

Forthcoming Events

Dartington Hall Programme - May - June

May 15-17th - Taoism - The Way for the West. Tutors are John Clarke (SMN) and Prof. Ray Billington

June 19th-20th - Conversations with Chaos: Facilitating Change within Complex Human Organizations. Tutors are Prof. Brian Goodwin (SMN) and Patricia Shaw

June 26th-28th - Consciousness and Noetic Prayer with Robin Amis (SMN)

Further details from Lyn Brown, Dartington Hall Programme, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 6EL. Tel/Fax: 01803 866688/865551. e-mail: dart.hall_prog@dartingtonhall.org.uk

Awakening to the Universe - May 29th-May 31st, Salisbury

A course with members Dr Jean Hardy and Prof. Chris Clarke, which aims to enable participants to grow through the experience of science, including psychology, to a new and different sense of the universe we live in. The course will also explore how science can involve feeling and spirit as well as mind. Details: Institute for Christian Spirituality, Sarum College, 19 The Close, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 2EE.

Medical Marriage - 23rd-25th May, Findhorn

A weekend conference for Health Care professionals about the development of new ways of delivering health care. Themes include Health Care for the 21st century, Education in Complementary Therapies and Care for the Care Givers. The weekend will include walking the labyrinth on a full-scale copy of the Chartres Model. Details from Conference Co-ordinator, Findhorn Bay Holistic Health Centre, The Park, Findhorn, Forres, IV36 OTZ.

Orpheus and The Green Man - 29th May-6th June, Minton House, Findhorn

A practical study programme exploring songs and themes related to the title. The format will be a mixture of participation and recitals by the workshop leaders. During the week, attenders will create their own version of the Orpheus mythology, which will be presented as a public performance. Details: Minton House, Findhorn Bay, Forres, Moray IV36 OYY. Tel: 01309 690819

The Web of Life with Fritjof Capra - May 31st- June 26th, Schumacher College

During the past three decades, a new language for understanding the complexity of living systems has been developed which allows a unified view of mind, matter and life. The course examines the implications of theories such as complexity, chaos and participative science for an ethics that is consistent with the values of ecology. Guest teachers will include earth artist Andy Goldsworthy, biologist Brian Goodwin and ecologist Stephan Harding. Further details from Hilary Nicholson, Schumacher College, The Old Postern, Dartington, Devon, TQ9 6EA. Tel/Fax: 01803 865934/866899

Cognitive Science and the Study of Religious Experience, 4th-7th June, Vermont

The symposium will undertake a cultural analysis of the encounter between cognitive science and the study of religious experience. Focusing thematically on 'methodology', scholars of religion will gain the opportunity to develop, in conversation with brain scientists, more nuanced phenomenological typologies of religious experience while learning about the neural correlates of these experiences; concurrently, brain scientists may be led to

consider the implications of varieties of religious experience for current understandings of neural conditioning and the implications of repetition in religious practice for studies of learning and imprinting. The thematic focus on 'methodology' promises to highlight assumptions, presuppositions and biases, which often serve as conceptual ordering devices. Indeed, the brain/mind's symbolic construction and representation of its environment may serve as the point of methodological contact enabling cognitive science, especially neuroscience, to converse with scholars interested in cross-cultural studies of religious experience. Speakers include Francisco Varela. Details: Jensine Andresen,, Department of Religion, University of Vermont, 481 Main Street, Burlington, VT 05405. Tel: +1 (802) 656 0231. E-mail: jandrese@ zoo.uvm.edu

Following the Heart's Flow with Philip Kilner and Phyllida Templeton June 11th-14th

A residential workshop at Hazelwood House, Devon, exploring forms, movements, rhythms and emotions of the heart. The aim is to move through information, images, artistic participation and sharing to experience of our body as instrument of our own freedom. Details: Michelle Davies, 01357 529496, mpdavies@email.msn.com or Philip Kilner, p.kilner@rbh.nthames.nhs.uk

Neural Correlates of Consciousness: Empirical and Conceptual Issues - June 19th-22nd 1998 - Bremen, Germany

This conference, hosted and sponsored by the Hanse Institute for Advanced Study will bring together neuroscientists, psychologists, and philosophers to focus on the issues of neural correlated of consciousness (NCC). Details: Hans Institute for Advanced Study, Fischstraße 31, 27749 Delmenhorst, Germany. Tel: +49 4221 9160 120, e-mail: ASSC2@ uni-bremen.de

