

Forthcoming Events

COST Conference in Switzerland

A conference on 'The Contribution of Science and Technology to the Development of Human Society' will be held in Basel from 9-11 October and is expected to attract some 1,200 participants. COST coordinates European cooperation in the field of scientific and technical research and the conference itself will encourage multidisciplinary interaction and reflection on the future of research. The theme of the first day is health and well-being with contributions from cognitive neuroscience, gene technology, alternative medicine and the workplace and the environment. The second day will be devoted to communications and social networks. Details: Dr. Bernd Reichert, CEC DG XII-B1, Office B-68 5/38, 200 rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels. Tel: +32-2-295-4617. Email: B.Reichert@mhsg.cec.be

Hope in Cancer

The Bristol Cancer Help Centre is organising a major conference on 7th October at Bristol University to review existing scientific evidence and patients' experience of the role of hope and positive states of mind in physical, spiritual and emotional recovery from cancer. The event will be chaired by Professor Karol Sikora and Dr. Lawrence LeShan. Papers will be presented by Dr. Candace Pert, Dr. Steven Greer, Dr. Jeanne Achterberg, Caryle Hirshberg, Ian and Grace Gawler and Penny Brohn. Lawrence LeShan and Jeanne Achterberg will also be giving workshops after the conference. Details from Elaine Smith, In Any Event UK, 1 Riverside, St. Anne's Road, Bristol BS4 4ED. Tel: 0117-977-9477.

The Psychology of Health, Immunity and Disease

Billed as 'The definitive practitioner's conference on the clinical application of psychoneuroimmunology and the mind/body connection', this major event is taking place at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina from 4-10 December. Consisting of 60 concurrent sessions plus eight keynotes and with an expected attendance of 1,000 people, it provides good opportunities for professional education credits and networking. Among the presenters are Stanley Krippner, Lawrence LeShan, Caroline Myss, Norman Shealy, Bernie Siegel, Frances Vaughan and Christine Page. Details from NICARM, Box 523, Mansfield Center, CT 06250. Tel: (203) 423-4512.

Science, Crime and Justice

A day school on the role of science in the criminal justice system to be held at the Science Museum in South Kensington on 4th November and arranged by Birkbeck College. Topics include forensic science, fingerprinting, genetics and investigative psychology. Enquiries to Course Director Dr. Shani Gbaja, Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, Birkbeck College, 26 Russell Square, London Wc1B 5DQ.

Birth and Violence - The Societal Impact

This is the theme for this year's conference of the Association for Pre- and Perinatal Psychology and Health, to be held in San Francisco from 28 September-1 October. Thirty speakers will present papers and join forums on subjects such as affectional bonding and the genesis of moral and spiritual crises, breaking the cycle of violence, resolving birth traumas and the impact of intra-uterine life on personality. Details: APPPAH, 5999 Stevenson Avenue, Alexandria VA 22304-3300. USA. Fax: (703) 823-0252.

Schumacher College and Dartington Hall Courses

3-week residential course in Devon:

5-25 November - *Ecology and Theology* with Thomas Berry and Rupert Sheldrake

Dartington Hall weekends:

10-12 November - *The Landscape of the Spirit* with Paul Devereux

10-12 December - *Time and Timelessness* with John Kerr

Further information: Course Administrator, Schumacher College, The Old Postern, Dartington, Devon, TQ9 6EA. Tel: 01803-865934

College of Psychic Studies

Lectures at 7-00 pm on Tuesdays at 16 Queensbury Place, London SW7

September 12 - *Growth Through Joy*, by Geoff Freed

September 19 - *Where is our True Home?*, by Prof. Stephen Erikson

September 26 - *Talking with Angels*, by Dorothy Maclean

October 10 - *The Voyage of the Visionary*, by Dr. Trevor Riches

November 7 - *The Journey of Spiritual Progression*, by Ivy Northage

For full programme including courses and workshops phone 0171-589-3292/3

The Third Marco Pallis Memorial Lecture

Through the Creation to the Creator, by Bishop Kallistos of Diokleia

Monday 9 October at 6-15 pm for 7-00 pm at the Linnean Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London. Tickets £10, including wine, from Friends of the Centre, 8th Floor, Rodwell House, Middlesex Street, London E1 7HJ. Tel: 0171-377-0604

The Rosicrucian Enlightenment Revisited

This conference in honour of Frances Yates will take place in the historic town of Cesky Krumlov in Southern Bohemia from 8-13 September. The list of presenters includes many of the leading scholars in the field: Joscelyn Godwin, Adam McLean, Warren Kenton, John Michell, Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke, Robert Bly and R.J. Stewart, among others. By the time you read this, the conference will already be under way, so one can only hope that the Proceedings will be published soon! Programmes can be obtained from The New York Open Center, 83 Spring Street, New York, NY 10012, USA.

The Spiritual Renaissance of the World and Humanity's Unusual Abilities

This international congress will be held in Crimea from 27 September to 4 October. Themes include energy-informational exchange between human beings and society; the moral and spiritual renaissance of humanity and the ecology of the spiritual environment; ethical aspects of intrusion into the subconscious; the role of the subconscious mind in traditional and non-traditional medicine. The conference also aims to draft an International Convention on the Principles Governing the Use of Energy-Informational Phenomena and Unusual

Abilities of the Human Being, as well as technologies and devices based on it. Details from Institute for Planetary Synthesis, PO Box 128, CH - 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. Fax: +41-22-733-6649.

Eco-Villages and Sustainable Communities

This is the title of the October Findhorn Conference subtitled 'Models for 21st Century Living'. True sustainability includes the larger context of a holistic and integrated society that provided continuing sustenance to its inhabitants and their environment without depleting these resources over time. Speakers include Jonathon Porritt, Peter Russell, Anita Roddick, Paul Hawken, Peter Dawkins and possibly HRH The Prince of Wales. Details: The Findhorn Foundation, Cluny Hill College, Forres, IV36 ORD. Tel: 01309-690311.

Near-Death and Reincarnation...The Journey Continues

A conference in Baltimore from 13-15 October with an array of well-known presenters including Kenneth Ring, Melvin Morse, Peter Fenwick, Dannion Brinkley, Rune Amundsen, Winifred Lucas, Rabbi Yonasson Gershom. Details from Laurie Koller Schwartz at NOVA, 1407 Highview Drive, Lutherville, MD 21903, USA. Tel: (410)583-0641.

Science and Religion Forum

The 1995 SRF conference will be held from 14-16 September at Chester College on the theme 'Objections to Christian Belief and How to Counter Them'. There will be no advertised speakers as such, although the Chairman, Professor Russell Stannard, will be showing his recent schools video called 'The Question is...'. Themes will include cosmology, evolution, miracles, psychology and scientism. Details: SRF Conference, St. Alban's Vicarage, Mercer Avenue, Coventry CV2 4PQ. Tel: 01203-452493. Also details of the SRF from same address.

Marco Pallis Memorial Lecture

Society for Psychical Research

Lectures at 6.30 pm in the Lecture Hall of the Kensington Town Library, Campden Hill Road, London W8.

14 September - *Mediumship as a Permanent Paranormal Phenomenon*, by Tom Cross

19 October - *Did the Out-of-Body Experience Leave Its Mark on Ancient Landscapes*, by Member Paul Devereux

16 November - *In Search of Ghosts*, by Ian Wilson

7 December - *Magic, Mystery and the Paranormal*, by Member Professor David Fontana

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