



**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
ANNUAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL 2006**

Philosophy Special Interest Group Annual Report to Council 2006

The Philosophy Special Interest Group (SIG) has continued to work hard for the College. The annual committee meeting was held in the College on 28th April 2006.

The finances of the Philosophy SIG remain in good order with a healthy surplus. Funds have recently been used to help publish a Newsletter, which was distributed to all members of the Philosophy SIG. We intend to keep the possibility of using funds to support attendance at conferences and to support local groups if required in particular instances.

Regional groups, such as that at the Institute of Psychiatry (represented by Dr. Matthew Broome on the Committee) and the Scottish Group (still led by Dr. David Findlay and Professor Eric Matthews (who also serves on the Committee) continue to be active. We have no word about other groups meeting regularly, but intend to pursue our links with Nottingham.

The Philosophy SIG has continued to provide academic support to various meetings and conferences. Through its committee the Philosophy SIG maintains its strong links with the International Network of Philosophy and Psychiatry (INPP) and was represented at the INPP's conferences in Yale (2005) and in Leiden (2006). Members of the committee have addressed conferences of the Royal Institute of Philosophy at the University of Birmingham (May 2006), and the *Journal of Ethics and Mental Health* in Toronto (May 2006). This is the first journal to be solely dedicated to psychiatric ethics and several members of the Philosophy SIG are on its founding editorial board. The connections with the journal *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology* continue to be maintained.

At the annual meeting in Glasgow on 11th July 2006 the Philosophy SIG organized a session entitled 'Mental Capacity and Best Interests, What's it all About?'. The speaker were Professor Chris Heginbotham from the Mental Health Act Commission and the University of Central Lancashire, Judge Gordan Ashton, who is Deputy Master of the Court of Protection, and Dr Julian Hughes from the Philosophy SIG. The session met with a good response on the day and has generated discussion with members of the College engaged in thinking about legislation in Northern Ireland.

The Philosophy SIG continues to pursue discussions with the Spirituality SIG concerning a joint meeting. We hope that this might be arranged in the New Year, with a focus on the notions of body and spirit in psychiatry. Other international collaborations continue to be pursued through the INPP.

As mentioned, we produced our first Newsletter for some while this year. This has been greeted enthusiastically and plans for the next Newsletter are in hand. The Newsletter, as well as reporting on groups and conferences, included a number of book reviews from the Oxford

University Press series, International Perspectives on Philosophy and Psychiatry. Members of the Philosophy SIG have contributed volumes and chapters to the series. Meanwhile, attempts to update our web page are being pursued.

The Committee continues to contribute in the development of the curriculum, with several members being actively engaged in the process. A sub-committee has been formed to take this work forward.

Eating Disorders Special Interest Group Annual Report to Council 2006

The activities of the Eating Disorders Special Interest group (EDSIG) over the last year (2005 to 2006) are listed below.

- **Guidelines for the Nutritional Management of Eating Disorders:**
This has been completed and is available as Council Report 130.
- **Revision of Council Report 87:** The revision of Council Report 87 is well underway. The objectives of the revised report are to: 1. To conduct a mapping exercise of Eating Disorder service provision for Children, Adolescents and Adults within the NHS and the private sector in the UK (i.e.including England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland) and the Republic of Ireland; 2.To get a measure of adherence to key NICE recommendations within eating disorder services; 3. To conduct a survey of patients' and carers' experiences of eating disorders services and pathways through care; 4. To survey the availability of training posts in eating disorders. Thus the revised report will build on, but also considerably extend the scope of the previous report. Survey questions addressing all aims have been devised and the surveys relating to aims 1 to 3 will be conducted within the next 6 to 8 weeks. The survey of the availability of training posts has been completed.
- **Section Status of EDSIG:** We resubmitted our request for section status within the College in November 2005. The outcome is pending.
- **Detailed Guidance for Adult Eating Disorders Psychiatry under Article 14 (4) was produced.**
- **Online CPD:** EDSIG are producing two online resources on eating disorders, one for professionals managing adults with eating disorders, the other for professionals managing children and adolescents with eating disorders. This are nearing completion.
- **SIG Events:** The group organised two very well attended SIG training days, one on service transitions in eating disorders (November 2005), the other was organised in conjunction with EDNET (an interdisciplinary network of UK health practitioners working in eating disorders) on medical risks (March 2006).
- **Royal College annual meeting, Glasgow 2006:** The group have organised an academic session titled: Multi-impulsivity: what do our most challenging patients have in common and how can we work with them?

