

**REPORTS ON CONFERENCES & COLLOQUIA,
ANNOUNCEMENT OF CURRENT
AND FUTURE EVENTS**

A workshop on the theory and practice of Lacanian analysis took place in Chicago, Illinois on February 15-17, 1991. Sponsored by the Philosophy of Psychoanalysis Study Group and the Center for Psychoanalytic Study, the workshop was entitled "The Concept of *jouissance* in Lacanian Psychoanalysis and the Question of Sexuality". The workshop, conducted by three Canadian psychoanalysts, Willy Apollon, Ph.D., Danielle Bergeron, M.D., Lucie Cantin, M.A., from GIFRIC (*Groupe interdisciplinaire freudien de recherches et d'interventions cliniques* in Quebec) and Professor Ellie Ragland-Sullivan, addressed the question of sexuality from clinical and theoretical points of view. The import of the real of sexuality in analytic treatment was considered in a Lacanian context. The workshop format included much dialogue with the audience, composed principally of clinicians. (E.R-S.)

The Institute of Romance Studies at the University of London presented A Day Conference on March 22, 1991 on "Psychoanalysis in the Romance Countries". Speakers included Dr. Bice Benvenuto (London), Professor Malcom Bowie (London), Professor Teresa Brennan (Amsterdam), Dr. Catalina Bronstein (Buenos Aires/ London), Dr. John Forrester (Cambridge), Professor Ellie Ragland-Sullivan (Columbia, Missouri). Speakers discussed the reception of psychoanalytic ideas (with special emphasis on Freud, Klein, Lacan) in the French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish-speaking countries. The day concluded with lively debate among analysts and academics in dialogue with conference participants, also made

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up of analysts and academics. For information on future conferences, one may contact the Institute of Romance Studies, Senate House (3rd floor, beneath the University Library), Malet Street, London WC1, England. Tel: (071) 636-80000, ext. 3017. (E.R-S.)

Dr. Hourik Clo Zakarian, analyst of the *Ecole de la cause freudienne* and Professor of Clinical Human Sciences (University of Paris VII), organized the second Lacan American Clinique conference at Columbia University (*La Maison Française*) on April 20 & 21, 1991. Speakers talked about ongoing research in the Freudian Field from a Lacanian orientation, showing how Lacan's clinical work relates to Freud's writings and to psychoanalytic clinical technique. All members of the *Ecole de la cause freudienne*, the speakers included Jean-Paul Gilson, Hourik Zakarian, Bernard This, Pierre Theves, Nathalie Theves, Yves Kaufmann, Claude This, Anne-Marie Kaufmann. Each day concluded with a panel of the day's speakers addressing clinical questions. (E.R-S.)

The First European *Rencontre* of the Freudian Field and the *Ecole de la Cause freudienne* took place on May 4-5, 1991, at the Palais des Congrès of Lyon, France. The keynote of this historic event, "Reality Since Freud," was given by Jacques-Alain Miller who was lauded in the Sunday newspapers for his vindication of psychoanalysis as a rigorous science. The names that have been inscribed in the discourse of science (Copernicus, Kepler, Newton, Galileo, etc.) have been capable of changing reality for everyone, Miller said. But Freud's name has not been placed in the discourse of science, although he *discovered* that the life of a subject turns around the *object*, mother. *That* defines what follows in life - the "reality" - for each person. Eleven sessions addressed questions, inviting any person concerned with the complex problems of our day to enter the discourse of the Freudian Field. (E.R-S.)

Joan Copjec organized the 1991 Buffalo Symposium at the SUNY Buffalo Center for the Study of Psychoanalysis and Culture. "Lacan and Enlightenment" took place on May 11-12, 1991. Participants

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were encouraged to read "Kant with Sade" (*October* 51, Winter 1989) in preparation for the papers and discussion. *Television*, the made-for-TV interview with Lacan in 1975, was screened. Conference speakers included Joan Copjec, Judith Feher-Gurevich, Ned Lukacher, Juliet MacCannell, William Richardson, Julia Saville, Henry Sussman, Sam Weber and Slavoj Zizek (E.R-S.)

On June 2, 1991, GRAPP (The group of research and application of psychoanalytic concepts to psychosis) held its Fifth Study Days in psychoanalysis and psychiatry at the Hospital Center Pitié-Salpêtrière. The honored guest, Dean T Collins from Menninger Clinic, Topeka, Kansas, participated in the conference on "Le soin en psychiatrie, le souci de l'être" ("Treatment in psychiatry, care of the being"). GRAPP now has an international network, constituting a work community of colleagues from numerous European and Eastern countries, as well as from countries of francophone Africa and with correspondents in Latin America, Canada, the USA, Japan and Australia. Five books have been published in the series "Psychanalyse et Psychiatrie". Further information can be obtained from Docteur Didier Crenniter, 288, rue Saint Jacques, 75005 Paris, France, or from Docteur Alain Vaissermann, C.H.S.D.A. Antony, 143, Avenue Armand-Guillebaud, 92120 Antony, France. (E.R-S.)

