

Bursary for psychiatrists from developing countries

The Faculty of the Psychiatry of Intellectual Disability has an annual bursary to enable a psychiatrist from a low- or middle-income country to attend the Faculty Annual Residential Meeting (usually held in October). The deadline for this round is 31 May 2014. See <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/workinpsychiatry/faculties/intellectualdisability/aboutthefaculty/prizes,bursariesandlectures.aspx#devbur>

Fundraising Trek to Burma, February 2014

The College Volunteer Scheme links up projects and services in low- and middle-income countries with members of the College who want to volunteer their time and expertise. The volunteer fund allows the College to support these volunteers by paying for some of their associated costs. In order to raise more funds for the Volunteer Scheme, the College is running a fundraising trek to Burma in February 2014. Those who undertake this trek will be fundraising for the Scheme. You can find out more about the work of the Volunteer Scheme, and make a donation to it, on the College website: <http://www.charitychoice.co.uk/royal-college-psychiatrists-5207/events/trek-burma-february-2014>

Medical Training Initiative

In November 2013 the College was granted approval to become a sponsor for the UK Government's Medical Training Initiative (MTI). The scheme allows senior psychiatric trainees from

outside the European Union (EU) to come to the UK to train for a maximum of 24 months before returning to their own country. The first International Fellows will start their placements in August 2014. For more information about the scheme please contact the International Liaison Manager, Elen Cook: ecook@rcpsych.ac.uk

European Association of Mental Health in Intellectual Disability

The bi-annual meeting of the European Association of Mental Health in Intellectual Disability (EAMHID) took place in Lisbon in September 2013. The following were nominated onto the Board of EAMHID from the UK: The Baroness Prof. Sheila Hollins; Dr Roger Banks; and Dr Ken Courtenay.

The next EAMHID conference will take place in Florence, Italy, in July 2015.

Diaspora meetings and conferences

There has been a number of conferences by diaspora groups as well as the Academy of Royal Medical Colleges Diaspora conference on 25 November 2013.

November saw the launch of 'Turning the World Upside Down' – a discussion of four groundbreaking interventions that are improving mental health in low- and middle-income countries and that could transform mental health in the UK.

We value feedback and contributions for news and notes. We also welcome any comments on current international issues in mental health.

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