ISSSEEM Eighth Annual Conference - June 18th-24th - Boulder, Colorado

The Future of Energy Medicine: Integrating Science & Spirit

This conference will explore how the dynamic energies of life, love and intelligence serve to build a living bridge between science and spirit that positively impact our physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social health and well-being. The conference will focus on respective daily themes: 1. bringing the spiritual dimension back into medical and scientific practice, 2. building a living bridge between science and spirit, and 3. facilitating the healing process. There will be invited addresses, panels, and reports from the medical, scientific, and educational communities. Practical, professional skills courses will address how to integrate evolving alternative therapies into clinical practice and daily life. Keynote speakers: Joan Borysenko, Ph.D, James S. Gordon, MD, Candace B. Pert, Ph.D, Jeff Levin, Ph.D, MPH, 1997-98 ISSSEEM President, Elmer Green, Ph.D, ISSSEEM founder. For further information contact: ISSSEEM 356 Goldco Circle, Golden, CO 80403-1347. Phone: +1 (303) 425 4625. Fax: +1 (303) 425 4685. E-mail: 74040.1273 @compuserve.com Website: <http://vitalenergy.com/issseem>

Shamanism in Contemporary Society - 23rd-26th June, Newcastle upon Tyne

The general objectives of the conference will be the exchange of information and discussion of issues between academics and practitioners concerning shamanism as practised and studied in the West, and as observed globally in contemporary society. It includes papers on shamanism in the struggle for ethnic identity; the revival of shamanism in non-Western societies; shamanism and the embodiment of lost culture; shamanism in the New Age, in Paganism, in the Rave or Dance Movement; shamanism and its relations to Dreamwork, the

Human Potential Movement, imagination-based therapies and alternative healing; the emerging network of people interested in shamanism; the study of ecstatic movements and of altered states of consciousness in contemporary society. If you would like to enquire further about the conference please contact Dr Charlotte Hardman (c.e.hardman@ncl.ac.uk), DrGraham Harvey (g.harvey@wkac.ac.uk) or Dr Brian Bates (01273 678472).

Evolving The Human Mind: June 24th-27th 1998, University of Sheffield

An international interdisciplinary conference on the evolution of human cognition. Details: Ian Pitchford, Centre for Psychotherapeutic Studies, University of Sheffield, 16 Claremont Crescent, Sheffield, S10 2TA. Tel: 0114 222 2961 E-mail Ian.Pitchford@scientist.com

Soul, Eros and Nature with Robert Sardello and Thomas Moore - June 28th-July 10th, Schumacher College

The life-denying forces of materialistic thought have numbed the soul to the beauty of the natural world. This has brought about a disenchantment in personal life and intensified experiences of alienation. By understanding the origins of such fears, we can become free of them. The course explores ways to ensoul our senses, become receptive to the forces of love, re-learn the life-giving necessity of beauty and bring about a re-enchantment of our everyday lives.

Light '98 - July 8th-10th Reading University

This international conference, inspired by the conference 'Light Years Ahead' in the USA in 1992, is the first of its kind in the UK and will bring together those engaged in the therapeutic use of light and colour in orthodox and complementary medicine and in remedial education in such a way as to enable a fruitful exchange of insights and a developing co-operation.

Speakers include Anne Arnold Silk (SMN), Dr Jacob Liberman (SMN), Peter Mansfield (SMN), Dr Ursula Anderson (SMN), Dr Christine Page (SMN). Further details form Primrose Cooper, The Meridian Centre, 6 Larnach Close, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1TH. Tel/Fax: 01825 762964.

