

# ***The British Sociological Association Medical Sociology Group 35th Annual Conference***

***26th - 28th September 2003 at the University of York***

The 35th Annual Conference of The British Sociological Association Medical Sociology Group will take place over three days at the University of York. The Conference offers a mixture of sessions for papers, posters and workshops.

The **plenary speakers** will be **Professor Raymond De Vries**, Center for Bioethics, University of Minnesota and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, St. Olaf College, Minnesota, who will speak on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 17:05** and **Professor Elianne Riska**, *Department of Sociology, Åbo Akademi University, Finland* who will speak on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 11.45**.

Jo Campling will be available for consultations with prospective and current authors on publishing books and papers. There will be a conference dinner, entertainment, newcomers' and publishers' receptions, publishers' exhibition and late bars.

## **Draft Provisional Programme**

### **Friday 26th September 2003**

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| 12.00 onwards | Registration for the conference                                                                                 |
| 14.00 - 17.00 | Paper Sessions (8 streams)                                                                                      |
| 17.05 - 18.00 | <b>Plenary: Professor Raymond De Vries</b><br><b><i>'Protecting our virtue(s): Medical sociology at 50'</i></b> |
| 18.15 - 19.00 | Talk for new authors by Jo Campling                                                                             |
| 18.30 - 20.00 | DINNER (Goodricke College Refectory)                                                                            |
| 20.00 - 21.00 | Publishers Welcome Reception [Newcomers/Postgraduate reception will start at 19.45]                             |

### **Saturday 27th September 2003**

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| 09.00 - 12.30 | Paper Sessions (8 streams)                      |
| 12.15 - 14.00 | LUNCH (Goodricke College Refectory)             |
| 14.00 - 17.30 | Paper Sessions (8 streams)                      |
| 16.00 - 17.00 | Poster Viewing (Exhibition Centre)              |
| 17.30 - 19.00 | AGM                                             |
| 19.30 - 21.30 | CONFERENCE DINNER (Goodricke College Refectory) |
| 21.30         | Evening Entertainment                           |

### **Sunday 28th September 2003**

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| 09.00 - 11.30     | Papers/workshops (8 streams)                                                                                                                 |
| 11.45 - 12.30     | <b>Closing Plenary: Professor Elianne Riska</b><br><b><i>'Bringing the "mind" back in?: The relationship between health and society'</i></b> |
| 12.30 - 14.00     | LUNCH (Goodricke College Refectory)                                                                                                          |
| END OF CONFERENCE |                                                                                                                                              |

## **Accommodation**

Accommodation is available in en-suite single study bedrooms in James College. There are a few double en-suite rooms available. The rate for a double room is available upon request and the double rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please indicate dietary requirements on the booking form.

## **Children**

The conference provides free crèche and baby-sitting services. The crèche will be open during the day, in Goodricke College, whilst sessions are in progress. Baby-sitting will be available in the evenings. Requests for either/both services should be made when booking conference places with the BSA by **31st July 2003**. For further information about childcare facilities please contact Nicola Gibson, The British Sociological Association, Unit 3F/G, Mountjoy Research Centre, Stockton Road, DURHAM, DH1 3UR, England. Tel: 0191 383 0839, Fax: 0191 383 0782, E-mail: Bsamedsoc@britsoc.org.uk

## **People with Disabilities**

University campuses are often *disability-unfriendly*. If you think that you may need any help at the conference, please contact Nicola Gibson, The British Sociological Association, Unit 3F/G, Mountjoy Research Centre, Stockton Road, DURHAM, DH1 3UR, England. Tel: 0191 383 0839, Fax: 0191 383 0782, E-mail: Bsamedsoc@britsoc.org.uk **by 31st July 2003**.

## **Subsidies**

There are three types of subsidy available to delegates: one for UK delegates with limited institutional support for conference costs, one for students and low-waged delegates without institutional support and one for non-UK students without institutional support who would not otherwise be able to attend the conference.

