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Dear Member,

Welcome to this latest edition of the Spirituality and Psychiatry Newsletter, No. 27, July 2009. In this issue we have three papers given at the last SIG meeting on the 3rd April 2009 on 'Consciousness and the Extended Mind', held at 15 Belgrave Square. Our thanks go to Dr. Rupert Sheldrake, Dr. Peter Fenwick and Professor David Fontana for making their texts available to us.

The meeting was once again over-subscribed. It is difficult to match venue with demand while taking into account costs (the SIG is entirely self-funded). But arrangements with Society of Chemical Industry at 15, Belgrave Square, adjacent to the College and with its auditorium and catering facilities for 100, are generally working well. We hope you'll agree that we engage stimulating speakers, apart from which there is lively discussion, a convivial atmosphere and the chance to network with colleagues, an important aspect of our SIG.

Our thanks also to Prof. Chris Cook and Dr. Simon Dein for permission to publish their talks at the SIG programme at the 2009 College Annual Meeting, and where the workshop on 'Keeping body and mind together: meditation made simple' run by Sarah Egger and Paramabandhu Groves, proved to be as popular as ever.

Also at the College Meeting, the book 'Spirituality and Psychiatry' was launched. This publication has been the brainchild of the SIG, and you will find a flyer in the Newsletter. We hope you feel inspired to buy the book!

Our next SIG programme will be on November 20th 2009, again at the SCI, on '**Spirituality and Religion – Friends or Foes?**' Further details can be found in this Newsletter and in the July issue of News and Notes going out to SIG members. All three speakers are leaders in their fields, so be sure to make use of the priority booking in News and Notes to ensure your place, along with guests you may wish to bring with you.

As always, please let me have any articles you have written that you would like to offer for publication on our Website, in Word, to sduncan@rcpsych.ac.uk and headed 'for the attention of Dr. Andrew Powell'.

With best wishes,

Dr. Andrew Powell