Introduction

This supplement includes a selection of invited papers by British, American, French and Spanish psychiatrists which were presented at the 'Diagnosis in Psychiatry' Symposium, held in Bilbao, 12–14 November 1987, as part of the Second World Basque Congress. This Congress was sponsored by the Basque Government and included 34 different symposia, covering many academic areas.

The prestige of the authors and the quality of the papers selected persuaded the Secretariat of the Congress to sponsor this special supplement, in the knowledge that, in this way, important contributions in the specific field of diagnosis will reach professional workers in psychiatry worldwide.

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