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CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOTHERAPY

We held a successful annual meeting of the Section and Board in Berlin in August 2004 alongside the meeting of the International Association of Child and Adolescent Psychology and Psychiatry. One of the important aspects of our meetings is keeping up to date with the developments of child and adolescent psychiatry in individual member countries. Dr Thomas von Salis has developed a valuable database in this respect.

Our main concern is the independence of the specialty because of its special scientific and service characteristics. Although it is recognised as a separate specialty from adult psychiatry in most European countries this is not yet universal. We believe it should be. Because we are a small specialty not everyone knows just what we do and we have published accounts of our practice in several newsletters and journals.

Close links with the Sections for (Adult) Psychiatry and Paediatrics are welcomed and continue with representatives from our Section attending important meetings of these two Sections.

We are grateful that our concerns about having a training entry into paediatric neurology from child and adolescent psychiatry could be discussed at the Management Council and that the suggestion of a joint working party can now be taken forward.

Professor Peter Hill