

Welcome!

**Address to Edinburgh
by Robert Burns
(1759-1796)**

Edina! Scotia's darling seat!
All hail thy palaces and tow'rs,
Where once, beneath a Monarch's feet,
Sat Legislation's sov'reign pow'rs:
From marking wildly scatt'ered flow'rs,
As on the banks of Ayr I stray'd,
And singing, lone, the lingering hours,
I shelter in they honour'd shade.
Here Wealth still swells the golden tide,
As busy Trade his labours plies;
There Architecture's noble pride
Bids elegance and splendour rise:
Here Justice, from her native skies,
High wields her balance and her rod;
There Learning, with his eagle eyes,
Seeks Science in her coy abode.'

Welcome to the 2010 International Congress of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. We return to Edinburgh with the Burns' inspired theme 'Advancing Science' and a programme designed to inspire learning. In this year's programme we have moved away from the Institute Days of previous years towards topic based streams and the inclusion of training courses. The training courses are included in the price of the Congress as are all refreshments, the Media Training Booth and the Psychiatrists' Support Service. We have retained morning and lunchtime plenary sessions and sessions on Film and Literature in psychiatry. The extremely popular Trainees' Day and Trainees' Lounge continue again this year. The Congress is registered for both CPD and CME points.

We are immeasurably impressed by the contributions you tirelessly provide for the Congress and all the offers of help and advice we have received. We could not have delivered this excellent programme without all of you and take this opportunity to thank you all profusely for your input.

We look forward to seeing you in Edinburgh for:

'Who indeed that has once seen Edinburgh, but must see it again in dreams waking or sleeping.'
Charlotte Bronte, letter 1850

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