John Dee Colloquium - 16th-18th July, Hungary

An international conference on John Dee, his life and acquaintances, and his reception in science and cultural history as well as in literature related to occult symbolism. Speakers include Dr Gyorgy Szonyi, Dr Stephen Clucas, Robert E. Cousins, Prof. Marta Feher, Dr Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke, Dr Dario Murri, Michal Pober and Art Komplot. Further details from Institute of English, Jozsef Attila University, H-6722 Szeged, Egyetem utca 2. Tel/Fax: +36 62 310894; e-mail: geszonyi@hstud.u-szeged.hu

Music Thanatology with Therese Schroeder-Sheker - 20th-21st July - Minton House, Findhorn

Harpist and Medievalist Therese Schroeder-Sheker will share her work in music and palliative medicine which she has been practising for over 20 years. Through lecture, demonstration, music slides, film and dialogue, participants will explore contemplative practises in the western tradition that can support the interior life required to practise the

art of dying. Details: Minton House, Findhorn Bay, Forres, Moray IV36 OYY. Tel: 01309 690819

Interweaving Arts, Science and Spirituality - 25th July-1st August - Star Island, New Hampshire

This conference will explore such 'spiritual' emotions and states of being. We will ask what is known about their neural organization and neurochemistry and what is known about their evolution. We will consider how they are evoked by art (musical, poetic and visual), by ritual (dance, chant, meditation, and prayer), by the contemplation/understanding of Nature, and by psychoactive agents such as peyote. We will also ask how are functions to bridge our emotional, scientific and religious lives. Details: Bonnie Falla, 810-1/2 North 9th Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Tel: +1 (610) 432 8711.

IKON Tours - July and August

Magical Tours in Bohemia: 'In the footsteps of John Dee and Eduard Kelley: alchemy and cabbala at the court of Emperor Rudolf II', a tour in the Czech Republic led by Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke, 20th-27th July 1998. An extended tour following last summer's international New York Open Center conference on 'Prague, Alchemy and Hermetic Tradition'.

Sacred Celtic Sites and Grail Mysteries of Wales: 'King Arthur and the Grail Mysteries of Wales', a tour in South and West Wales led by Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke, 13th-16th August 1998. The tour is run in association with the New York Open Centre Grail Conference but may (numbers permitting) be booked independently.

Further details from: IKON Productions Ltd, Manor Farm House, Manor Road, Wantage, OX12 8NE, UK. Tel: +44 1235 767467. Fax: 1235 7663211.

The Grail: Arthurian Mysteries & the Grail Quest - 8th-13th August

An international conference held by the New York Open Center at University of Wales and Lampeter. Speakers include John and Caitlin Matthews, Miranda Green, Paul Bembridge, Clare and Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke, Gareth Knight, Geoffrey Ashe, Sioned Davies and Christopher Bamford. Further details from: IKON Productions Ltd, Manor Farm House, Manor Road, Wantage, OX12 8NE, UK. Tel: +44 1235 767467. Fax: 1235 7663211.

Healing Summit '98 - 25th-30th August - Glastonbury

Following the initial meeting in Monterey, the second healing summit will take place in Glastonbury and will be a thoroughly participatory occasion. The format will be put together using proposed contributions from the participants. All drawn through a vision of wholeness individually, in the community and for the earth are invited to share another experience of living and being a spiritual global community. At the previous gathering, many forms of hands-on healing were available yet the entire summit was itself a potent healing experience. Details: Pam Perry Creative Health Network, Somersaetas, Combe Batch, Wedmore, Somerset, BS28 4DU. Tel: 650 493 1373 E-mail pbcc@mail.globalnet.co.uk

Intestinal Health and Gut Dysbiosis - International Conference - 11th September, Oxford

A day conference for practitioners treating candida. Speakers and topics include Dr John Briffa on Differential Diagnosis, Gillian Hamer on A Naturopathic Approach, Dr Sherry Rogers

on the Candida-Related Complex, Elaine Gottschall on Intestinal Health through Diet, and Jane Ridder-Patrick on The Therapeutic Relationship. Details: Gut Dysbiosis Conference, Oxford International, Summertown Pavilion, Middle Way, Oxford OX2 7LG. Tel: 01865 511550.

