

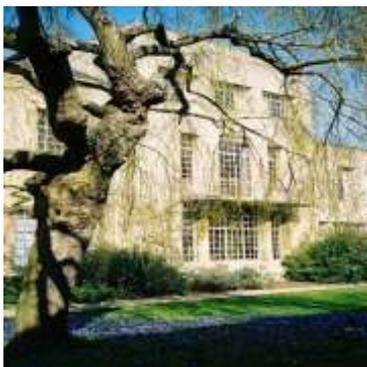


NEWSLETTER MARCH 2012

SRIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE, ST ANNE'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD 12th -13th SEPTEMBER 2012

We are very pleased to announce this year's SRIP conference will be held at St Anne's college, Oxford. Since 1980, every year SRIP has organized an international scientific meeting to exchange research findings, develop research interests and networks and to engage with clinical partners.

The society awards bursaries to enable academic students and NHS staff to attend the conference and prizes to junior and esteemed researchers (clinical and academic) in recognition of their work in psychology, healthcare, midwifery, nursing, obstetrics & gynaecology, paediatrics, psychiatry, social work, sociology, anthropology and epidemiology.



Apart from the usual academic and social reasons for visiting a SRIP conference, here are some others:

- Good location, 5 minute walk to Oxford City Centre, going past the Ashmolean Museum and walking up St Giles.

- Great food and facilities, as we found with a previous SRIP conference
- A great place for the arts, culture, science, shopping and relaxation
- Easy access by bus, rail and air from London, Birmingham, Stanstead, Heathrow and Gatwick.



Please visit the conference website (www.srip2010.org) for more details of the conference location, social events and submission information.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for symposia, papers and posters on the psychological, behavioural, medical and social aspects of all areas of reproduction, birth and infancy are welcomed from researchers, students or practitioners.

Presenting a paper or symposia:

Submission of a 250 word abstract and 500 word summary should be sent by post or email to **Dr Maggie Redshaw*** by no later than **the 11th May 2012**. Presentations should

not exceed 20 minutes, allowing time for discussion.

Presenting a poster:

Submission of a 250 word abstract and 500 word summary should be sent by post or email to **Dr Maggie Redshaw*** by the **11th May 2012**. Applicants will be expected to introduce themselves and their poster (for up to three minutes) and be available to discuss their poster with delegates. A wine reception will also be served during this time.

Conference organiser:

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CONFERENCE BURSARIES

The Society offers two different types of bursary: for **Students** AND **NHS staff** to attend the conference each year. The bursary will cover Conference Fees and contribute towards travel and accommodation. Anyone who is currently undertaking an undergraduate degree, masters by research, PhD or a professional doctorate is eligible to apply.

Applications for a bursary will be considered on an individual basis by the committee. Preference will be given to those presenting a paper or poster and to those who have no, or limited funds available to support conference attendance.

Please visit the SRIP website for further details of the application process (www.srip.ac.uk/funding/). For enquiries about bursaries and to apply for a bursary, contact Anita Hughes** justifying your application and detailing the financial support that you require by the **28th June 2012**.

“I was very grateful to be awarded the travel bursary as it allowed me to present my work at an international conference in Belgium which would have not been possible otherwise.”

James Newham, PhD Student

SRIP PRIZES 2012

If you have a student or colleague working on an excellent dissertation, why not encourage them to enter? **Each year the society awards two prizes:**

Annual Student Prize

This is for a research thesis submitted as part of an undergraduate degree (B.A. / B.Sc.), masters by research (M.A. / M.Sc.), or equivalent level professional training (e.g., MBBS). The subject of the thesis may be any aspect of reproduction, birth or infancy. **The prize includes £150, an expenses paid trip to the SRIP annual conference (see Terms and Conditions on the website) and a years' membership of the Society.** The winning entrant will be given the opportunity to give a presentation of the research at the Annual Conference and all entries will be automatically considered for submission as a poster presentation at the conference.

Annual Graduate Student Prize

The Society also has a prize for a research thesis submitted as a full or partial requirement for a post graduate degree, including M.Phil., D.Clin.Psy. and Ph.D and other similar awards. The subject of the thesis may be any aspect of reproduction, birth or infancy. **The prize is £250, a year's membership of SRIP and an expenses paid trip to the SRIP annual conference (see Terms and Conditions on the website)** The winning entrant will be given the opportunity to give a presentation of the research at the Annual Conference and all entries will be automatically considered for submission as a poster presentation at the conference.

