

Dear Member,

Welcome to this summer issue of the Newsletter, No. 9 which reports on our one-day meeting at the College on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 'Integrating Mind and Body: Psycho-spiritual Therapeutics', organised by Dr. Nicki Crowley. The contributions made by our speakers, Drs. David Reilly, Jenny Barraclough, and Mike Weir were much appreciated and we would like to thank them for bringing their work to us in such a fresh, innovative and open way.

At last our Educational Objectives Working Group, chaired by Dr. Larry Culliford, has completed the lengthy task of submitting proposed amendments to the College curriculum for Basic Specialist Training and the MRCPsych examination, and the draft CCST competencies document. We await the response of the College and are hopeful that our suggestions will be incorporated.

The article by Neil Hawkes and Linda Heppenstall on Living Values describes innovative work being carried out within the educational field. Spirituality can never be a bolt-on commodity. It is intimately related to the core values of the human psyche, which need to be fostered above all during childhood. Healthy children grow into healthy adults – how much better prevention than cure!

We are grateful to Professor Michael Kelley for bringing to our attention his recent work on the experimental psychology of religious processes. This perspective promises to be very important in building bridges across the historical divide between religion and science.

We have put in our bid for a contribution in the Annual College Meeting at Edinburgh in 2003 and hope that this time round we shall be successful.

With best wishes,

Andrew Powell, Chair