Gay and Lesbian Psychiatry Special Interest Group Annual Report to Council 2006

The Special Interest Group has again been very active over the course of the last year.

1. Newsletter Contribution

Our Chair, Annie Bartlett was invited to write for the London Division Newsletter. Alongside other contributions on aspects of diversity she wrote a piece on gay and lesbian mental health issues for metropolitan psychiatrists "Sex in the City".

2. College Annual meeting 2005

Our session at last year's AGM entitled: "The Impact on psychological and physical health of civil partnerships for same sex couples" was well received. The three speakers discussed the involvement of Humanism in commitment ceremonies for LGB couples, the evidence for health benefits of marriage and partnership, and the legal implications and next of kin issues relating to civil partnerships.

3. Are you gay? Normalising the therapeutic relationship.

This one day conference hosted by the L&G SIG and organised by Confer took place on Saturday 17th September 2005 at 120 Belsize Lane, NW3. The aim of the day was to explore the dilemmas for psychiatrists and psychotherapists in acknowledging their own and their clients' sexual orientation in clinical practice when the context of training has historically pathologised homosexuality, and to explore perspectives on these issues from different psychotherapeutic ideologies. The conference attracted a substantial number of delegates from a wide variety of professional backgrounds. All speakers were excellent and there was a great deal of thought provoking material presented, leading to some lively discussion, expertly Chaired by Annie Bartlett. Notes from the day and presentations will be posted on the SIG's page of the College website (www.rcpsych.ac.uk).

4. Training pack

The Diversity Training Pack is currently being piloted in three sites. It will also be possible to try it out yourself at this year's College Annual Meeting as Ian Hall and Annie Bartlett will be facilitating a workshop session for delegates to find out more about it. The pack will be further developed into a final version after piloting and we then plan to explore how best to disseminate it. We are in discussion with a specialist marketing organisation and we are also considering whether the College might be interested in using it for on-line and other CPD resources.

5. Glasgow Meeting July 2006

The SIG has been successful in putting forward 3 sessions for this meeting. These are: "Boundaries and Therapeutic Relationships" with the Women in Psychiatry SIG and the Spirituality SIG, "Gay and Lesbian Mental Health Matters" a workshop of the Training Pack and "Diversity and Identity" a half day session on aspects of diversity.

6. Suggestions for sessions for the 2007 College Annual meeting

The theme of the conference is "Recovery". With this in mind we will be suggesting two sessions. Firstly a plenary debate "This house believes that sexual relationships between mental health professionals and patients are not permissible". Secondly a session on "Sex and psychosis" including speakers on the subjects of sexual side effects of antipsychotic medications, sexual dysfunction and psychosis and issues of capacity and consent in sexual relationships for people with psychosis.

7. Seminar on Multiple Diversity and Wellbeing.

This event will be held early next year and will address interacting diversity and its effect on individual's wellbeing. The format will be similar to that of other previous successful seminars.

8. Next SIG AGM

The SIG AGM will be held at
1pm 13th July in Glasgow during the College Annual Meeting.

Management Special Interest Group Annual Report to Council 2006

Within the past year the group has been reasonably active. In June 2005, we had two educational sessions for psychiatrists especially interested in management at the Edinburgh annual meeting.

We have now elected a Treasurer, Dr Carol Harvey, Medical Director in Cumbria. The group annual meeting was held at the Edinburgh meeting. We supported the National Medical Management meeting in London on 30 November 2005. We also held a committee meeting on that day. The next annual meeting for the group will be held in July 2006, at the College AGM if possible.

We are now working closely together with Dr Peter Kennedy, Vice-president of the College for management. Several of our committee members are also part of the newly established Medical Directors Network. The plan for the future is to cooperate with Dr Peter Kennedy and ensure appropriate sharing of work on the management and leadership agenda for the College.

MSIG is hosting a workshop for all psychiatrists to encourage their interest in management and leadership at the next annual meeting of the College in Glasgow in July 2006. Additionally, work is being planned in conjunction with the College Research and Training Unit.

