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## forthcoming events

### The 3rd Annual Addiction Psychiatry Meeting For SpRs And Newly Appointed Consultants

will take place on 10–11 June 2004 at the Cambridge Garden House Moat House Hotel, Granta Place, Mill Lane, Cambridge. Speakers will include: Professor Edwards, Professor Drummond, Dr Tober, Dr Farrell and Dr Kearney. Cost: £200 (inclusive of meals and accommodation). For further information please contact Christine Simpson, PGME, Fulbourn Hospital (tel: 01223 218673) or Dr Irma Beyers (e-mail: irma@dial.pipex.com).

A seminar entitled **Children and Culture: Essential Frame or Special Interest** led by Dr Begum Maitra will be held from 5 pm on Friday, 18 June 2004 at St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton. This will be followed by an Indian dance and dinner to launch the International Institute of Child and Adolescent Mental Health. Fee: £35. For further information please contact Dr Rajeev Banhatti, 8 Notre Dame Mews, Northampton NN1 2BG (tel: 01604 608; fax: 01604 604 531; e-mail: Rajeev.Banhatti@ngh.nhs.uk).

**A Great Partnership** is the title of a conference being jointly arranged by the British Indian (BIPA), Pakistani (BPPA), Sri Lankan (SLPA.uk) and Arab (BAPA) psychiatrists associations. The event is supported by the President and Dean of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and will take place on 26–27 June 2004 at the Hilton Metropole, Birmingham. The aim of this conference is to focus attention of all stake holders in mental health on the contribution and concerns of psychiatrists, whose interests are integral to the interests of mental health services in the UK. Over 1100 psychiatrists have culturally diverse backgrounds and these associations are gathering together to celebrate this cultural richness and discuss ideas of 'mainstreaming' these individuals and groups. For further information please contact makmal@ntlworld.com or vinod.singh@virgin.net.

Dr Husain, consultant psychiatrist at Manchester Royal Infirmary is the organiser of **Culture and International Mental Health**, a conference to be held in Manchester on 2–3 July 2004. This is a joint venture between Manchester

University (Culture and International Mental Health Interest Group) and Central Manchester and Manchester University Children's Hospitals NHS Trust and Lancashire Care trust. The conference will cover four broad areas as follows: psychiatry epidemiology, child and adolescent mental health, ethnopsychopharmacology and culture and mental health of older adults. One objective of the meeting is to educate in the need for appropriate management of patients across a variety of cultures. The meeting shall be open to all interested clinicians and professionals within the UK. Senior academic professors from within the North West will lead the sessions and speakers will include leading researchers from the UK, Canada, the USA, South Asia and Africa. For further information, please contact Chris Borg (tel: 0161 276 5355; e-mail: chris.borg@mhsc.nhs.uk).

The *Journal of Postgraduate Medicine (JPGM)*, a publication of Staff Society of Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital, India, is celebrating 50 years of publication. As part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations the following conference is being organised entitled **JPGM GOLD CON: 50 years of medical writing – international conference on journal writing and publishing**. The event will take place in Mumbai, India on 23–26 September 2004 and the main topics to be covered are medical writing, editing, journal publishing, electronic publishing, open access and publication ethics. For further information please contact Dr Atul Goel, Department of Neurosurgery, Seth G. S. Medical College, Parel, Mumbai–400 012, India (tel: +91-22-24129884; fax: +91-22-25032398; e-mail: goldcon@jpgmonline.com) or visit the following web site: <http://www.jpgmonline.com/goldcon.asp>.

The **13th Association of European Psychiatrists (AEP) Congress** will take place in Munich, Germany on 2–6 April 2005. The theme of the congress will be European Psychiatry: The interface between biological and social factors. In the tradition of AEP and with the intention to cover all aspects of modern psychiatry, issues related to patients' care and life will be the focus of the scientific and educational programme. For further information

please visit [www.aep-munich.de](http://www.aep-munich.de) or contact the congress and exhibition office: CPO Hanser Service, PO Box 1221, D-22882 Barsbüttel, Germany (tel: +49 40 670 8820; fax: +49 40 670 3283; e-mail: [aep@cpo-hanser.de](mailto:aep@cpo-hanser.de)).

The World Psychiatric Association (WPA) would like to announce the **XIII World Congress Of Psychiatry** to be held in Cairo, Egypt on 10–15 September 2005. The WPA World Congress is a major event that takes place every three years in different geographical parts of the world. This is the first time that a WPA World Congress will take place in Africa. This scientific meeting will highlight the recent advances in neurosciences and the admixture of culture in shaping the aetiology and management of mental patients. For further details please visit web site [www.wpa-cairo2005.com](http://www.wpa-cairo2005.com) or contact the event secretariat (tel: +34 91 361 2600; fax: +34 91 355 92 08; e-mail: [secretariat@wpa-cairo.com](mailto:secretariat@wpa-cairo.com)).

The Institute of Psychiatry would like to announce **Bridging the Gap**, the inaugural conference of International Mental Health at the Institute of Psychiatry, London. The event will be held at the Wolfson Lecture Theatre at the Institute of Psychiatry in London on 26–27 July 2004. The conference aims to raise awareness of mental health as an essential element of public health in the promotion of international development and facilitate networking and exchange of information between researchers, clinicians, policymakers, non-governmental organisations and funding agencies. Bridging the Gap refers not to one gap, but several: between need and resource, existing evidence and current policy, and between the capacity to provide care in richer and poorer nations. International experts, policymakers and funders will join with Institute of Psychiatry researchers to present recent research findings, assess their impact on policy and debate future priorities and directions. To register, please contact Marie Eagle, Section of Epidemiology, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF (tel: +44 207 8480136; e-mail: [m.eagle@iop.kcl.ac.uk](mailto:m.eagle@iop.kcl.ac.uk)).