

Dear Member,

In this newsletter, No.10, we report on the one-day meeting held on 1st November at the College, 'Pathways to Peace - East meets West'. The speakers, Professor Mark Williams, Reinhard Kowalski and Dr. Helena Waters have kindly summarised their presentations. The day found the right balance of heart and head, which always makes education a real pleasure. Our thanks to all three speakers for their generous contributions.

Please take a look at the proposed stand-alone entry by the SIG for the forthcoming revision of the curriculum for Basic Specialist Training and the MRCPsych examination. At present there is no such section; additionally, the entry is supported by closely referenced amendments to the body of the text of the draft curriculum.

We also have interesting contributions from National Institute for Mental Health in England and from the Mental Health Foundation. There seems to be a distinct acceleration in the number of projects moving forwards in the field of Spirituality and Mental Health.

For your diaries, our next one-day event for members of the SIG will be on the 31st January 2003 entitled 'Invited or not, God is Here - Spiritual Aspects of the Therapeutic Encounter'. Full details are provided in the newsletter. Members are welcome to bring guests (see the registration form in News and Notes).

We have had our bid for a Special Interest Group contribution to the next College Annual Meeting in Edinburgh confirmed for Thursday 3rd July. The theme is 'Spirituality in Psychiatry: Broadening our Horizons'. There will also be an open meeting of the Special Interest Group to include non-members who may be interested in coming along to find out more about our activities.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Dr. Andrew Powell, Chair