Mental Health Informatics Special Interest Group (MHISIG) Annual Report to Council 2006

CIPSIG successfully changed its name to MHISIG to broaden the focus of its activities from computer related topics to an ever expanding field of health informatics as relating to Psychiatry. MHISIG continues to receive and respond to enquiries from individuals and organisations directly via our website or through the college. We are continuing to work closely with the Informatics Committee of the college to provide information and educational resources to the college.

The committee structure is now well established and committee members have responsibilities as follows:

Chair –	Dr Zia Nadeem
Vice Chair –	Dr Nigel McKenzie
Secretary –	Dr John Brady
Treasurer –	Dr Nigel McKenzie
Workshops –	Dr Sudhir Kaligotla
Publications –	Dr Fionnbar Lenihan & Dr Matthew Evans
Membership –	Dr Nigel McKenzie
Website –	Dr Gurpal Gosall
Discussion list –	Dr Zia Nadeem, Dr Gurpal Gosall
Sponsorship -	Dr Martin Schmidt
Imm.Past Chair -	Dr Matthew Evans

Secretary's Report:

MHISIG has amended and agreed Terms of Reference and a Constitution. MHISIG meetings have developed towards a more online and virtual format.

Membership report:

Membership	10/02/03	1350
	01/06/04	1442
<i>Current membership</i>	<i>01/06/06</i>	<i>1661</i>

The MHISIG AGM is held at the college summer annual meeting. A new Chair was elected in August 2005 following a ballot.

Treasurer's Report (for the period 1/1/04 to 31/12/04):

Opening balance	01/01/04	£8517.54
Closing balance	31/12/04	£4765.79

Despite sponsorship income of £1,100 the closing balance at the end to 2004 shows a reduction of £3751.75 over the year. This is largely accounted for by £3861.05 catering expenses carried over from the

MHISIG Conference held in September 2003. Regular annual expenditure items amount to less than £1000 in total and include the stand at the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Annual Meeting and publication costs for the MHISIG Newsletter.

Conference Report:

Deliberations are ongoing regarding the next conference for MHISIG.

Workshops Report:

We have been organising and running the workshops for the past seven years at the college AGM. The number and variety of workshops continues to expand. We have received positive verbal feedback from delegates and this year we intend to undertake a written survey to help us plan for the future.

Publications Report:

Since June 2005 the publications committee has brought out one issue of our printed newsletter Connect which was well received.

A book entitled "Computers & the Internet for Psychiatrists" has finally been published by Gaskell books in March 2006.

Educational activities:

MHISIG and Informatics committee is considering developing a Mental Health Informatics Module to be incorporated in the Post Graduate courses in Health Informatics at a couple of universities and negotiations have been initiated.

Discussion List/Forum:

A joint discussion list (Yahoogroup) was set up between the Informatics Subcommittee of the college and MHISIG and is called 'Mental Health Informatics'. Membership currently stands at around 80 and it is hoped that this will be merged in to the new Royal College content management website in the future.

Website:

No changes were made to the website. It is hoped that the new college website will enable us to provide up to date information and publish via the content management system.

MHISIG Committee
8th June 2006

Neuropsychiatry Special Interest Group Annual Report to Council 2006

Over the last year the Neuropsychiatry Special Interest Group has concentrated on developing training and curriculum development for clinical neuropsychiatry. Within the College we are converting the previous neuropsychiatry curriculum, prepared three years ago, to a format that meets PMETB criteria. This curriculum is aimed at SpRs, but provides guidance for anyone who is interested in the skills and competencies that are required for clinical neuropsychiatry.

We continue to develop training in clinical neuropsychiatry at several levels:

- The Special Interest Group has contributed topics to the Royal College's CPD Online site; as of June 2006 two of the five learning modules on the site are neuropsychiatry. We hope to develop further neuropsychiatry modules over the next year.
- With respect to junior doctor training the Chair of the Neuropsychiatry Special Interest Group sits on the Joint Neuroscience Council and is helping to develop opportunities for cross-specialty basic neuroscience training. The plan is to enable doctors at ST1 or ST2 level who are training in clinical neuroscience to undertake a training slot in psychiatry. And for this to be on the basis of them swapping with a psychiatry ST1 trainee who would get some experience in neurology for 6 months. We organised a meeting of neurologists and psychiatrists at the College in May 2006 to pursue this and enable its implementation. This work is ongoing.
- We continue to make available training in neuropsychiatry-related issues to the wider body of consultant psychiatrists and psychiatrists in training. The popular all day workshop on *Disorders at the interface of neurology and psychiatry* is again being held at this year's Royal College Annual General Meeting in Glasgow. With respect to higher specialist training in neuropsychiatry, we are also continuing to develop and disseminate the training recommendations outlined in our Core Competencies in Neuropsychiatry document.

