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The International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction announces a call for papers for a special edition on The Role of Mindfulness, Contemplative, and Spiritual-based Approaches in the Prevention and Treatment of Mental Illness and Addiction.

Recent years have witnessed a burgeoning of scientific interest into the clinical utility of mindfulness, contemplative, and spiritual-based approaches. Such techniques are increasingly informing the formulation of treatment plans and treatment guidelines, as well as the agendas of healthcare stakeholders operating in the mental illness and addiction fields. Accordingly, the purpose of this special issue is to solicit high quality academic contributions that advance understanding regarding the clinical applications, mechanisms of action, operational and integration issues, clinician training requirements, and limitations of these interventional approaches.

Contributions will be accepted from a broad range of psychological disciplines including those reflecting clinical, cognitive, behavioural, and neurobiological standpoints. Papers reflecting philosophical, spiritual, and religious perspectives are also welcome.

The following types of papers will be accepted:

(i) Original research papers (e.g., treatment studies, cross-sectional studies, clinical case studies/series, qualitative studies, etc.)

(ii) Narrative and systemic reviews

(iii) Theoretical, methodological, and policy analysis papers

(iv) Structured critical reflections

All submissions should have obvious relevance to the mental health and/or addiction settings.

Submission Process
For submission guidelines, please see http://www.springer.com/public+health/journal/11469.

The manuscript selection process will follow the journal’s normal peer review procedures. Submissions must mention in the cover letter and on-line comments field that the manuscript is specifically intended for the special issue on The Role of Mindfulness, Contemplative, and Spiritual-based Approaches in the Prevention and Treatment of Mental Illness and Addiction.
Timeline:

- Expression of interest (and an abstract) to meditation@ntu.ac.uk and masood.zangeneh@gmail.com due date: 15th September 2013

- First draft submission in word document to meditation@ntu.ac.uk and masood.zangeneh@gmail.com due date: 15th November 2013

- Guest editor’s feedback to author, due date: 15th December 2013

- Submission on IJHMA website (https://www.editorialmanager.com/ijmh/) due date: 15th January 2014

- Reviewer feedback returned to author, due date: 15th February 2014

- Revised submission due date: 15th March 2014

- Guest editors’ decision due date: 30th March 2014

Regards,

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