



THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY

MAY 2006 VOL. 188

<http://bjp.rcpsych.org>

EDITOR Peter Tyrer

DEPUTY EDITOR

Tom Fahy

ASSOCIATE EDITORS

Dinesh Bhugra

Sarah Byford

Patricia Casey

Nick Craddock

(Editorials Editor)

Mike Crawford

(Editorials Editor)

Anne Farmer

Elena Garralda

Paul Grasby

Khalida Ismail

Julian Leff

Robin McCreadie

Philip McGuire

Max Marshall

(Reviews Editor)

Femi Oyebode

(Book Reviews Editor)

Rosalind Ramsay

(Book Reviews Editor)

Jan Scott

Sukhwinder Shergill

Simon Wessely

EDITORIAL ADVISERS

Howard Croft

Louise Howard

Tony Johnson

Martin Knapp

Paul Lelliott

Herschel Prins

Henry Rollin

Martin Roth

**INTERNATIONAL
EDITORIAL BOARD**

Louis Appleby (UK)

Allan Beveridge (UK)

(Psychiatry in Pictures Editor)

Alistair Burns (UK)

Tom Burns (UK)

Mary Cannon (Ireland)

Andrew Cheng
(Taiwan)

John Cookson (UK)

Tim Crow (UK)

Sidney Crown (UK)
(Book Reviews Editor)

Kimberlie Dean (UK)

John Eagles (UK)

Nicol Ferrier (UK)

Svein Friis (Norway)

Sheila Hollins (UK)

Frank Holloway (UK)

Jeremy Holmes (UK)

Matthew Hotopf (UK)

Robert Howard (UK)

Assen Jablensky
(Australia)

Kenneth Kendler (USA)

Robert Kerwin (UK)

Michael King (UK)

Stephen Lawrie (UK)

Alan Lee (UK)

Glyn Lewis (UK)

Shôn Lewis (UK)

John Livesley

(Canada)

Ian McKeith (UK)

Kwame McKenzie (UK)

Anthony Maden (UK)

Andrej Marušič

(Slovenia)

Roger Mulder

(New Zealand)

Paul Mullen

(Australia)

Frank Njenga (Kenya)

David Owens (UK)

Vikram Patel (India)

Michael Phillips

(China)

Steven Reid (UK)

Ken Silk (USA)

Paul Soloff (USA)

Dan Stein
(South Africa)

Nori Takei (Japan)

Michele Tansella (Italy)

Cornelia Thiels

(Germany)

J. L. Vázquez-Barquero
(Spain)

Elizabeth Walsh (UK)

Kiriakos Xenitidis (UK)

(Correspondence Editor)

TRAINEE EDITORS

Colin Campbell

(Correspondence Editor)

Santosh Mudholkar

STATISTICAL ADVISERS

Stephen Roberts

Pak Sham

STAFF

HEAD OF PUBLICATIONS

Dave Jago

SCIENTIFIC EDITOR

Andrew Morris

ASSISTANT SCIENTIFIC EDITORS

Anne-Louise Clayton

Lynnette Maddock

Amanda May

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Kathleen Keaney

SALES & MARKETING MANAGER

Clair Grant-Salmon

MARKETING OFFICER

Carrie Davis

PAST EDITORS

Eliot Slater 1961–72

Edward H. Hare 1973–77

John L. Crammer 1978–83

Hugh L. Freeman 1984–93

Greg Wilkinson 1994–2003

Subscriptions

Non-members of the College should contact the Publications Subscription Department, Maney Publishing, Hudson Road, Leeds LS9 7DL, UK (tel. 0113 249 7481; fax. 0113 248 6983; e-mail: subscriptions@maney.co.uk). For subscriptions in North America please contact: Maney Publishing North America, 875 Massachusetts Avenue, 7th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02139, USA (tel. 866 297 5154 (toll free); fax. 617 354 6875; e-mail: maney@maneyusa.com). Annual subscription rates for 2006 (12 issues post free) are as follows:

	INSTITUTIONS	INDIVIDUALS
Europe (& UK)	£260	£215
US	\$486	\$380
Elsewhere	£304	£237

Full airmail is £38/
US\$66 extra.

Single copies of the
Journal are £26, \$45
(post free).

**Subscription to the printed Journal includes
unlimited free access to the online Journal.**

Online-only subscription rates: individuals £144 (US\$229); institutions £220 (US\$353).

British Psychiatry Online (3-journal package):

full access to the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, *Psychiatric Bulletin* and *Advances in Psychiatric Treatment*, online-only subscription rates: individuals £250 (US\$438); institutions £300 (US\$525). View the journals at <http://www.rcpsych.org>

Queries from College members about missing or faulty copies should be addressed to the Membership Office, The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG, UK.

Payment should be made out to the British Journal of Psychiatry.

Back issues

Back issues may be purchased from Turpin Distribution (Customer Services), Pegasus Drive, Stratton Business Park, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire SG18 8TQ, UK (tel. 01767 604951; fax 01767 601640; e-mail: custserv@turpin-distribution.com).

Advertising

Correspondence and copy should be addressed to Stephen H. P. Mell, Advertising Manager, PTM Publishers Ltd, 282 High Street, Sutton, Surrey SM1 1PQ, UK (tel. 020 8642 0162; fax 020 8643 2275).

US Mailing Information

The *British Journal of Psychiatry* is published monthly by the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Subscription price is \$486. Second class postage paid at Rahway, NJ. Postmaster send address corrections to the British Journal of Psychiatry, c/o Mercury International, 365 Blair Road, Avenel, New Jersey 07001.

™The paper used in this publication meets the minimum requirements of the American National Standard for Information Sciences – Permanence of Paper for Printed Library Materials, ANSI Z39.48-1984.

Typeset by Dobbie Typesetting Ltd, Tavistock.

Printed in Great Britain by Henry Ling Limited, The Dorset Press, 23 High East Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1HD.

Founded by J. C. Bucknill in 1853 as the *Asylum Journal* and known as the *Journal of Mental Science* from 1858 to 1963.

©2006 The Royal College of Psychiatrists. Unless so stated, material in the *British Journal of Psychiatry* does not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor or the Royal College of Psychiatrists. The publishers are not responsible for any error of omission or fact.

Instructions to authors

Full instructions to authors are given at the end of the January and July issues, and at <http://bjp.rcpsych.org/misc/ifa.html>. Copies are also available from the Journal Office.

Information about the College's publications is available at <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk>.

The *British Journal of Psychiatry* is published monthly by the Royal College of Psychiatrists (a registered charity, registration number 228636). The *BJP* publishes original work in all fields of psychiatry. Manuscripts for publication should be submitted online at <http://submit-bjp.rcpsych.org>.

All papers in this journal are peer-reviewed. No person is permitted to take any role in the peer-review of a paper in which they have an interest, defined as follows: fees or grants from, employment by, consultancy for, shared ownership in, or any close relationship with, an organisation whose interests, financial or otherwise, may be affected by the publication of the paper.