The submissions for prizes should be made to Anita Hughes* either via email or by post **by Friday 28 June 2012**. Please go to the SRIP website (<http://www.srip.ac.uk/funding/>) for further details of the application process:

SRIP Secretary:

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REPORT ON THE 31st ANNUAL SRIP CONFERENCE

The 2011 conference was held on 14th-15th September in Nottingham at the University of Nottingham's University Park campus. The theme of the conference was: Reproduction and Parenting Challenges in the 21st Century.

For those who were arriving early, there was an enjoyable social event on the evening of the 13th where nineteen delegates had dinner and a tour of the cellars of "Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem", the oldest inn in England.

Over the two day conference there were 26 oral presentations and 26 poster presentations on display. In addition a workshop was held on applying for the Society's Development Grants. The two invited conference speakers were:

Professor John Cox who presented the SRIP Lecture entitled '*The Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale: past history, present performance and the search for new paradigms*'. John has been awarded the Marcé Medal in recognition of his distinguished contribution to the field of perinatal psychiatry and he served as President of the Marcé Society.

Professor Cris Glazebrook who presented the keynote lecture entitled '*Quality Time – the why, when and how of behavioral interventions with parents of premature infants*'. Cris is currently the Head of the Division of Psychiatry at the University of Nottingham and is Professor of Health Psychology.

Congratulations to **Georgette Spiteri**, from the University of Malta, who was awarded the Annual Student Prize for her study '*Going back to work after childbirth: Women's lived experience*'. In addition, congratulations to **Louise Lee** from the University of Oxford, who was awarded the Postgraduate Prize for her study '*Women's thoughts and feelings about future*'. We look forward to hearing more from these upcoming researchers at future conferences.

Well done to **Shiyali Paranirupasingan** who won 1st prize in the poster competition with her poster '*People Over 50: Sexual Attitudes, Knowledge and Quality of Life*' and **Hannah Harvey** who was the runner up with the poster '*Does Mummy know best? Maternal estimates of infant pain following routine vaccination at 2-months old.*'

The SRIP was also successful in offering travel bursaries to students from across the UK and as far away as Spain.



The overall feedback from the conference was very positive. Below are some of the comments from delegates:

"We were talking about the conference with our colleagues and how fruitful it was for us. We are already looking forward to next year"

"Conference generally was very enjoyable and a good mix of presentations and disciplines"

"Not only a very enjoyable and friendly conference, but also an incredibly informative and educational couple of days."



DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT GRANT?

SRIP continues to invite applications for grants to support single occasion research development workshops in any area of interest to the Society (see the "About us" section on our website www.srip.ac.uk). The Society will provide up to £1500 to help cover travel and accommodation for participants and other small incidental costs. Applications can be made at any time. At least one of the organisers must be a member of SRIP. If you have an idea for a research development workshop then further details about the grant criteria and how to apply can be found under 'Developmental Grant Guidelines' on the funding page of the SRIP website (<http://www.srip.ac.uk/funding/>).

Previous successfully workshops have included:

'Beyond ESMEE (The European Survey of Maternity Expectations & Experiences)'
21-22 January 2010; University of Ghent, Belgium.

Early in 2010 SRIP part-funded a workshop organized by Wendy Christiaens, Department of Sociology, University of Ghent and Josephine Green, University of York, UK. Its purpose was to further develop a major funding application first submitted to the European Collaborative Research Partnership in March 2009. The objective of the workshop was to i) further current understanding of psychosocial processes initiated by the transition to parenthood and ii) to contribute to the evidence base for European health and social policies concerning pregnancy, childbearing and parenting in the first postnatal year. Having considered the focus and theoretical underpinnings of the original ESMEE project, a refined funding application was submitted.

'Understanding Regional Variation in Antenatal Screening Uptake'
22nd March 2010; University of Leeds

This workshop, organised by Janet Hirst, aimed to explore perspectives of clinical midwives regarding regional variation in

prenatal screening uptake for Down's syndrome. Sixteen midwives from a purposive sample of ten local NHS Trusts attended the event with the intention of identifying early-stage research questions related to in screening uptake and practice. New working relationships were forged and existing networks were strengthened. It is anticipated that these emerging relationships will facilitate future research collaborations across the Yorkshire and Humber regions.

