

## **CALL FOR PAPERS, POSTERS, SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOPS**

### **SUBMISSIONS ARE INVITED FROM COLLEGE MEMBERS, FELLOWS, AFFILIATES OR TRAINEES IN THE FOLLOWING FORMATS:**

1. **Poster communications** of research findings, clinical innovations, audits or literature reviews. Posters will be grouped by theme in order to facilitate discussion. Submissions must state clearly whether the author is a trainee. **Deadline 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010**
2. **Oral Paper presentations:** 15 minute oral presentations of research findings, clinical innovations, audits or literature reviews. Submissions must state clearly whether the author is a trainee. **Deadline 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010**
3. **Symposia:** Groups of upto 3 papers organised around specific themes of research or clinical practice. The duration of the symposia will be 1 hour. Preference will be given to symposia containing multidisciplinary participation. **Deadline 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010**
4. **Workshops:** Interactive sessions aiming to help participants develop new skills. Submissions should clearly state what skills will be acquired as a result of attending the workshop. Submissions can also include proposals for an 'Expert Panel' giving practical management advice on clinical conundrums. Multidisciplinary participation is encouraged. **Deadline 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

### **Instructions on the preparation of abstracts:**

1. Abstracts should be typed **single spaced**, font size (**11**), **Verdana** in Word 6/97 format using standard text, or text-only format. Apple Mac documents cannot be accepted. **Please do not apply any formatting.**
2. The title should be in **bold**, followed by the full name(s) of the author and all co-authors, including titles (e.g. Dr) and their affiliations e.g.  
**Severe personality disorder patients**  
Dr Andrew Brown and Dr Beverley Jones, Riverview Mental Health NHS Trust, Southington; Ms Wendy Smith, The Nightingale Clinic, Staunton
3. Hand-written abstracts will **not be accepted.**
4. The title must contain no abbreviations.
5. The **abstract** must be no longer than 300 words. **(NB: The title/authors will not be included in this tally.)**
6. The abstract should present in order: the aims, methods, results and comments or conclusions. If no information is given in the abstract about the results of the study, the authors must include a covering letter of explanation with their submission.
7. Bibliographic references, tables and appendices must not be included in the abstract.
8. Spelling, consistency (including capitalisation) and punctuation will receive attention, when possible, from the College conference office.

## Notes on sending of abstracts:

9. Abstracts should be **emailed to [conference@rcpsych.ac.uk](mailto:conference@rcpsych.ac.uk)** with a subject reference of 'Your Surname' & 'Learning Disability Meeting 2010'. The following information should be included in the covering message:
- Name of main presenting author or symposia/workshop co-ordinator
  - Membership number (if applicable)
  - Mailing address
  - Daytime telephone number / fax
  - Name of author's work organisation
  - Whether you would like your submission to be considered as:
    - a) Trainee Poster; b) Non-trainee poster; c) Trainee oral presentation; d) Non-trainee oral presentation; e) Symposia; f) Workshop
  - Skills to be acquired (workshops only)
  - Your professional status (e.g. consultant, ST6, CT1...)
  - Whether you would like to be considered for the **Alec Shapiro Prize** (regulations overleaf)

## The Alec Shapiro Prize

The Faculty is pleased to be able to offer these prizes in the name of Dr Alexander Shapiro. Dr Shapiro died in April 1988 and was one of the great figures in the tradition of learning disability psychiatry. His lifetime of dedicated work in this field extended the frontiers of knowledge and his insight and true understanding improved the lives of people with learning disabilities. He was a much-loved colleague whose warmth, humour and modesty endeared him to all. His erudition was considerable, as testified by his extensive contribution to medical literature; he received the CBE in recognition of this.

- Prize:** Two prizes, each of £100, for best poster presentation and best oral presentation
- Frequency:** Annually
- Eligible:** Speciality trainees CT/FTSTA 1-3, ST 4-6/LATs and SpRs or Members of the College in a training post.
- Presented at:** Faculty residential meeting, usually held in October each year

## Regulations:

- I. All applicants must be working in the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland.
- II. Applicants should be of CT/FTSTA 1-3, ST 4-6/LATs or SpR status, or College Members in a training post.
- III. Three assessors nominated by the Faculty Chair will judge the poster and presentation at the meeting.
- IV. Both presentations will be judged on clarity of presentation, time-keeping, originality of content, relevance to meeting, methodology and clarity of ideas; for the oral presentation quality of aids is an additional category.
- V. In the event that none of the applications is considered to be of a satisfactory standard, no award will be made.

Workshop and symposia submissions must be received by **10<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

Poster and paper submissions must be received by **16<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

No submissions will be accepted after these dates  
Please send your abstract with all the information requested above to  
**[conference@rcpsych.ac.uk](mailto:conference@rcpsych.ac.uk)**

