

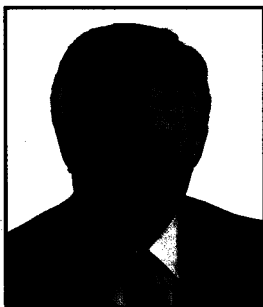


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- The conference will feature interactive multi-media events, satellite meetings, a full fringe programme and will utilise the very latest in public participation and analysis techniques.
- An extensive trade exhibition, illustrating the essential partnership between quality healthcare and the suppliers of goods and services is a key feature of the event.

To find out more simply complete and return the FREEPOST response coupon below or call our conference team on **0121 414 1536**. Details are also available on the NHS Confederation internet site, <http://www.nhsconfed.net> and the IHSM site <http://www.ihsm.co.uk>



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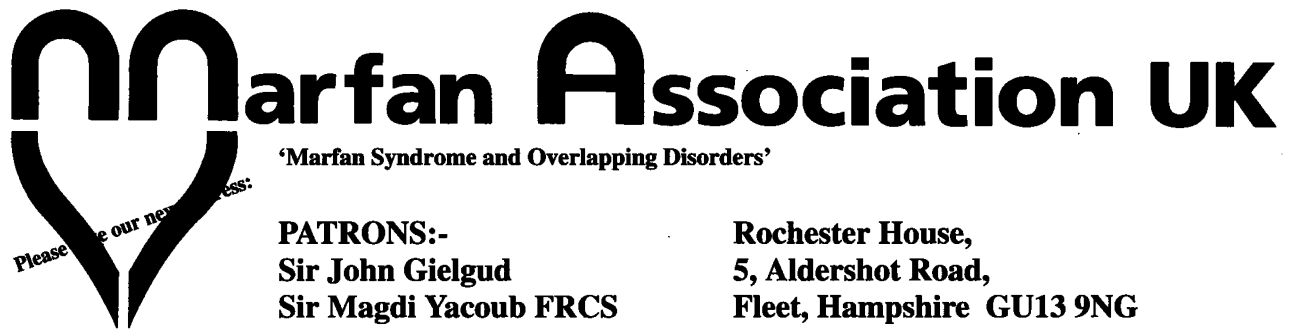
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If you would like further details or an application form please contact:

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RECRUITMENT



Royal College of General Practitioners Vacancy for a Medical Director

International Family Medicine Development Programme

Fixed-Term Three Year Contract for Services — Fee: £65,000 per annum pro rata
(Equivalent to Director of Postgraduate General Practice Education Scale Point 3)
Actual: £13,000 per annum for 48 days per annum (equivalent to £271 per day)

The International Committee is responsible for the International Family Medicine Development Programme (IDP) which is expanding its medical and staff resources to respond to the increasing demand for co-operation and collaboration in overseas family medicine development projects. Working with and responsible to the Chairman of the International Committee, a Medical Director is sought to direct, manage and develop IDP activities.

The Person - Essential Experience and Skills

You are a fully qualified and trained GP with a minimum of 5 years general practice experience who is currently active in general practice or retired for no more than 3 years. You have some experience of working or training in general practice/family medicine or general medicine in a developing country, and ideally experience of working in a developed country other than the UK. You have experience of teaching undergraduate, postgraduate education or CME, including teaching of the management of family medicine. Ideally you will have experience of medical project management but this is not essential.

You are a team worker and can work on your own initiative. You are interested in promoting the work of the College in international general practice/family medicine development issues, and have excellent communication, negotiation and diplomatic skills to do so. You may speak one or more foreign languages.

The Vacancy

The Medical Director will direct, manage and develop the College's International Development Programme and its individual component projects. S/he will lead strategic development of the Programme including funding and profile-raising. S/he will negotiate with other agencies for new projects and will work with the Chairman and others to ensure appropriate crossover with other international activities as well as manage the IDP budget.

A contract for services will be for a minimum of two sessions (one day a week) to be worked by agreement for three years (September 1998 - September 2001, renewable annually at the discretion of College Council). You will ideally have the ability to undertake other work relating to individual IDP projects on an intermittent but planned basis, for which additional contract hours will be paid together with all travel and subsistence costs.

Further Information

- For a copy of the job description, please contact Sarah Young or see our website (see below);
- On the International Family Medicine Development Programme, please see pages 678-679 of the *British Journal of General Practice*, October 1997;
- On the International Committee's activities, please check the College's website: <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/> and refer to the Annual Reports in the 1996 and 1997 Members' Reference Books.

Application Criteria

You must be a UK-based member or Fellow of the College in good standing as of 15 June 1998 who is able to start in post on 14 September 1998.

Application Process

Please send a CV of no more than 4 pages with a cover letter in which you respond to each of the criteria outlined in the section The Person - Essential Experience and Skills above, to: Sarah Young, by email: syoung@rcgp.org.uk, fax on 0171 589 3145 or post to the RCGP, 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7 1PU. Applications must be received by the College by no later than Thursday 25 June 1998. Interviews will be held in the morning of Wednesday 8 July. Travel and subsistence costs of attendance for interview will be met.

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Primary Care: Past, Present and Future

15-16 OCTOBER 1998

1998 sees the 50TH Anniversary of the NHS. As part of the celebrations the IHSM and AMGP are joining forces to hold a 2 day Conference and Exhibition for Managers in Primary Care on 15/16 October at the Malvern Theatres.

