

Forthcoming Events

Sustainable Medicine: International Symposium - 7th- 10th September - Oxford, UK

The fifth symposium in the series, with the following themes: identifying causes of disease in the air, food and gut; improving resistance to disease through good nutrition; reducing toxic stress (pesticides, heavy metals, xenobiotics); an environmental approach to improving the health of the present and next generations.

Details of the British Society for Allergy, Environmental and Nutritional Medicine from BSAENM, PO Box 28, Totton Southampton SO40 2DA, UK.

British Psychological Society, Consciousness and Experiential Psychology Section, 2nd Annual Conference - 11-13th September - Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge, UK

Themes will include consciousness, experience, transformational psychology, ecological psychology, also states of consciousness, the psychology of well-being, methodology, and the teaching curriculum. There will be parallel streams of paper, symposia and workshop presentations plus posters. Professor Jeffrey Gray (Institute of Psychiatry), one of the keynote speakers, will be speaking on 'An approach to the hard problem of consciousness'. Details of the group from Jane Henry, IET, Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA, UK. Tel: 01908 652628. E-mail: j.a.henry@open.ac.uk
Web site: <http://www.warwick.ac.uk/cep/>

Human Scale Education Annual Conference - 26th September Bath, UK

Theme: Educating on a Human Scale: visions for a sustainable world. Speakers: Anita Roddick, Professor Richard Pring, Satish Kumar.

Details: HSE, 96 Carlingcott, Bath BA2 8AW, UK. Tel 01879-230443.

The Health of Gaia - 4th 16th October - Schumacher College, UK

An in-depth course concentrating on an interdisciplinary and holistic approach to the understanding of the health of Gaia, with James Lovelock, Stephan Harding and Ed Grumbine. The philosophical and ethical implications of the theory will also be examined. Details from Schumacher College, The Old Postern, Dartington, Devon TQ9 6EA, UK. Web site: www.gn.apc.org/schumachercollege/

Ljubljana Dialogues: Tribute to David Bohm - October 6th and 10th 1998

Call for Dialogue and Participation. The following round tables will be held:

1. Logic and philosophy of consciousness
2. Interconnectedness of quantum states, information and consciousness
3. Mind body problem; models with a primary role of information or consciousness.

Web sites: <http://ciiweb.ijs.si/dialogues/>
<http://ciiweb.ijs.si/dialogues/page1.htm>

Belonging to Mother Earth: Indigenous Wisdom and Healing - 4th 10th October

This conference is an international effort to create and develop a long-term commitment to indigenous peoples and native Americans. It will consist of daily rituals and ceremonies, musical performances, forums, workshops and seminars for spiritual and cultural exchange. Further details from A.R.E., PO Box 595, Virginia Beach VA 23451-0595, USA. Tel: +1 (757) 428 3588 ext. 7400

Christian Mystics: Past and Present - 16th -18th October - Dartington Hall, UK

What is a whole life, a life of spiritual balance and well-being? How can we unify our inner and outer worlds and integrate a life of action with the deep insights of reflective contemplation? We will find inspiration and spiritual energy for ourselves and the world around us in the vision of the great Christian mystics, characterised by an integrating unity, an intense consciousness of the Divine, and a consuming fire of love. The course will provide an introduction to the history and main themes of Christian mysticism, with several workshops devoted to selected texts and specific figures. Debate and discussion will be stimulated by the teachings of Hildegard of Bingen, Teresa of Avila, Teilhard de Chardin, Bede Griffiths and others. Tutors: Ursula King is Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Bristol. Tina Beattie lectures on feminist and liberation theology and is completing a doctorate on the Virgin Mary in contemporary Catholicism. Fees Residential £132 Non-residential £112. Details: The Dartington Hall Programme, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EL, UK. Tel. 01803 866688, Fax 01803 865551, or dart.hall.prog@dartingtonhall.org.uk

The Soul in the Cosmos 16th 18th October - Sussex, UK

Subtitled 'Exploring the personal meaning of scientific cosmology', this meeting will be held at Herstmonceux Castle and Observatory in Sussex. The themes for the three days will be 'Eye, Mind and the World', 'Visions of Space and Time', and 'The Self in the Cosmos'. Speakers include Dr. Max Velmans, Dr. John Gribbin, Prof. Chris Clarke, Prof. Bernard Carr and David Lorimer. Details from David Brodie, SpaceTime Projects, The College Business Centre, Uttoxeter New Road, Derby DE22 3WZ, UK. Tel: 01332-292943. Email: spacetime@griffin.co.uk

Schumacher Lectures - October 17th - Bristol, UK

The 1998 lectures will be on 'The Ecology of Money' and will feature a new format of lectures plus one hour seminars with the speakers after lunch. Speakers are David Korten on 'Life after Capitalism', Tessa Tennant on 'The Ethics of Money' and Richard Douthwaite on 'Keeping Money Local'. Details from the Schumacher Society at Foxhole, Dartington, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EB, UK. Tel: 01803 865051.