We have written Sub Specialty guidance criteria for doctors seeking entry as Neuropsychiatrists to the Specialist Register under article 14. These were based on the "Specialty Specific Guidance - General Adult Psychiatry" criteria. The "Specialty Specific Guidance – Neuropsychiatry" criteria were approved by the College Equivalence Committee earlier in 2006 with a view to being forwarding to PMETB for approval.

The Special Interest Group in Neuropsychiatry is planning a joint meeting with the Faculty of Liaison Psychiatry at their annual meeting in March 2007. The meeting will look at developing a cooperative approach to service development and providing complementary inputs to the development of training. The Chair of the Neuropsychiatry Special Interest Group is an ex-officio member of the British Neuropsychiatry

Association (BNPA) committee. The BNPA is a cross-specialty (mainly neurology, neuropsychology and psychiatry) and academically focussed organisation whose work is complementary to ours. We provide a neuropsychiatry training and service perspective to the BNPA.

We have been liaising with the Division of Neuropsychology of the British Psychological Society with a view to setting up a joint meeting. This initiative will bring together psychiatrists and psychologists. It will therefore meet one of the targets of the new Education and Training Centre of the Royal College of Psychiatrists: to develop high quality specialist and cross-specialist learning opportunities and professional development. The meeting is being planned for 2007.

The specialist subgroups in Acquired Brain Injury, Epilepsy, and Huntington's Disease have been active. They provide a national forum in which often geographically isolated practitioners can come together to discuss a range of clinical problems and initiatives. Members of the Group and the subgroups have acted as representatives, giving a neuropsychiatry perspective, to a range of national bodies including NICE and National Service Framework groups.

We have collaborated with the Department of Health. They are preparing guidance on specialist commissioning of mental health services. We provided advice for commissioning of neuropsychiatry services. This was partly based on a workshop we held on business planning for neuropsychiatry. We are planning to discuss the potential impact of payment by results on the provision of neuropsychiatry services at our meeting in September 2006.

In summary, over the past year the Special Interest Group has continued to develop the work that was started four years ago to establish neuropsychiatry as a recognised specialty within psychiatry, and to help improve neuropsychiatry training and service provision across the UK.

Private and Independent Practice Special Interest Group Report to Council 2006

The Private and Independent Practice Special Interest Group continues with an established programme of annual meetings at the College, and informative Conference events on relevant and important issues. College members from across the country and various specialities attend, raising a whole range of topics.

A very successful joint event and meeting of the Private and Independent Practice Special Interest Group and the Management Special Interest Group of the College was held in October 2005. Highlights were presentations on: - "The Value of Psychiatrists", where value as perceived by businesses, patients and professionals was explored; "Making a Living in Private Practice" with an explanation of the complexities of limited liability partnerships; an overview of the developments in independent mental health care by a leading health sector market analyst; and the prospects for medical management against the numerous challenges ahead. The emerging themes of the day were finally pulled together, and the whole event was unusually interesting, bringing so many differing perspectives together.

The ongoing difficulties around CPD, Appraisal and Revalidation outside of the NHS are still a concern to Members. Prof John Gunn CBE gave a presentation, on behalf of the CPD Committee, following a survey of retired and other non-NHS Members to a well-attended meeting in March 2006. The substantive issues uncovered by the survey relate very closely to the main concerns of Members which have emerged in recent years, including isolation from the NHS and mainstream CPD, and from appraisal and revalidation planning. Similar difficulties in involving the Independent Sector in training psychiatrists and in examining psychiatrists were also prominent.

Key solutions were for all independent sector psychiatrists to join College CPD Peer Groups, and Independent Sector representatives on each College Faculty Executive Committee. It was also raised that the range of challenges for our members could only be addressed by representation at the highest level in the new College structure.

Another very interesting event to look forward to is our next meeting, due to be held in conjunction with The Grange Consulting Rooms Residential Conference, in October 2006, in the form of a special PIPSIG day. Topics to be covered include the future of independent mental health care, expert psychiatric testimony, running a private practice and the position of the expert in relation to accreditation and registration.