Full programme details and a booking form will be available from June 1998. If you wish to register your interest please contact Tracey Greenaway, IHSM, 7-10 Chandos Street, London W1M 9DE. Tel: 0171 460 7654. Fax: 0171 460 7655. *(Members of the IHSM and AMGP will automatically receive details in May.)*

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For further information please contact the:

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For further detail please contact:

Kate Christian
 Central Nottinghamshire Healthcare (NHS) Trust, Trust Headquarters
 Southwell Road West, Mansfield
 Notts NG18 4HH
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Kensington Town Hall, London, UK
 29th September - 1st October 1998

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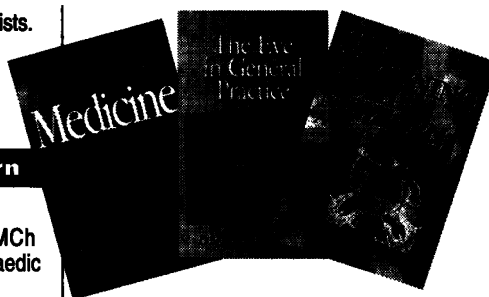
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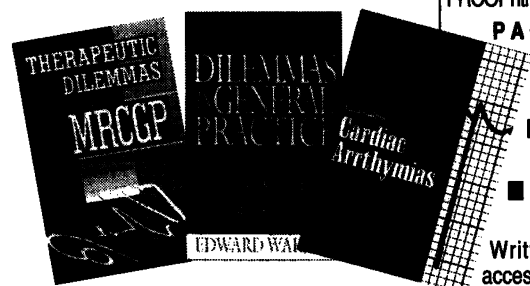
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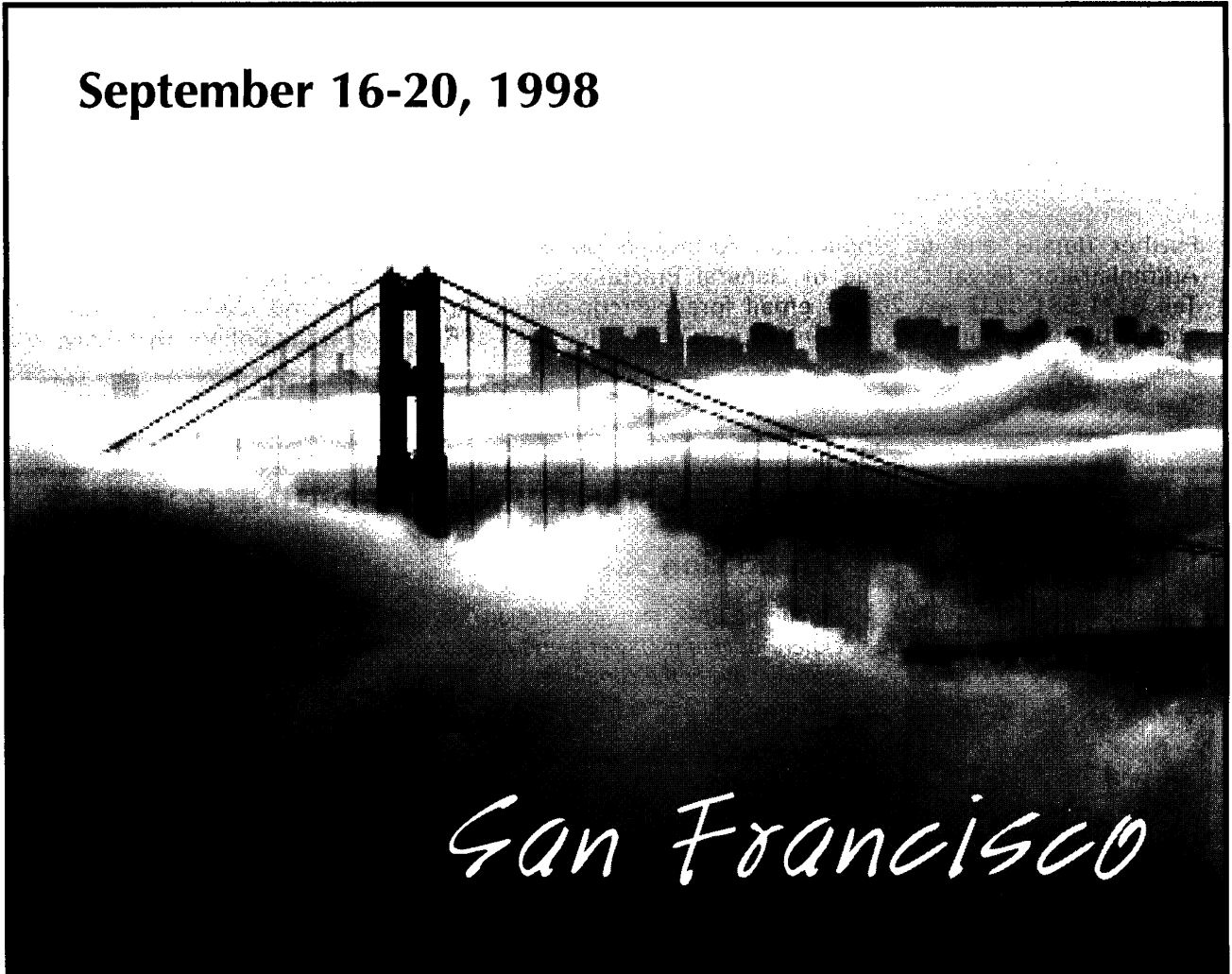
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