Emotions, Qualia and Consciousness - October 19th to 24th, 1998 - Ischia (Naples), Italy

The experience of emotion is a ubiquitous component of the stream of consciousness, and emotional qualia appear to interact with other contents and processes of consciousness in complex ways. Many scholars and scientists believe that no scientific or philosophic account of consciousness can be complete without an understanding of the role of emotion.

In an effort to advance such understanding, the International School of Biocybernetics of the Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici, in collaboration with Consciousness Studies of the University of Arizona, has organized this workshop. The following topic areas will be explored:

1. Emotion and neuroscience
2. The role of emotion in conscious cognition
3. Conscious awareness of emotion and health
4. Research methods in emotion

5. Emotion and development
6. Philosophy of emotion
7. Culture and emotion

For further details, see their Web site,
<http://www.consciousness.arizona.edu>

Hearing What The Earth Says: An Introduction To The World's Nature Religions - 13th-15th November - Dartington, UK

Many people are concerned to find a spirituality that encourages a rich engagement with Nature. They may be disillusioned with religions which only offer fulfilment away from the Earth and in denigration of physical, bodily nature. This course introduces faiths that are deeply concerned with life here and now, in the Earth, in the body; living traditional religions such as those of the indigenous peoples of North America, Australia, the Pacific and the Arctic. What can these traditions teach us in the West about better ways of being human in the world today? We cannot all become shamans, but we can learn to live alongside 'all our relations' in a world more full of life than we had previously imagined. This course is open to all. Tutor: Graham Harvey is a lecturer in Religious Studies at King Alfred's University College, Winchester.

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Deep Ecology: Ecological Wisdom for the Modern Age - 8th-27th November - Schumacher College, UK

A course looking at how scientific approaches to the understanding of the non-human world can enlarge and amplify our intuitive perceptions of nature. It also discusses the crucial nature of feelings, which are neglected in our contemporary industrial society in favour of intellect and cleverness. With the pioneering eco-philosopher Arne Naess, Stephan Harding and Stephanie Mills.

Details from Schumacher College, The Old Postern, Dartington, Devon TQ9 6EA, UK.
Web site: <http://www.gn.apc.org/schumachercollege/>

The Psychology of Health, Immunity and Disease, 7th - 13th December - South Carolina, USA

The 10th international conference sponsored by the National Institute for the Clinical Application of Behavioural Medicine. The emphasis, as always, is on the practitioner, education and networking. This must be the pre-eminent meeting of its kind, as witnessed by the galaxy of star speakers including Dr. Jeanne Achterberg, Dr. Joan Borysenko (SMN), Dr. Caroline Myss (SMN) and Dr. Marion Woodman.

Details from NICABM, PO Box 523, Mansfield Center, CT 06250, USA.

International Conference Biogenica-98: Biogenic Medicine, Health and Long Life Achievements - 8th-12th December - Moscow, Russia

This Conference aims at being a landmark on the path towards the health and spiritual renaissance of humanity. We invite researchers, philosophers, thinkers, healers and other representatives of science and mass media. Plenary meetings are planned on the following themes: Human interaction with Nature as the Path to Health; Health Science. Harmony and Active Long Life; Fundamental Aspects of Rational Nutrition; Moral and Physical methods of Clearing and Spiritual Renaissance of Humanity; The Planetary Environment: People,

Humanity, Nature. The Conference will include presentations, briefings, and exhibitions, plus the sale of books, medicines, tools and apparatus; drafting a comprehensive international program intended to contribute to the welfare of humanity and ecology. Further information is sent upon request. Contact phones and addresses:

Geneva + 4122-733.88.76, fax +4122-733.66.49, Mr. Rudolf Schneider, P.O.Box 128, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. Moscow (095) 292.74.16, fax (095) 292.74.16, Mr. Alexander Danilevich, postbox 18, 127412 Moscow, Russia.

Exeter Symposium on Complementary Health Care - 10th 12th December

The programme is being prepared no details yet available. If you are interested, contact Symposium Secretariat, Dept. of Complementary Medicine, Postgraduate Medical School, University of Exeter, 25 Victoria Park Road, Exeter EX2 4NT, UK. Tel/fax: 01392 424989

Lectures

Society for Psychical Research

Lecture Hall of the Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, London W8 at 6.35 p.m.

September 10th The Rise and Fall of the Indian Rope Trick by Peter Lamont and Dr. Richard Wiseman

October 8th Why I must give up Psychical Research by Dr. Susan Blackmore

November 12th The Street Lamp Effect Wider Implications by Hilary Evans

The College of Psychic Studies

16 Queensberry Place, London SW7, All presentations begin at 7 p.m.

October 6th Speaker for the Dead by Members Prof. Archie Roy

October 27th New Links between Shamanism, the Psychic and the Psychotic by Member Dr. Serena Roney-Dougal

November 3rd The Crystal Skulls Wisdom Keepers or Symbols of Transformation by Member Dr. Christine Page

November 10th The Dead Sea Scrolls Origin, Content and Significance by Dr. Weston Fields

December 1st Return of the Goddess of Healing by Member Beata Bishop