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Post-Natal Depression Essay Competition

You are invited to submit, in open competition, an essay on Post-Natal Depression and the influence of the cultural context and cultural practices on evolving knowledge. The essay should give an incisive and synoptic synthesis of the world literature, focussing on improving knowledge about the ethno-aetiology of Post-Natal Depression and its implications for practice. The prize is open for all people from any organisation and professional discipline that has engaged with issues of Post-Natal Depression and culture. Three prizes will be awarded by a panel of experts. Entries must be no more than 5000 words, and must be referenced using the Harvard reference style, and submitted by email to pdessay@careif.org by 1st December 2011.

Consensus Document on European Brain Research

The European Journal of Neuroscience is publishing the 2011 version of the Consensus Document on European Brain Research (EJN, Vol. 33, pp. 768–818, 2011). The Consensus document, prepared by European Brain Council in collaboration with more than 200 European scientists and patients organizations, contains both proposals for future research programmes and describes the needs and achievements of research in Europe. The document highlights the need for strong basic research in neuroscience and the development of a strong European platform for brain research which is needed to address brain diseases, representing nowadays a societal emergency in European countries. The link to the PDF of the article is <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1460-9568.2010.07596.x/pdf>

EU law and health systems book now free to download

This book on the role of EU law and policy in health system governance is now free to download. It offers a state of the art of academic discussion on a number of current and emerging governance issues in EU healthcare policy, including regulatory, legal, ‘new governance’ and policy-making dynamics. The study looks into different areas of EU policy and law-making which have an impact on national healthcare systems. The full text is available for download at <http://www.euro.who.int/en/home/projects/observatory/publications/studies/health-systems-governance-in-europe-the-role-of-eu-law-and-policy>

Public Consultation on the pilot European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy ageing

The Active and Healthy Ageing consultation report is now available on line. You will find it at http://ec.europa.eu/health/ageing/consultations/ageing_cons_01_en.htm.

News from the USA - National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention

On September 10th, 2010 the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention was launched by the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius, and the Defence Secretary, Robert Gates. The National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP) called for establishing a public-private partnership to help guide the implementation of the goals and objectives in the NSSP. The Action Alliance is that partnership. To get the latest news and information about the Alliance visit <http://actionallianceforsuicideprevention.org/>

EU Health Prize for Journalists 2011

The EU Health Prize for Journalists 2011 has been launched and will be open for submission of articles until 24/07/2011. This year there will be a special prize on "smoking cessation" next to the prizes for the top three articles on the other topics. For more details visit http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/journalist_prize/2011/

French Week of Mental Health Information (WMHI 2011)

More than 400 events were organised for WMHI 2011 which was held from 14th to the 20th March in France. This WMHI 2011 was entitled ‘Mental Health: how to care for all?’ and was a great success. The number of participants was higher than ever before. The members of UNAFAM (EUFAMI’s French member association – www.unafam.org) across France were active participants in the week. Elected officials also joined this movement by organising meetings for a better understanding of questions and answers to bring in the city. The theme of the WMHI 2012 is already selected by the organising committee, in which UNAFAM is represented. It will be ‘Culture, society and mental health.’ and is scheduled to run from the 12th to the 18th March 2012.

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