



REGISTRATION & POSTERS

Ravenscar Research Conference 9-12 March 2008

With statutory registration looming for all psychological therapies, research, evaluation and the “evidence base” are politically crucial as never before and impinge even on those in private practice more than ever before. For many, these have always been passions or interests but for many, including trainers and trainees, these have been outside the main focus and comfort zone of training. Another development has been the increasing focus of NHS R&D and its governance on large, grant funded work. This puts a new emphasis on the need for empirical work that does is not formal, big “R” research.

The conference aims to:

- foster empirical work, R and non-R in the therapies
- bring together a community of people doing such work from all settings
- enable attenders to do work useful to them, whether:
 - genuinely exempt from NHS research ethics assessment
 - or “true research” that must go through more hurdles
- give everyone an opportunity to discuss “the evidence base”

If you are a trainer involved in research in your training, this conference is for you.

The conference will be based on parallel workshops exploring evaluation and “true research” but *all* attendees are very warmly encouraged to submit either posters or short presentations (powerpoint, OpenOffice or PDF) about their training, empirical work or “true research”. Work in progress is particularly encouraged. Closing date for these: 1st March 2008.

Conference designed to cover research aspects of training and CPD requirements of, and with input from members of, (in alphabetical order!): AFT, ATC, BABCP, BACP, BPC, BPS, Royal College of Psychiatrists, UKCP. Certificates of attendance will be available for CPD purposes.

Speakers include: Mick Cooper, Chris Evans, Chris Mace, Susan McPherson, Thomas Schröder, Linda Treliving, Fiona Warren, Sue Wheeler

The conference will start on the Sunday night with a warm commemoration of the memory of key members of SPR UK who died in the last year: Jane Knowles, Brian Lake and Phil Richardson in the expansive and generous spirit they each brought to SPR, to therapy and therapy research. We hope to have further commemoration later in 2008 whether in the next “Savoy” conference or a purely SPR event.

Application form for SPR UK conference 9-12th March 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

SPR member: Y/N (please delete as appropriate, membership is available through <http://www.psychotherapyresearch.org/registernewmembers.cfm>)

Cheque attached for:

_____ £360 (SPR member)
_____ £400 (non-members)

Conference cost covers full accommodation and meals. We are currently unable to accept payment invoices as too many employers have defaulted in the past or credit cards. A receipt for payments can be returned if confirmation of payment is needed for employers.

I am submitting a (please tick against which apply):

_____ poster
_____ short "Powerpoint" presentation
_____ neither

(if you are), this is:

_____ Information about research in our training
_____ Empirical work that hasn't had to go through NHS REC
_____ Empirical work that did go through NHS REC

If submitting (please do!), tell Chris Evans the proposed title for this or, ideally, your draft piece at chris@psyctc.org, cc. chris.evans@nottshc.nhs.uk. All submissions, and recordings of plenary sessions and didactic aspects of workshops will be mounted in the members' only area of the SPR UK web site after the conference.

Please send payment (cheques only) to:

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