**POSTER PRESENTATION**

**Medfest 2015 – Global medicine & civilizations**

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**Abstract**

**Introduction:** Medfest is an international medical film festival, in its fifth year of inception, this was pioneered by a Higher trainee based in London. Every year there is a specific theme selected for the festival and this year’s theme is Global Medicine & Civilization. Each year a Lead is selected through a strenuous interview process that then selects a team to lead the events of the year. The committee then selects 6-9 movie clips, from documentaries, movies, news and other sources, relevant to the theme, once permissions are sought from the production houses, a DVD is created. Copies of the DVDs are then sent to the leads. The leads then select a 3-member panel, venue and start advertising the event.

**Objectives:** (1) To improve the outlook of psychiatry and (2) to help in recruitment of trainees to Psychiatry.

**Methods:** In 2015, A Medfest Committee was selected that included Local UK liaison, International liaison, European liaison and Medfest Arts & Music Leads. The UK Liaison links with the Psychiatric Society (Psychsoc) lead from the medical school to organize local events. This year, the theme was unanimously agreed by the leads and selected 9 clips in total for the DVD. The clips mainly consisted of documentaries from different regions of the world. Another initiative that is Medfest Music and Arts was finalized with a focus on patient participation for the event. There were two events finalized in Manchester & London and one final Gala event at the Royal College of Psychiatrists HQ London in June 2015.

**Results and Conclusions:** Medfest 2015 has been a big success with all the local UK events concluded and few International events to follow. We are anticipating an audience of 3000 combined for UK & International events. Most of the International events are in April & May 2015. India’s event has been a huge success with an attendance of around 200.