Philip Sugarman
Chair

**Psychopharmacology Special Group
Annual Report to Council 2006**

The SIGP remains active. In the last report for 2005 we cited the three documents we had prepared for College Council.

These were:

**High dose antipsychotics (Tom Barnes)
Off label prescribing (David Baldwin)
Benzodiazepine prescribing (Malcolm Lader).**

One of these (Barnes) has now been published as a college report and has been the subject of a press release. We are awaiting news of the fate of the other two.

Our latest project is to produce a psychopharmacology curriculum for the MRCPsych. This is now in draft form and has been circulated to all members of the SIGP for comment. We expect this to be in final form by summer 2006.

We held our annual symposium in March 2006 which generated profits of £8,000 for the group.

In addition we held a joint training day with the London Division of the College which was also very well attended and generated further profits for the SIGP.

At the last count our membership of fellows and members of the College was 600.

Robert Kerwin, MA., PhD., MB BChir., DSc., FRCPsych.,
Professor of Clinical Neuropharmacology.

11 May 2006.

Spirituality and Psychiatry Special Interest Group: Annual Report to Council 2006

Over the past twelve months, the Spirituality and Psychiatry Special Interest Group has maintained and expanded its activities, while its membership has increased during the year by nearly 300 to nearly 1200 members. In addition to the SIG's regular meetings, it has contributed to the Annual Meeting of the College, and through its Executive has taken part in many other College activities.

The SIG convened a session at the College's 2005 Annual Meeting in Edinburgh, entitled: *What is the relevance of Spirituality to Psychiatry today?* One-day meetings held over the year include: *Special needs, special gifts – learning disability and spirituality* (October 2005), *Spirituality and religion in later life* (December: jointly with the Faculty of Old Age) and *Psychosis, psychedelics and the transpersonal journey* (March 2006).

At the College's Annual Meeting in Glasgow in July 2006, there will be a workshop on: *Meditation - keeping mind and body together*, followed by a session on: *United in spirit: the place of spiritual enquiry in the clinical assessment*. The next in-house programme will be in November on: *Sanity, Sex and the Sacred: Exploring Intersecting Realms*.

The SIG Executive is pleased to award the first annual SIG College prize to Dr. Nicola Crowley for her paper *Psychosis or spiritual emergence? - consideration of the transpersonal perspective within psychiatry* and looks forward to future submissions.

The Executive Committee has been involved during the year in many different aspects of the work of the College. A full and detailed document with suggestions for incorporating spirituality into the new Curriculum has been submitted and we have actively contributed to the *Partners in Care* initiative. Our leaflet *Spirituality and Mental Health* has been approved by the College and can be found on the homepage of the College website. Funds have been raised for the publication of the leaflet for distribution to service users, Trusts and community resources. Our website continues to grow, which in addition to regular newsletters and information about meetings contains an expanding archive of papers, both those delivered at meetings and others of relevance. Much interest has been expressed in the work of the SIG from outside of the College, and useful contacts with allied disciplines such as psychology and chaplaincy have been established, in addition to representation on the steering group for the National Institute for Mental Health (England).

In June 2005, Dr. Sarah Eagger was elected Chair of the Special Interest Group, Dr. Christopher Findlay as Honorary Secretary and Dr Tim Read as Honorary Treasurer. Dr Larry Culliford is Membership Secretary, Dr Nicola Crowley is Programme Co-ordinator and Dr. Andrew Powell continues as Editor for the SIG website.

Sarah Eagger

Transcultural Psychiatry Special Interest Group Annual Report to Council 2006

Overview

The Transcultural Special Interest Group (TSIG) has consolidated the work of its executive and improved communications with the membership. It is now an active member of the World Association of Cultural Psychiatry. It is forming effective working relationships with the newly formed Transcultural Section of the Association of European Psychiatrists. TSIG holds regular executive meetings, including one at the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting takes place at the Royal College Meeting in Glasgow in July 2006. The TSIG is pursuing a three year strategy, focussing on local, national and international priorities with a synthesis of research, clinical practice and policy issues to the benefit of patients. The Executive is working on future conference programmes with other SIGs and faculties. It has launched the Bulletin of the TSIG, and continues to represent the TSIG at national and international conferences and psychiatric organisations. We are also undertaking work on behalf of the college where it is appropriate for TSIG to do so.

