



LETTER OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN

**THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND  
COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS  
AND  
SPANISH SOCIETY OF PSYCHIATRY  
(SOCIEDAD ESPAÑOLA DE PSIQUIATRÍA)**

**Introduction**

This letter outlines the terms of agreement between The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) and the Spanish Society of Psychiatry (SEP) ('the Parties').

This letter of agreement has been developed to formalise the principles of a valued and constructive relationship between the Parties and establishes arrangements for effective and efficient communication.

**Scope**

Both Parties have a number of common interests, especially to promote training and research in all areas of psychiatry to result in better care for patients with mental illness.

While the RANZCP and the SEP acknowledge that this agreement is not intended to set out contractual or financial terms, it is expected to result in:

- the sharing of relevant information on a confidential basis between the Parties with the aim of identifying needs and capabilities of both Parties;
- the establishment of a working relationship between the Parties which is targeted to the Parties' specific needs;
- the establishment of common goals which are of interest to both Parties and determining the details of such goals and any outcomes.

**General Principles**

To act in close co-operation and consult with each other, not less than once a year on matters of common interest, based on prioritised issues, programs and other activities.

This may include:

- the exchange of information between both Parties in areas of training and education with appropriate acknowledgement of ownership



- collaboration between the Parties on areas of mutual interest
- the exchange of publications (bulletins, journals, books) between both parties, with special emphasis being placed on the establishment of a direct relationship between their websites, with appropriate acknowledgement of ownership
- studying ways of working together that will lead to greater participation for both bodies in other psychiatric organisations
- the establishment of measures with respect to support and exchange that may assist the Parties in fulfilling their strategic objectives with more ease
- the identification of new areas of collaboration.

This agreement shall come into effect upon its signature by both parties and shall remain in effect until revoked by the Parties. Either Party may terminate or alter the scope of this Agreement by providing adequate notice of at least 30 days, of their intentions.

After an initial three (3) years the Parties shall review the Agreement with a view to its continuation, amendment or termination.

On March 21, 2015

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