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## NEWS AND NOTES

### European Commission

The Commission has launched a green paper on mental health for wide public consultation which is intended to lead to a European Union strategy. This is a response to the successful European ministerial meeting held in Helsinki in January 2005. Its overall aim is to develop evidence-based policies that will promote cooperation and coordination and better information in the service of improving 'mental health for all', as well as research and exchange of information in such areas as stigma, suicide, child conduct disorders, care of the elderly and social inclusion. The document can be found at [http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph\\_determinants/life\\_style/mental/green\\_paper/mental\\_gp\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_determinants/life_style/mental/green_paper/mental_gp_en.pdf)

### News from the Association of European Psychiatrists (AEP)

Three AEP Research Prizes, worth €2500 each, were awarded in Nice on 8 March 2006, during the closing ceremony of the 14th European Congress of Psychiatry. The prizes were awarded by Henning Sass, AEP President, to those young psychiatrists, working in Europe, who had published the best scientific papers in the year 2005 in the following areas:

- 'Clinical psychopathology and refinement of psychiatric diagnostic categories', the winner of which was Dr Matthew Broome, from the Institute of Psychiatry, London, UK, for his paper on a clinical service for prodromal psychosis, published in *European Psychiatry*.
- 'Biological correlates and treatments of mental disorders', the winner of which was Dr Ursula Bailer, from the Medical University of Vienna, Austria, for her paper on receptor binding after recovery from anorexia nervosa, published in *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

- 'Psychiatric epidemiology, social psychiatry and psychotherapeutic interventions in mental disorders', the winner of which was Dr Paul Ramchandani, from the University of Oxford, UK, for his paper on paternal depression in the postnatal period and child development, published in the *Lancet*.

The 15th European Congress of Psychiatry will be held in Madrid in March 2007 (see <http://www.aep.lu>).

### Quarterly Journal of Mental Health

This new peer-reviewed international journal (published by Psychological Healthcare Ltd in London, England) will be complementary to the purposes of *International Psychiatry*. Its key aims and objectives are: to publish original research in all aspects of psychiatry, from the five continents; to promote debate on issues relevant to mental health; to raise awareness of developments in mental health service provision; to promote mental health service development in the developing world; to promote collaborative research between investigators from different countries. Those wishing to submit papers should send them directly to [profcasey@esatclear.ie](mailto:profcasey@esatclear.ie) or to [manuscripts@qjmh.org.uk](mailto:manuscripts@qjmh.org.uk).

### XIV World Congress of Psychiatry

#### Invitation from Professor Juan E. Mezzich, President of the WPA

The XIV World Congress of Psychiatry will take place in Prague, 20–25 September 2008. All of our 130 member societies and 60 scientific sections are expected to be present along with a full representation of all our partners in mental healthcare, from our patients (who are at the centre of our work) to health professionals, health planners and relevant industry (see <http://www.wpa-prague2008.cz>).

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The World Health Organization's *Child and Adolescent Mental Health Atlas* project is a systematic attempt to collect information on existing services and resources. It is available online at [http://www.who.int/mental\\_health/resources/Child\\_ado\\_atlas.pdf](http://www.who.int/mental_health/resources/Child_ado_atlas.pdf)