



Dear Fellow

Following the postponement of the 8th January meeting the first meeting of the Society in 2024 will be held on Monday 22nd January 2024 when Dr Tim Nicolson MB BS BSc MSc PhD MRCP MRCPsych will speak on

**BACK TO THE FUTURE: LESSONS FROM HISTORY
IN UNDERSTANDING FUNCTIONAL SYMPTOMS**

Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) is a fascinating disorder. The junction of neurology and psychiatry, physical and mental health as well as body and mind. Despite being common, and often highly disabling, FND and its many related disorders remain poorly understood by most clinicians. It has gone by many names and challenged the greatest minds in Medicine; from Hippocrates’ *Hysteria* to Freud’s *Conversion Disorder* before settling, seemingly for the long term, on a recent revival of Charcot’s *Functional Disorder*. Poor understanding, little research but much stigma have resulted in a vicious circle that is only just beginning to be broken along with a renaissance in skills to diagnose and manage this disorder with major implications for the whole of Medicine.”

Dr Tim Nicolson is a Reader in Neuropsychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry Psychology & Neuroscience (IoPPN), King’s College London, and leads the Neuropsychiatry Research and Education Group (NREG). He is an Honorary Consultant Neuropsychiatrist at the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust. His clinical and research work focuses on Functional Neurological Disorder (FND), immunopsychiatry and broader neuropsychiatric disorders - including those resulting from COVID-19. He set up a pioneering specialist multidisciplinary clinic for FND in 2012 and has over 20 years of experience working clinically with FND and it was the topic of his PhD and the majority of his subsequent research activity including leading on studies into mechanisms, outcome measures and novel treatments such as Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) and more recently psychedelics and Virtual Reality.

A Buffet Supper will precede the meeting at **6.45pm. The cost of the evening, to include the lecture and supper will be £42 per person for Fellows and Guests** If you wish to attend the supper please send your cheque to reach the Registrar at the above address by Thursday 18th January 2024 accompanied by the attached slip. Coffee and biscuits will be served after the lecture. **Please note that we cannot usually accept orders for suppers after 12 noon on the Friday before a Monday meeting. However, if after Friday noon you decide you would like to attend, please telephone in advance to ascertain whether you can be accommodated for supper.**

Yours faithfully,

Honorary Secretaries
Dr Catherine Sarraf BSc PhD FRCPath
Dr Rudy Capildeo MB BS FRCP

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To the Registrar, 11 Chandos Street, London, W1G 9EB

I wish to attend the Buffet Supper on 22nd January 2024 and enclose my cheque for myself and

.....guest(s) (**£42 PER PERSON**) (If you wish to pay by BACS Sort Code **20 36 88 Acc 00756741**) **Please ensure you Surname and date of meeting as a reference and send an email to info@medsoclondon.org to confirm your booking)**

I wish to attend the lecture only.....Name in CAPITAL letters please

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