connell and David Balen

July 17-21: Sound Body, Sound Mind, Sound Spirit by James D'Angelo

August 5 and 6: Learning to Trust your Intuition by Dr Christine Page