The Bulletin of the TSIG

We have recently re-launched the newsletter of the TSIG as the 'Bulletin of the Transcultural Special Interest Group' under the leadership of the co-editors Derek Summerfield and Deenesh Khoosal. This has led to significant interest and increasing the profile of the TSIG within the college, nationally and outside of the UK.

Annual residential meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists 2005

TSIG Contributed to two sessions at the Royal College of Psychiatrists Meeting in Edinburgh. One of these The first was on inequalities and the second was a session co-presented with the Lesbian, Gay & Bi-Sexual SIG and with the women's SIG. Presentations were made in the Critical Psychiatry session, focussing on innovations in care delivery and lessons from the developing world.

Annual Conference 2005

The TSIG Annual Conference on 'Conflict and Trauma' was fully subscribed and held at the College. There was significant debate and discussion around the impact of trauma on mental states discussing clinical, practical and philosophical issues.

International

The Transcultural Psychiatry Special Interest Group is now an affiliated member of the World Association of Cultural Psychiatry and three of the executive group are attending the World Association of Cultural Psychiatry inaugural meeting in Beijing in September of 2006. In the year 2005/6, the Chair of the TSIG also attended at National Psychiatric meetings in China (Shanghai), Bangladesh (Dakha), Netherlands (Gronnigen).

Refugee and asylum seekers

The Executive and Finance Committee of the College asked the TSIG to develop a response to the challenges posed by the mental health needs of refugees and asylum seekers. A significant number of members of the public, and members and non-members of the College had written to the past President and the Dean requesting a college position on the key issues facing practitioners. With the support of the E&F Committee, under the leadership of Helen McColl, Kwame McKenzie and Kamaldeep Bhui, a consultation exercise is being undertaken. This will include faculty chairs, key college officers, and expertise in asylum and refugee issues. We aim to produce an appropriate responses for service development, training needs of professionals and a balanced approach where refugees and asylum seekers human rights are also acknowledged.

Future Conferences/Workshops

The TSIG has three sessions planned for the 2006 annual conference in Glasgow. A conference is planned on depression in the Autumn and further conferences will take place with other faculties/ special interest groups over the next 18 months.

Professor Kamaldeep Bhui
Chair TSIG
Dr Kwame McKenzie
Hon Secretary TSIG

Women in Psychiatry Special Interest Group Annual Report 2006

This report is prepared for the College Council on Monday 26th June 2006.

10th anniversary meeting

In November 2005 the SIG held a 10th anniversary conference at the College. Prof Isobel Allen and Dr Geraldine Strathdee discussed issues related to women psychiatrists and their careers while Prof Janet Treasure and Dr Gill Mezey spoke on women's mental health. We were delighted that Prof Hollins could open the conference and share some of her experiences with us.

WIPSIG activity

After looking back and reflecting on its first 10 years the SIG is now looking to the future and how we can develop in a more proactive way. In the newsletter this winter we included a short questionnaire to get feedback from our members about their priorities for the SIG. We then used our spring meeting as a brainstorming event with outside facilitators who guided us through a SWOT analysis and preliminary discussion of our mission, values, vision and strategic objectives. We plan to become more focused in our work, at any one time following up on two themes, one to do with women psychiatrists and the other to be an issue around the needs of women service users and their carers. We also need to focus on our own organisational development, defining and improving the SIG's structure, organisation and communication. The draft strategy will be the main topic for discussion at the AGM in July at the College Annual Meeting in Glasgow.

Communication

The newsletter editors have continued to produce varied and informative newsletters every six months. With the new College website the WIPSIG web editor has been putting together a webpage for the group.

Academic psychiatry

We held a session at the 2005 College Annual Meeting on overcoming barriers for women psychiatrists.

There were two excellent presentations at the WIPSIG spring meeting. Dr Claire Flahavan an SHO from Dublin won the 2006 prize with the presentation of her research project on the detection, assessment and management of eating disorders by GPs.

In the April 2006 issue of the Psychiatric Bulletin a 'reading about' article on self-help books on women's mental health co-written by a member of the Exec and a service user was published. In November 2005 APT published an editorial on the SIG's development.

Dr Rosalind Ramsay
WIPSIG chair, 6.6.06