SRIP COMMITTEE NEWS

SRIP extends a warm welcome to Franziska Wadephul, Cathy Ashwin and Fiona Alderdice.

Franziska is currently studying for her PhD at the University of Hull on the psychological impact of 3D and 4D ultrasound scans. ***Cathy*** is a lecturer at the University of Nottingham, in the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Physiotherapy and is undertaking a PhD on postpartum relapse in smoking. Finally, ***Fiona*** is Senior Lecturer in Health Sciences at Queens University Belfast and Director of their School of Nursing and Midwifery.

SRIP sadly bids a fond farewell to ***Geraldine*** Scott-Heyes (Scotty) who has been associated with the Society since its inception and was instrumental in the development of SRIP and its aims. Scotty has made a very significant contribution to the committee in many different ways and though we are very sorry to see her go, the committee are very thankful for the valuable work she has done for the Society over the years

We also bid farewell to ***Penny Bee*** who has been on the committee since 2003 and has been responsible for producing the annual newsletter. We wish her well and thank her for her contribution to the society

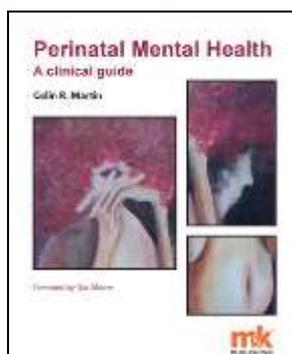
We would also like to congratulate ***Jane Iles*** on the birth of her baby boy, Alex!

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF SRIP?

If you would like to join SRIP, or if you are existing member whose contact details have changed, please email the SRIP membership administrator Gillian Weir (gillian.weir@nuth.nhs.uk). Please note that we can no longer accept payments by American Express Cards.

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

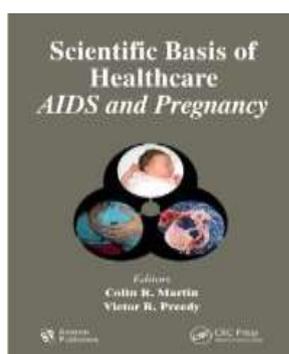
Several members of the Society have recently been involved in some publications which we hope may be of interest.



Perinatal Mental health: A Clinical Guide

Colin Martin

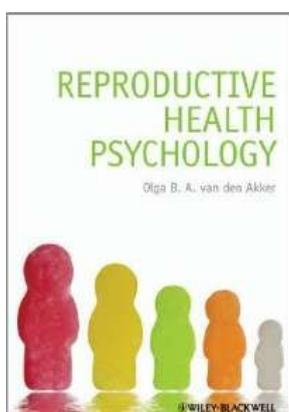
This book is arranged in themed parts that covers key aspects of perinatal mental health including facilitating access to effective clinical management during the antenatal and postnatal period, the role of partners, the social dimension, assessment, psychological interventions, and the broad spectrum of child health, child care and child development. It is hoped that this book will not only provide a handy and evidence-based book for the busy health professional, but will also promote interest and understanding of the complex area that represents perinatal mental health to a wider audience.



Scientific Basis of Healthcare: AIDS and Pregnancy

Colin Martin and Viktor Preedy

This volume on AIDS & Pregnancy covers prenatal assistance, antenatal care and screening, treatment for low lymphocyte count, antiretroviral regimes for prevention of transmission to child, adverse effects of antiretroviral therapy in pregnancy, awareness of HIV on pregnancy, occupational hazards and so on. The series is designed for student nurses, practicing healthcare workers, qualified nurses and healthcare practitioners, post graduates, special project students, teachers, lecturers and professors of nursing and healthcare. It is also suitable for college, university or nursing school libraries as a reference guide.



Reproductive Health Psychology

Olga van den Akker

This volume provides a comprehensive, up-to-date theoretical and empirical background to the psychology of reproductive health.

- Provides a life span perspective of the psychology of reproductive health and its disorders, from menarche to menopause and reproductive health in older age
- Focuses on issues of the individual's reproductive health experience, including reproduction, pregnancy, maternity, and birth, as well as conditions such as PMDD, dysmenorrhea, and events including pregnancy failure, and abortion
- Acknowledges the wider social context with discussions of poverty, inequality, educational and economic status, age, and urban versus rural access.

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