The Lacan Symposium in Australia will be held from July 13 to July 24, 1991. Deakin University, in conjunction with the Melbourne Centre for Psychoanalytic Research, presents a conference and two workshops on the teaching of Jacques Lacan. Participating academics and psychoanalysts from France, The United States and Australia include: Marie-Hélène Brousse, Bruce Fink, Anne Dunand, Russell Grigg, Jean-Pierre Klotz, Ellie Ragland-Sullivan, Leonardo Rodriguez and Henry Sullivan, plus other members of the *Ecole de la cause freudienne*, Paris and the Centre for Psychoanalytic Research, Melbourne. Activities include a Conference on July 13-14: "Psychoanalysis since Lacan: Who analyses today?". Following the conference, Workshop I from July 15 to 19 on "Direction of the treatment" will be held at Melbourne University College, Parkville. More than 25 hours of seminars, lectures and discussion groups will focus on Lacan's "The direction of the treatment and the

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principles of its power". Workshop II will be held from July 20 to 24 on *Television*, the 1975 two-hour interview with Lacan made for French television and which will be screened at Workshop II, to be held on the southern coastline in the coastal town Lorne. Those interested in applying

please contact the Symposium organizer, Dr. Russell Grigg, Faculty of Humanities, Deakin University, Geelong, Victoria, 3217, Australia. Tel: (61) (52) 471335, Fax: (61) (52) 472 018. Or contact *Newsletter of the Freudian Field*, Department of English, University of Missouri, Columbia, 107 Tate Hall, Columbia, Missouri 65211, USA. Tel: (314) 882-6066, Fax: 314-882-5785. (E.R-S.)

In 1987, *THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FREUDIAN FIELD (NFF)* proposed to list and publish the names of US Lacan Study Groups and since then, in each number, the names of the Study Groups that have been constituted have appeared.

With the agreement of the Foundation of the Freudian Field, it seems timely to give these Study Groups the opportunity to meet in the near future, *on the occasion of the NFF SYMPOSIUM* which will take place the 30th of October to the 2nd of November, 1991, at The University of Missouri, Columbia. The theme is "HISTORY AND HYSTERIA".

Anyone interested in Lacan in the United States, whether a member of a Study Group or not, is cordially invited to register.

Jean-Pierre Klotz and Colette Soler will officially represent the Foundation of the Freudian Field at the Symposium, and will give Seminars on "Clinical Research on Hysteria". For further details on the NFF SYMPOSIUM on "HISTORY AND HYSTERIA" please contact *NFF*, Department of English, University of Missouri, Columbia, 107 Tate Hall, Columbia, Missouri, 65211, USA. Tel: (314) 882-6066, Fax: (314)-882-5785. Brochures with a call for papers from interested participants and with final details concerning fees, hotel accommodations, etc. will be mailed out during the month of July, 1991. (E. R-S.).

On November 16-17, 1991, the *journées D'Automne* of the *Ecole de la Cause freudienne* will meet at the Palais des Congrès in Paris. The theme is "*La psychanalyse au-delà de l'Oedipe*". For further information write to 1, rue Huysmans, Paris 6e, France (Tel: 45 49 02 68).

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The registration fee is 480 F (320 F for students, with ID). The fee includes the volume of the *Actes* to be published subsequently (E.R.S.)

On November 21-23, 1991, GIFRIC will hold a Colloquium in Québec, entitled "La famille: enjeu et impasses". The cost of enrollment is \$175.00 (Can.) until October 29, 1991 and \$195.00 after October 20, 1991. Enrollments should be sent to Madame Louise Pepin, directrice du colloque au 342, St-Cyrille Ouest, QUEBEC (Québec) G1S 1R9 Canada.

On the 7th and 8th of September, 1991, a *Rencontre* on Jacques Lacan will be held in Paris. For further details, contact *NFF*, Dept. of English, 107 Tate Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65203. Tel: (314) 882-6066, Fax: (314) 882-5785.

The Seventh International Conference of the Foundation of the Freudian Field will be held in Caracas, Venezuela, 24-27 July 1992 on the theme "Strategies of the Transference in Psychoanalysis". This Conference will take place in the city of Caracas, Venezuela. The School of the Freudian Field in Caracas will throw all its support to the Organizing Committee of the Event, whose President is Carmen Ramia. Those in charge of editing the Volume of the Conference are Clara Kizer, Juan Daniel Matet and Dominique Miller. Registration rates have been fixed as follows: prior to March 31, 1992, the equivalent of 1,000 French francs; after this date, the equivalent of 1,300 French francs. The deadlines for submission of *individual papers* are: title and abstract (March 31, 1992, along with registration); complete paper by June 1, 1992. You may send your registration (and title and abstract of a paper) to Seventh *Rencontre* of the Freudian Field, B.P 740, 75121 Paris Cedex 03, France, or to the Seventh *Encuentro* of the Freudian Field, Ateneo de Caracas, 3er. Piso, Apartado 662, Caracas 1010 A, Venezuela. (E.R-S.)

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