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## forthcoming events

### Conflict Culture and Mental Health

is the title of a ground-breaking and unique international conference to be held at the Institute of Psychiatry, London on Monday and Tuesday 11–12 July 2005. Supported by the Institute of Psychiatry and co-sponsored by the London Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, WHO and WPA (World Psychiatric Association), the event comprises a range of internationally eminent speakers. Key conference themes include: building peace, caring for the victims of conflict/disaster, working towards peace in the Middle East, the contribution of psychotherapy to peace, faith and fundamentalism, building peace in Africa and transcultural issues in the Middle East.

This important conference will appeal to all psychiatrists who are interested in mental health policy, social psychiatry, dynamic psychotherapy, conflict resolution, conflict and disaster management. For further information, conference details and registration forms, please

consult the Andrew Sims Centre website: <http://www.leedsmentalhealth.nhs.uk/andrew-sims/> (see future events).

The Royal College of Psychiatrists Trans-cultural Special Interest Group would like to announce the following conference:

### Global to local: the psychopathology and management of conflict and disaster.

The event will take place in the council room at The Royal College of Psychiatrists, London on Tuesday 25 October 2005 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: £50 working, £25 retired. Please contact Dr Kwame McKenzie for an application form ([k.mckenzie@medsch.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:k.mckenzie@medsch.ucl.ac.uk)).

**The 6th International Neuro-Psychoanalysis Congress** (Neuro-Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Dreams and Psychosis) will be held on 24–27 July 2005 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Early investigators of dreams thought that they could serve as a model for mental illness.

At this congress, leading neuroscientists and psychoanalysts will consider this suggestion in the light of modern brain research. As in previous years there will be an optimal educational day preceding the congress to provide background knowledge on the topics of the congress: Introduction to sleep physiology by Mark Solms; Overview of empirical dream research by Howard Shevrin; Overview of psychiatric aspects of psychosis by Yoram Yovell; Introduction to the neuro-chemistry and pharmacology of psychosis by Lev Gertsik. For further details please contact Paula Barkay, Neuro-Psychoanalysis Centre, 21 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SD (fax: +44 20 7443 9435; e-mail: [Paula.Barkay@neuro-psa.org](mailto:Paula.Barkay@neuro-psa.org)). Discounts are available for those also attending the IPA Congress (see <http://www.neuro-psa.org>). There will be simultaneous translation in Portuguese and English.