

To: Members of the Academic Faculty

ACADEMIC FACULTY NEWSLETTER December 2011



Recent elections: new members of the Faculty Executive

Earlier in the year, there were elections for officers and members of the Faculty Executive. Professor Peter Woodruff was elected as Chair and Professor Anne Lingford-Hughes was elected as Vice-Chair. Dr Sophia Frangou and Professor Allan Young were also elected and Dr Sukhwinder Shergill was co-opted as Executive Committee Members. Professor Hamish McAllister-Williams has been co-opted as the BAP representative. The following members' co-option to the committee has been extended: Professor Hamid Ghodse's as PoP Club representative; Professor Tony Holland as Learning Disability link; and Dr Danny Smith as public education lead.

A list of the current membership of the executive is on the faculty web page:

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/specialties/faculties/academic/aboutus.aspx>

2012 elections

There are vacancies for four executive committee members from July 2012. The election notice and nomination form are included with this mailing. The deadline for nominations is **1 March 2012**. For further information, please contact Sue Duncan, Elections

Administrator: sduncan@rcpsych.ac.uk

Academic careers and academic training

Clare Oakley and Ian Jones have been leading on a piece of work aiming to obtain information about current academic training provision in psychiatry and how this can be better supported in the future. They are very grateful to the University Departments and Heads of Schools in deaneries who have provided very useful data so far. They are now focusing on obtaining the trainee perspective and seek the support of Faculty members to cascade the links below to any trainees involved in research:

Trainees in ACF and ACL posts please follow this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AcademicFaculty>

Trainees in Fellowships, OOPR, University lecturers and other research posts please follow this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AcademicTraining>

Academic Faculty Position statements

The faculty has produced two College position statements this year:

PSO1/2011 *Research priorities for psychiatry:*

http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/PDF/PSO1_2011.pdf

PSO2/2011 *Ethics of psychiatric research:*

http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/PDF/PSO2_2011.pdf

Undergraduate Teaching Leads Forum

The Undergraduate Teaching Leads Forum of the Academic Faculty brings together representatives of all medical schools in the UK to develop leadership in teaching and learning of psychiatry. The Forum provides good communication between the clinical teachers who are delivering psychiatry teaching and the College and Academic Faculty Executive. The Forum's priorities include improving national standards of undergraduate education, developing education research networks and raising the profile of psychiatry.

Through wide collaboration, the Forum has developed a **Core Curriculum** relevant to all doctors. This work was led by Dr Paul Wilkinson and the document will be available on the website on the Undergraduate Teaching page very soon:

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/specialties/faculties/academic/undergraduateteaching.aspx>

Contact: Prof Ania Korszun (Chair) a.korszun@qmul.ac.uk or Kitti Kottasz
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Margaret Slack Travelling Fellowship

We have been able to establish an annual Travelling Fellowship as a result of a bequest from Mrs Margaret Slack. This travelling fellowship is intended to encourage senior psychiatric trainees to broaden their academic knowledge and experience in a centre of excellence either in the UK or abroad. Though not essential, candidates may wish to pursue a research study. Visits are expected to be no longer than two to four weeks.

Prize: £2,000

Deadline: 31 December 2011

Contact: Chair, Academic Faculty by emailing academic@rcpsych.ac.uk

More details:

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/specialties/faculties/academic/scientificmeetingandprizes.aspx#margaret>

Summer schools

This year there were summer schools organised at Cardiff, the Institute of Psychiatry, Leeds and Sheffield, all of which were highly successful at raising the profile of Psychiatry as a career for medical and other students from around the UK. For instance, feedback from the Sheffield School indicated that 86% of students were more likely to go into a career in psychiatry as a result of attending. More are planned for next year, and we are expanding a programme of 6th form work experience in Psychiatry across the UK.

Plaudits

We congratulate Academic Faculty members who were particularly honoured this year: Professor Robin Murray who was knighted; Professor Peter Jones who received a Platinum Award; along with Professor Dinesh Bhugra who was elected President of the World Psychiatric Association.

2011 Prize winners

Congratulations to this year's prize winners! The following were presented prizes at the 2011 International Congress in Brighton:

Margaret Slack Travelling Fellowship

Dr Lena Palaniyappan, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham

Oral Presentation Prize:

Winner – Dr Lena Palaniyappan, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham: *Is psychosis a unitary illness? A study of cortical surface morphology in schizophrenia and bipolar disorder*

Runner-up – Dr Alexandra Pitman, UCL, London: *Suicide reporting in the arts press: content analysis of journalists' adherence to media guidelines in reviewing artists who died by suicide*

Poster Presentation Prize:

Winner – Dr Alisdair Rooney, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh: *The frequency, clinical associations and longitudinal course of Major Depressive Disorder in adults with cerebral glioma*

Runner-up – Dr Laura Manea, Hull York Medical School: *A diagnostic meta-analysis of the depression module of the patient health questionnaire (PHQ-9) as a screen for depression: A comparison of algorithm and cut-off scoring methods*

Academic Faculty website

This can be accessed publicly from the College website home page by following the links: College → Specialties → Academic: <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/specialties/faculties.aspx>
Please let us know if there is any information or links that you would like made available. The web master is Andy Stanfield.

Membership of the Academic Faculty

We are keen to ensure that as many academics as possible join the Faculty. In this way we can best reflect the views and needs of those psychiatrists working within academic settings. Please encourage academic colleagues to join the faculty if they have not already done so. All they have to do is email membership@rcpsych.ac.uk and ask to join the faculty.

International Congress, BT Convention Centre, Liverpool, 10-13 July 2012

The International Conference in Brighton was highly acclaimed this year, and we are continuing to ensure that high quality international science forms a key part of this event. Attempts are being made to reduce registration costs whilst also ensuring we can increase support for student and trainee bursaries, prizes, and international speakers.

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/events/internationalcongress2012.aspx>

The faculty has contributed to the New Science sessions of this year's conference.

Call for papers: This is a reminder that the deadline for trainees and students to submit abstracts and applications for presentations, prizes and bursaries for the International Congress in Liverpool is **27 April 2012**. This is the Faculty's (as well as the College's) annual scientific event and the programme is excellent. Please encourage junior colleagues and trainees to attend the meeting and to submit an abstract. Please visit the <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/events/internationalcongress2012.aspx> for more details or email conference@rcpsych.ac.uk

Sessions for Academic Trainees: The Academic Faculty will be running additional workshops and sessions specifically for academic trainees during the Congress (11-13 July) and this will include a competitive oral presentation session (as well as poster prizes) for trainees. Please make trainees aware of this and encourage them to submit posters describing research (not audit) to be considered for the oral and poster prizes. The closing date for submitting abstracts is **27 April 2012** (see above).

Bursaries: Subject to availability of funds, the Academic Faculty will be offering up to 20 bursaries of £400 to enable medical students and trainees working in the field of Academic Psychiatry, *who intend to present a poster or short presentation of their research*, to attend the International Congress. Bursaries can be used to cover the cost of registration fees, standard class travel, up to two nights' accommodation and reasonable subsistence expenses. Please note that bursaries are only available to those that submit an abstract for presentation at the conference.

How to apply for a bursary: Applicants should submit a covering letter (giving details of why financial support is required and other sources of funding that have been explored) along with a copy of their submitted abstract to the Academic Faculty Chair, c/o Kitti Kottasz, academic@rcpsych.ac.uk by **27 April 2012**.

All expense claims, together with receipts, must be submitted to Kitti Kottasz, at the College address within four weeks of the conference. Applications for reimbursement received after this time will not be accepted.

Contact us with comments, suggestions or questions

Please write to me at the address below:

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