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Invitation to submit applications/nominations for the 2013 Helmut Remschmidt Research Seminar (HRRS)

'Developing sustainable research in Child and Adolescent Mental Health in Africa'

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Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to submit applications/nominations for young child and adolescent mental health workers to attend the 2013 Helmut Remschmidt Research Seminar which will be held from 8-13 December 2013 in Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Background

The Helmut Remschmidt Research Seminar (HRRS) Series is a prestigious international seminar series organized under the auspices of the IACAPAP (International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions). The format is a 5-day residential research training workshop for about 20 young/emerging child and adolescent mental health researchers, that takes place in the country that will host the next IACAPAP Congress. The seminar combines teaching/discussion and mentored work on research projects. Topics include research design, presentation skills, review etc. The main purpose of the seminars is to inspire young and emerging researchers to do research in child and adolescent mental health. The product of the research workshops is submission of an abstract for the next IACAPAP conference.

The 2013 Helmut Remschmidt Research Seminar (HRRS)

The 2014 IACAPAP Congress will be held in Durban, the first ever IACAPAP meeting in Africa. The Congress Chair (Prof Brian Robertson, University of Cape Town) and the HRRS Chair (Prof Petrus de Vries, UCT) decided that the focus of the 2013 Helmut Remschmidt Research Seminar should be on emerging African researchers with a theme of 'Developing sustainable research in Child and Adolescent Mental Health in Africa'.

Dates and location of the Seminar

The seminar will be held from 8-13 December 2013 in Stellenbosch, South Africa. Stellenbosch is approximately 30 km from Cape Town.

Sponsorship

We are delighted that the University of Cape Town (UCT) will be sponsoring the accommodation and subsistence of participants, and staff from the UCT Research Office will act as mentors and trainers over the course of the week. In addition to South African Mentors, there will also be a panel of international experts, including Prof Remschmidt from Germany.



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We hope to raise travel funds for participants whose institutions are not able to fund them.

Who is eligible to apply/be nominated?

The HRRS aims to support young and emerging child and adolescent psychiatrists, psychologists and other mental health professionals. For the 2013 Seminar, we will consider candidates who are either currently in training at an African institution or who have recently completed training at an African institution. African applicants in senior clinical posts, with extensive research experience will not be considered. Candidates from outside Africa will only be considered with a clear motivation indicating intention and/or evidence of working in Africa.

Application/Nomination Process

Candidates and Universities, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Organisations and Clinical Units in Africa are invited to apply/nominate candidates for participation.

Please submit the following:

- a) a motivation letter by the candidate explaining why they would be a good candidate to attend the seminar
- b) an outline of past and current research activities, including publications, presentations at conferences etc. of the candidate
- c) copy of CV of candidate
- d) letter of support from the candidate's University, Department or Clinical Unit. The letter should also indicate whether financial support for travel of the candidate is available.

A panel of reviewers will select candidates from all applications received. The selection panel will aim to include candidates from a range of African countries across child & adolescent mental health disciplines.

Deadline for applications

All nominations/applications need to be submitted electronically to the IACAPAP Congress Office (iacapap@easternsun.co.za) and should be received by **Wednesday, 31st July 2013**. No late or incomplete applications will be considered.

Successful candidates will be informed in August 2013. The IACAPAP Congress Office will support candidates with visa and travel arrangements for the HRRS.

If you have any queries about criteria for selection or would like to discuss potential nominations, please do not hesitate to contact me through the IACAPAP Office (iacapap@easternsun.co.za).

Yours sincerely



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