### **UK-based individuals whose conference expenses are not fully met by their institution**

This subsidy is limited to a refund of £50 per applicant and is available on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 12 applicants only.

How to claim: complete the booking form and enclose a cheque payable to "The British Sociological Association" for the appropriate amount ("ordinary rate") to the BSA (address below) **as** soon as possible, but no later than **31st July 2003**. Enclose a letter to support your claim for a £50 refund.

### **UK-based non-waged, low-waged or a student without institutional support**

This subsidy will offer reduced conference expenses and travel costs **within the UK only** (based on student or cheapest rail fare). **Please note all travel refunds will be made by cheque, in sterling, and will be posted to you after the conference.** Subsidies are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to the first **30 applicants**, so it is important to book early.

How to claim: complete the booking form and enclose a cheque payable to "The British Sociological Association" for the appropriate amount ("subsidy rate") to the BSA (address below) as soon as possible, **but no later than 31st July 2003**.

### **International Student Bursaries**

The group is offering four bursaries to enable international post-graduate students without institutional support to attend the conference.

The bursaries offer reduced conference expenses and travel costs (based on cheapest available transport) up to a maximum of £500.

**Please note all travel refunds will be made by cheque, in sterling, and will be posted to you after the conference.**

**Please note** no more than one student per department would be supported at each conference, and that there must be a one-year gap between successful and subsequent applications by departments. The award of a bursary is not conditional upon the applicant presenting a paper or poster at the conference.

**How to claim: all applicants must complete** an international bursary application form and state clearly the perceived benefits of attending the conference to their personal/academic development, their research and to their institution.

Submit the international bursary application form with a delegate booking form completed at the subsidy rate by **no later than Friday 23rd May 2003** to the BSA (address below).

**There will be no need for payment until the outcome of your application is decided.** Bursaries will be awarded on the basis of need and applicants will be informed of the committee's decision by **no later than 31st May 2003**. Late applications will not be considered.

### **Medical Sociology News and Sociology of Health and Illness**

Why not pay your 2004 subscriptions to Medical Sociology News and purchase a reduced subscription to the journal Sociology of Health and Illness, for 2004, when booking for the conference. Prices are on the booking form.

### **Booking for the conference**

Return your booking form to: **The British Sociological Association, FREEPOST NEA 599, Durham, DH1 3BR**

**30th June**                      **Last date for general registration at reduced rate**

**30th June**                      **Last date for registration by paper presenters**

**31st July**                      **Last date for late bookings**

### **How to pay**

Payments can be made by BACS, cheque or credit card and must be in £ sterling. Cheques should be made payable to "The British Sociological Association".

BACS payments should be payable to the National Westminster Bank plc, 12 Market Place, Durham, DH1 3NG; Sort Code 52-30-44; Account No: 23679832.

If you would like us to invoice your institution, please specify this on your booking form. It will be your responsibility to make sure that your payment is made in full before you arrive at the conference.

**PLACES CANNOT BE PROMISED ON ANY BOOKINGS RECEIVED AFTER 31st JULY**

**Further enquiries on conference registration to:**

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**Refunds**

Subject as provided below, refunds shall be made, less £10 cancellation fee, if notice is received by the BSA in writing at the above address before 31st July 2003. After 31st July 2003 refunds will not be payable for any fees related to meals and accommodation but may be payable for the registration fee only on production of a current doctors certificate and at the discretion of the BSA.

Refunds shall not be payable before or after 31st July 2003 for any total or partial failure of performance by the BSA of its duties and obligations under this Agreement occasioned by any act of God including but not limited to fire, flood, drought, tempest; act of government or state, war, civil commotion, insurrection, blockade, embargo, prevention from or hindrance in obtaining any raw materials, energy or other supplies, interruption of utility service, labour disputes of whatever nature including but not limited to strike, lock out or boycott; fuel shortage, disruption to transportation services or facilities, and any other reason beyond the control of the BSA.