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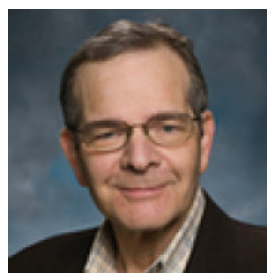
Dear Colleagues

We are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to the **Pan American Division Reception** during the upcoming APA annual meeting. The Reception will take place on **Saturday 14th May 2016, 5pm – 7pm** at the **Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center, Cypress Room, M2, North Tower** (www.omnihotels.com/hotels/atlanta-cnn-center). If you are able to attend please RSVP to ecook@rcpsych.ac.uk



Sophia Frangou
Vice Chair

Our Division is represented in the APA with a symposium (event 4536) entitled **“Biomarkers of Treatment Response and Tolerability in Psychotic and Mood Disorders”**. The symposium is taking place on **Tuesday May 17th, 9.00am-12.00noon**, at the Georgia World Congress Center - Building A - Level 4, Rooms A406-407. The symposium is chaired by Sophia Frangou, Professor of Psychiatry, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and Peter Buckley, Professor of Psychiatry and dean of the Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Health Sciences University. **Dr. Frangou** will also present data on **Effective Connectivity Changes in Working Memory and Affect Processing Networks in Affective/Non-affective Psychosis: Relation to Treatment Response**. **Dr. Buckley** will discuss **Reliable Biomarkers, Personalized Medicine, and the Treatment of Schizophrenia: Will Science (ever?) Trump Clinical ‘Trial and Error’?** The symposium also includes presentations from **Dr. Sidney H. Kennedy**, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Toronto on **Canadian Biomarker Integration Network in Depression: Biomarkers to identify trajectories of response to antidepressants** and **Dr. Allan Young**, Professor of Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, King’s College London on **Biomarkers of treatment response and tolerability in Bipolar Disorder**. It would be great to see many of you at the symposium which promises to be scientifically interesting and clinically relevant.



Kenneth R. Kaufman
Financial Officer

Please note that the 2016/2017 round of nominations for the **RCPsych Fellowships** is now open until **30th June 2016**. We encourage all Members who have achieved 10 years in Membership as at 1 January 2016 to consider applying for Fellowship.

As always, please send us your thoughts, comments and ideas for contributions to the newsletter at panamericandivision@rcpsych.ac.uk

With very best wishes

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This and That

✿Job Board✿

The Job Board can be accessed at http://jobs.rcpsych.ac.uk/home/index.cfm?site_id=16082 The site accepts job postings from employers and allows job seekers to search for jobs and create personalized alerts based on their interests. Please note that the **postings are international** (not just UK) and include clinical and academic posts at all levels of seniority.

✿ **RCPsych PanAm Book club** ✿ The book club features books (recommended by our members). The topic has to be relevant to psychiatry and neuroscience from either a scientific, literary or societal perspective. Self-nominations by authors who are college members are welcome. Please provide a brief comment for each recommendation but this is optional. Any ideas? Please send them in at panamericandivision@rcpsych.ac.uk!

New

Sacred Pathways: The Brain's role in Religious and Mystic Experiences

By Todd Murphy; Foreword by His Holiness The Dalai Lama and A. Persinger; 2015

Previously featured

NeuroTribes: The Legacy of Autism and the Future of Neurodiversity

By Steve Silberman (Penguin 2015); Winner of the 2015 Samuel Johnson Prize for non-fiction

The Digital Doctor: Hope, Hype, and Harm at the Dawn of Medicine's Computer Age

By Robert Wachter (McGraw-Hill Professional 2015)

The Well-Tuned Brain: Neuroscience and the Life Well Lived

By Peter Whybrow (WW Norton & Company 2015)

The Heart and the Bottle

By Oliver Jeffers (HarperCollins Publishers 2015)

(Comment by Sophia Frangou: An unbelievably tender book that helps children understand death and loss; it is also available as an animated film read by Helena Bonham-Carter: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/heart-bottle-for-ipad/id407795360?mt=8>)

Gratitude

By Oliver Sachs (Knopf 2015)

A Passion for Science: Stories of Discovery and Invention

By Suw Charman-Anderson (Editor) (Kindle ebook 2015)

Furiously Happy: A Funny Book About Horrible Things

By Jenny Lawson (Flatiron Books 2015)

Brain Renaissance: From Vesalius to Modern Neuroscience

By Marco Catani and Stefano Sandrone (Oxford University Press, 2015)

Shrinks: The Untold Story of Psychiatry

By Jeffrey A. Lieberman and Ogi Ogas (Little, Brown and Company, 2015)

The Future of the Brain: Essays by the World's Leading Neuroscientists

By Gary Marcus and Jeremy Freeman (Princeton University Press, 2014)

Drugs, Without the Hot Air

By David Nutt (UIT Cambridge, 2012)

NB: Inclusion of a book in the PanAm Book Club does not imply endorsement or promotion by the RCPsych.

Meeting Announcements

2016

Society of Biological Psychiatry, 71st Annual Scientific Meeting and Convention May 12-14, Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, GA, USA

American Psychiatric Association, 169th Annual Meeting, May 14-18, Atlanta, GA, USA

Royal College of Psychiatrists, International Congress 2016 on "Psychiatry: Brain, Body and Mind", 27-30 June, ExCeL London, UK. Visit the congress website for details:

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/traininpsychiatry/conferencetraining/internationalcongress2016.aspx>

International Society for Bipolar Disorders, 18th Annual Conference (jointly with the International Society for Affective Disorders), July 13-16, Amsterdam, Netherlands. Visit the congress website for details: <http://isbd2016.com/>

The 22nd International Association for Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions World Congress (IACAPAP 2016) and the 36th Annual Conference for the Canadian Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CACAP 2016) takes place in Calgary, Alberta September 18-22, 2016. Visit the congress website for details: www.iacapap2016.org

Canadian Psychiatric Association, 66th Annual Conference, 15 - 17 September, Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, Canada. Visit the congress website for details: <http://www.cpa-apc.org>

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European Psychiatric Association, 25th Congress, 1-4 April, Florence, Italy. Visit the congress website for details: <http://www.epa-congress.org/>

Society of Biological Psychiatry, 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting and Convention, May 18-20, Hilton San Diego, San Diego, California, USA

American Psychiatric Association, 170th Annual Meeting May 20-24, San Diego, CA, USA

World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry, 13th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry, 18-22 June, Copenhagen, Denmark. Visit the congress website for details:

<http://www.wfsbp-congress.org/welcome2017.html>

Canadian Psychiatric Association, 67th Annual Conference, 14 – 16 September, Shaw Centre, Ottawa, Canada. Visit the congress website for details: <http://www.cpa-apc.org>

World Psychiatric Association, 17th WPA World Congress of Psychiatry "Psychiatry of the 21st Century: Context, Controversies and Commitment" 8-12 October, Berlin, Germany. Visit the congress website for details: <http://www.wpaberlin2017.com>

Please feel free to submit information on meetings or teaching events you may be organising nationally or locally and which may be of interest to the Pan American Division members to panamericandivision@rcpsych.ac.uk