

## **TRANSCULTURAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

The Transcultural Special Interest Group (TSIG) remained active in 2016. A new Chair was elected (Dr Shahid Latif) in July 2016 after Dr Hellme Najim completed his 4 year tenure. We remain committed to the work of the College; provide guidance to the College members and the public on transcultural psychiatry related matters. Our networking expanded and now involves wide range of interested individuals in Europe, Asia, The Middle East and North America. Our membership remains solid.

The group contributes to college's consultations on policy and training. We have provided input into CPD programmes.

### **Articles submitted in the first half of the year under the Chairmanship of Dr Hellme Najim**

- 1) Eco-psychiatry; A new horizon of cultural psychiatry by Dr A.N Chowdhury. Wrote about the changing environment both positive and negative thus offering a new contextual platform of eco-psychiatry.
- 2) How to work with narrative and metaphor; Dr Kate Wood. Discussed the importance of observing human behaviour along with understanding the aetiology, phenomenology and context of our patients' symptoms.
- 3) Expression of Depression in Bengali language and culture by S Banerjee who discussed linguistic barriers towards the diagnosis of depression.

### **Transcultural SIG work since the appointment of Dr Shahid as the new Chair**

- Mentoring IMGs on cultural understanding from a trainees perspective by Dr Hasanen Al Taiar
- Publication: Book launch by Kim Sadique titled 'Religion, Faith and Crime: Theories, Identities and Issues.
- Translation of SCR into Arabic by Dr Najat Khalifa

### **TSIG International work in 2016**

Presentation skills workshop in Pakistan focusing on cultural aspects of presentation at interviews: by Dr Shahid Latif and Dr Imran Malik

### **Bulletin of TSIG**

Dr Hellme Najim managed to put together an issue of the 2016 newsletter in March 2016

## **Finance**

The finance of TSIG remains in a healthy status. We have officially elected an unopposed treasurer Dr Sarwat Nawrose since July 2016

## **Appointment of new officers**

We managed to appoint representatives for different parts of the UK and will be looking to appoint new officers from around in 2017.

### **Manchester**

Olivia George  
Phoebe Linton

### **London**

Sarwat Nawrose (Treasurer)  
Gloria Dura Villa

### **Nottingham**

Najat Khalifa

### **Oxford**

Hasanen Al- Taiar

### **Birmingham**

Max Malik

### **Liverpool**

Yasir Abbasi

### **Leicester**

Alex Mitchell  
Imran Malik  
James Tanner  
Kim Sadique  
Manju Minajagi

### **Northampton**

Ina Los  
Bhanu Chadalavada

## **New Challenges**

Our ambition is to try to organise regular symposia at the Royal College, at least once a year. To produce regular issues of our Newsletter twice a year.

Organise symposia in other parts of the United Kingdom and hopefully in other parts of the world.

To liaise with other cultural psychiatry SIG around the world.

## **Forecast and plan for 2017**

1) Regional meeting in Leicester organized by Kim Sadique and Manjunath Minajagi supported by De Montfort Univ and Leicestershire Partnership Trust

2) Regional meeting on cultural aspects of Forensic Mental Health by Hasanen, Najat Khalifa and Kim Sadique in either Nottingham or Oxford

3) Qualitative study formulated by Olivia George focusing on the development of a semi-structured questionnaire on cultural sensitivities of assessment tools. The target group will be medical students. Olivia will be supported and supervised by TSIG executive members

4) Cultural aspects of presentation of personality disorders (Shahid Latif in Abu Dhabi March 2017)

5) Annual TSIG meeting in January 2018

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Our plan is to make TSIG take more proactive role in promoting cultural aspects of psychiatric practice in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

**Dr Shahid Latif**  
**Chair**  
**December 2016**