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South West Association for Paediatric Intensive Therapy

28th March 2007

Dear Colleague,

We would like to invite you to the Spring meeting of the 'South West Association for Paediatric Intensive Therapy (SWAPIT)' which will take place on Thursday 17th May 2007 in Gloucestershire, at the Gloucestershire Academy at Sandford Education Centre in Cheltenham. This is on Sandford Road at the back of Cheltenham General Hospital.

For directions see their website: www.gloucestershireacademy.nhs.uk/home/howto.htm

You probably already know that SWAPIT was established in 1999 as a forum for all those involved in the care of critically-ill children within the South West Region. As such, staff from medicine, nursing and AHPs, including those with backgrounds in paediatrics, intensive care, anaesthesia and emergency medicine contribute to make the association lively, informed and practically useful. The Association organises two meetings each year; a winter meeting in Bristol and a summer meeting held in one of the regional centres. The idea of the meetings is to provide an opportunity to meet and discuss clinical and strategic issues that affect the care we deliver to critically-ill children. Each meeting includes refreshments & lunch, at a subsidised cost of just £10 per member, with a fee for non-members of £20.

An agenda is enclosed; as you will see we have a varied programme covering interesting topics. The meeting has been approved by each of the Royal Colleges for CPD/CME credits.

In order that the association continues on a sound financial footing, annual membership fees are required to cover administrative costs, speakers' expenses and the organisation of meetings. In order to attract a wide membership, we strive to keep these fees as low as possible, and have set the fees at £10 a year for medical staff and £5 for non-medical personnel. Payment of the fee ensures early notification of future meetings, meeting minutes, and enables attendance at both Spring & Winter events at a reduced cost. Payment for the annual membership is made by standing order to the SWAPIT bank account. If you are not a member and would like to become one, please contact Adrienne Fitt-Williams for a standing order.

We need to have numbers confirmed for attendance at the SWAPIT Spring meeting by 19th April 2007, so would encourage you to reply as soon as possible. Please fill out the slip below and return it to Adrienne Fitt-Williams together with a cheque made payable to "SWAPIT".

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Marriage
SWAPIT Secretary

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Please return this form to: Adrienne Fitt-Williams, PA to PICU Consultants, Paediatric Intensive Care Unit,
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(*delete as applicable)

- I want to be a member of SWAPIT and enclose my application & standing order forms for Year Oct 2006 – Sept 2007 (£5 non-medical / £10 medical)*
- I will / will not* be attending the Winter SWAPIT Meeting and enclose my meeting fee (£10 members / £20 non-members)
- I have enclosed a cheque for the total amount of £ _____

Name:

Address:

Tel No:

Email:

Please make cheques made payable to 'SWAPIT'