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## miscellany

### The Royal College of Psychiatrists and British Psychological Society Liaison Group for Psychotherapy

are a recently constituted group attempting to make common cause in the provision of psychological therapies. The group is trying to reduce professional rivalries and address boundary issues in order to facilitate joint working and to take account of the frequency with which patients require the services provided by two or more disciplines. The group also wishes to highlight how all interventions have a psychological element that needs attending to in order to promote successful working. To make progress with these concerns there is a need to study the specific ways in which organisational issues either facilitate or hinder clinical

work, and there is a need to study issues concerning the training and continued professional development of those engaged in psychological therapies.

The group would be very grateful for written examples that illustrate successful and/or unsuccessful working of psychological therapies. Anonymity of person and place will be preserved. The group would welcome examples of day-to-day difficulties or successes that arise from either philosophy, structure or training issues, and vividly written sketches of one or two pages in length. Of particular interest is to learn how an individual and his/her organisation began a particular plan or re-organisation, the steps pursued, the outcome and any lessons learned. Please address your replies and

any enquiries to the Liaison Group's Secretary, Dr Goldstein, at 7 Oxford Road, Malvern WR14 2JD. E-mail: rgoldst@rg.u-net.com.

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**Professor Chunilal Roy**, Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, has been awarded the honour of Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Légion d'Honneur by the President of France, Jacques Chirac, in recognition of his remarkable work in psychiatry, profound humanity and attachment to the promotion of the French language.

## forthcoming events

### The British Neuropsychiatry Association 2004 Annual Meeting

will be held at the Institute of Child Health, central London on 26–27 February 2004. The meeting will cover the topics 'language disorders'; 'parietal lobes'; 'consciousness' and a guest lecture on 'The neuropsychiatry of Gulf War syndrome'. The meeting includes

keynote addresses from prominent international and UK speakers along with a session for members' contributions. For further information please contact: Gwen Cutmore, BNPA Conference Secretary, Landbreach Boatyard, Chelmer Terrace, Maldon, Essex CM9 5HT (tel/fax: 01621 843334; e-mail: gwen.cutmore@lineone.net; website:

www.bnpa.fsnet.co.uk). For details of membership to the BNPA, open to medical practitioners in psychiatry, neurology and related clinical neurosciences, please contact: The Secretary, Professor A. S. David, Department of Psychological Medicine, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF.