



Bye-Laws Section XII. The Other Honorary Officers

1. The Central Executive Committee shall, in accordance with the Regulations, make its nominations for the offices of Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, and Librarian¹ at the first meeting after the name of the President for the next ensuing College year has become known. Written nominations² for the above Honorary Offices, accompanied in each case by the nominee's written consent to stand for election, may also be lodged with the Registrar at such time as may be prescribed by the Regulations, provided that each such nomination is supported in writing by not less than twelve Members of the College who are not members of the Central Executive Committee.

2. The Dean, Registrar, Treasurer, and Librarian¹ shall be elected by the Members of the College, in each case in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Regulations.

Regulations XII. Election of the Other Honorary Officers

1. The method of electing the Dean, Librarian,¹ Registrar, and Treasurer shall be the same as that for electing the President, save that nominations from Members of the College who are not members of the Central Executive Committee shall be lodged with the Registrar between the first day of June in any calendar year and the date which is four clear weeks after that meeting of the Central Executive Committee which is the first held after the name of the President for the next ensuing College year has become known. The Editor, the Deputy Registrars, the Associate Deans and the Vice-Presidents shall be appointed following advertisement and interview.

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Proposal for a special interest group in forensic psychotherapy

Procedure for establishing a special interest group:

1. Any member wishing to establish a special interest group shall write to the Registrar with relevant details.
2. The Registrar shall forward the application to the Central Executive Committee.
3. If the Central Executive Committee approves the principle of establishing such a special interest group then it will direct the Registrar to place a notice in

the *Bulletin*, or its equivalent, asking members of the College to write in support of such a group and expressing willingness to participate in its activities.

4. If at least 120 members reply to this notice within 4 months of publication, then the Central Executive Committee shall formally approve the establishment of the special interest group.

In accordance with this procedure, the Central Executive Committee has approved a proposal for the establishment of a special interest group in forensic psychotherapy.

Background to the proposal

Mentally disordered offenders are a group for whom therapeutic treatment often involves a complex approach, drawing on many areas of psychiatry. Psychotherapeutic treatment has to work at the interface of the criminal justice system and often takes place within secure settings. Most patients have complex problems often involving comorbid disorders such as mental illness, personality disorder and addictive disorders, as well as their violent and offending behaviour. Managing these patients can take its toll on staff and institutions. Applying psychotherapy to the treatment and management of this group is a developing field. For these reasons there is a recognised need to support forensic psychotherapy as a specific sub-speciality both of forensic psychiatry and medical psychotherapy.

Given planned changes according to Modernising Medical Careers, which will have a significant effect on dual CCT training, the National Strategy in Forensic Psychotherapy has been working with the College to ensure that the sub-speciality of forensic psychotherapy maintains and develops its presence. Although forensic psychotherapy is often described as a dual-interest speciality between the disciplines of forensic psychiatry and psychotherapy it also extends to other branches of psychiatry such as general psychiatry, addiction psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry and learning disability.

If we were able to form a special interest group in forensic psychotherapy we would aim to:

- share knowledge and work in the field to help develop the speciality
- bring together psychiatrists from allied specialties with an interest in the field
- contribute towards training and continuing professional development for psychiatrists
- support the discipline during changes in training and the implementation of

Modernising Medical Careers, and ensure that the field remains visible and supports interest across a wide College membership

- help support educational and training initiatives for psychiatrists working with particular patient groups, for example, people with personality disorder, learning disability and addictive disorders
- act in an advisory role and resource, if appropriate, for other College Faculties.

We would hope to establish an ongoing forum for psychiatrists, via regular meetings and events, to develop professional networking, research and educational opportunities in this field. We hope very much that you will be able to support this proposal.

Members are invited to write in support of this group and express willingness to participate in its activities. Interested members should write to the Registrar care of Miss Sue Duncan at the College. If 120 members reply to this notice within 4 months of publication, then the Central Executive Committee shall formally approve the establishment of this special interest group.

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Honorary Fellowships

Nominations for the College's Honorary Fellowship will be discussed at the October meeting of the Education Training and Standards Committee.

The regulations of the College state under Bye-Law Section V that 'Subject to the Regulations the College may elect as an Honorary Fellow any person, whether or not that person is a member of the medical profession, who either is eminent in psychiatry or in allied or connected sciences or disciplines or has rendered distinguished service to humanity in relation to the study, prevention or treatment of mental illness or to subjects allied thereto or connected therewith or has rendered notable service to the College or to the Association.'

Nomination forms are available from Miss K. Hillman, Department of Postgraduate Educational Services (email: khillman@rcpsych.ac.uk), to whom nominations for Honorary Fellowship should be sent by 30 June 2007. Such nominations must contain recommendations by no fewer than six Members of the College, and include full supporting documentation.

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1. The Central Executive Committee agreed in October 2006 that there should no longer be an Honorary Librarian; the Bye-Laws and Regulations are currently being amended to reflect this.
2. Nomination forms may be obtained from Candace Gillies-Wright, email: cgillies-wright@rcpsych.ac.uk.