Emerging Approaches to Inquiry 7 - 17th-20th September, Hawkwood College, Stroud,

This conference will explore the theory and practice of approaches to research/practice which together offer an extended notion of action research. These approaches are grounded in experience, are self-reflexive, participative and action oriented; the researcher is part of the field researched, and the other participants are co-researchers, participating to a greater or lesser extent in the definition, the action and the sense-making of the project. These methods include action inquiry, co-operative inquiry, feminist research, democratic action research, appreciative inquiry, participatory action research and others. The aim of the conference will be to assist participants develop their research projects along sound and imaginative lines within this emerging research/practice mode. To this end, there will be three streams of activity: intellectual, practical, and experiential. This Conference is open to graduate students, educators and practitioners actively involved in research/practice. Further information: Debbie Parish, School of Management, University of Bath, Bath BA2 7AY. Or fax to: 01225 826473 Phone: 01225 323861, e-mail: mnsdp@management.bath.ac.uk

The Second International Symposium on Consciousness, New Medicine and New Energy - 26th-27th November - Tokyo

The second International Symposium on Consciousness, New Medicine and New Energy will bring together scientists and scholars from Japan and elsewhere to discuss their pioneering work and raise new questions for further research on the inter-relationship of consciousness, matter and energy, complementary and integrative medicine and new energy technologies. Research in these frontier areas challenges the dominant scientific paradigm, but new scientific world-view and paradigm had appeared at the first symposium. This second symposium will help facilitate this new paradigm, based on wholeness which is important for the future of humanity and the whole earth. Details: Mr Hideo Hirano, Symposium Secretary, tel: +81 426 65 9371.

Soul Dramas with Roger Woolger

Retreats, Conferences and Study Tours on past-life therapy, healing, the Grail, Cathars and the Lost Goddess. The highlight is a study-tour in October in the Languedoc. Roger also offers a professional certification programme in past-life therapy. Details: Woolger Training Seminars, Briarwood, Long Wittenham, Oxford, OX14 4QW. Tel/Fax: 01865 407996.

The Question of Self? Scientific and Spiritual Approaches - May 1999, New York

The Conference aims to explore the nature of the Self from a multi-disciplinary perspective. This is a central question for different fields like Psychology, Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis and Mysticism. Through the meeting, participants will try to understand more deeply what we are, what we are looking for and the mechanisms underlying the psycho-spiritual maturation of the Human Being. Speakers include members Dr Daniel Benor, Emmanuel Ransford and Dr Jean Marc Mantel, whose e-mail address is spiram@netvision.net.il website <http://rdz.stjohns.edu/iasp>

Lectures

The Society for Psychical Research

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

May 14th - Responding to the Sceptical Challenge by Dr Chris Roe (SMN),

June 11th - Small Science, Big Science and the Cosmos by Dr Harry Collins.

St James's Church, Piccadilly, London, 7 p.m.

May 18th - Optimum Healing by Craig Brown,

June 8th - Myth, Shakespeare and The Nature of Inner Royalty by Richard Olivier and Mark Rylance.

July 8th - Interfacing Psychotherapy and Spirituality by Member Serge Beddington-Behrens.

July 13th - Paradigm Wars by Member Mark Woodhouse.

July 27th - The Second Coming of Science by Member Dr Brian O'Leary (US).

The College of Psychic Studies, 16Queensberry Place, London SW7 2EB, 7 p.m.

June 2nd -The Intuitive Journey by Member Dr Christine Page.

June 9th - A Cosmic Weather Forecast by Melanie Reinhart.

June 16th - Spiritual Apprenticeship by Eileen Campbell.

Other

May 14th/15th - Rencontres francophones sur l'Approche Scientifique de la Conscience -
amphi C du CNAM, 292 rue St. Martin, 75003 PARIS

May 14th - One day conference on Sharing Our Common Heritage: Resource Taxes and
Green Dividends, Rhodes House, Oxford. Details: Administrator, OCEES, Mansfield College,
Oxford OX1 3TF.

May 19th - 13 Steps to Power Shamanic Journeying for Everyday Life by Leslie Kenton 7 p.m.
Institut Français, 17 Finsbury Place, please book in advance.

May 22nd - Science and Religion: Where are the Frontiers Now?, Manchester Royal
Infirmary, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL.

Apply to CDCE, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL.

June 18th - Questioning Biotechnology, by Dr Mae-Wan Ho, St. Bride Institute, off Fleet
Street, 6.15 for 7.00. Reservations: 0171 377 0604.

July 10th - An evening talk for Health Professionals - by Bernie Siegel, MD at University of
Warwick (UOW) Arts Centre.

July 16th - The Gwen Tate Memorial Lecture: Survival and Sceptics - A Personal Appraisal by
Robert McLuhan.

August 31st - Parapsychology: An Overview, by Dr Serena Roney-Dougal, Cardiff. Details:
01672 861435.