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The Society has offices in Belfast, Cardiff, Glasgow and London, as well as the main office in Leicester. All enquiries should be addressed to the Leicester office (see contents page for address).

The British Psychological Society was founded in 1901, and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1965. Its object is 'to promote the advancement and diffusion of a knowledge of psychology pure and applied and especially to promote the efficiency and usefulness of Members of the Society by setting up a high standard of professional education and knowledge'.

*Extract from The Charter*

News about Society matters and brief items for News of members are welcome. Please send to *The Psychologist* at the Society's office, or to [psychologist@bps.org.uk](mailto:psychologist@bps.org.uk). Subsystem notices: notices received from elected officers of subsystems of official meetings, events, conferences of Divisions, Sections, Branches and Special Groups of the Society are inserted free of charge. Items should be sent to [susepp@bps.org.uk](mailto:susepp@bps.org.uk).

# EuroPsy is here

**T**HE 'EuroPsy' Certificate – a European standard for psychologists at the level of entry to professional practice, equivalent to our Chartered Psychologist status – is now being trialled in six countries, including the UK.

The EuroPsy is the fruit of a six-year project funded by the European Union under its Leonardo da Vinci programme, to develop a European benchmark in psychology. It was accepted in 2005 as the European 'standard' by the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA), which represents an estimated 200,000 individual psychologists in its 32 national member associations.

EuroPsy requires six years of education and training, including at least five years' full-time study at recognised university level plus one year of supervised practice, or its equivalent. Applicants must also demonstrate a commitment in writing to the ethical code for psychologists in the country of practice and to the European MetaCode of Ethics for Psychologists. The EuroPsy is valid for seven years, after which time revalidation is required. Full details are available via [www.efpa.eu](http://www.efpa.eu).

This project provides an opportunity to develop the standard of psychology education across Europe. It supports the Society's own efforts to maintain the quality of our own qualifications, since we are currently seeking statutory regulation which

retains the standard of chartered status (six years of academic and professional education and training). It is also timely as we face potential threats to the quality of education and training from any statutory regulator, and the English Department of Health's 'New Ways of Working' initiative, and pressures from the Bologna commitment to training professionals for the labour market in three years.

The initiative also fits well with current developments in EU legislation. The acceptance of a new European Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications in 2005 means a major change in the way that different national psychology qualifications are evaluated across Europe. Directive 2005/36/EC aims to facilitate mobility of psychology professionals and students, and to ensure that there is a system in place at European and national levels to minimise obstacles to mobility. Member States have until June 2007 to implement the Directive in their national legislation.

A pilot EuroPsy certification and registration is being carried out in six countries – Finland,

Germany, Hungary, Italy, Spain and the UK – with the first certificates to be awarded in Finland this year. Within the Society it is likely that there will be fast track recognition for EuroPsy for some chartered psychologists (with immediately comparable education and training), while others will need to apply through grandparenting procedures. The Society already has well-established procedures for evaluating qualifications and the equivalence of those obtained in other countries, and EuroPsy procedures will build on these. The pilot in UK is being coordinated by a steering group working to the Admissions Committee.

The Board of Trustees has recently reiterated that the Society defines a 'psychologist' as an individual with at least six years of education and training to a doctoral level of competency. The EuroPsy maps well onto our model of professional training and will be a key benchmark for the public and employers.

*Ingrid Lunt, Peter Banister  
and Elizabeth Campbell  
EuroPsy Steering Group*

## DEADLINE

Deadline for Society contributions is **3 August** for the September issue

## New Ways of Working

**A** CONFERENCE for the New Ways of Working for Applied Psychologists will take place on Friday 20 July 2007 at the Walkers Stadium, Leicester. Places are still available (apply to [Nigel.Atter@bps.org.uk](mailto:Nigel.Atter@bps.org.uk)). The conference will launch the reports from six of the seven New Ways of Working project groups. Participants will be circulated with the first final versions of the reports, which touch on many aspects of the roles of all the applied psychologists:

- *New Roles* – Analysis and recommendations for the development of new roles at pre-qualification level and for complementary educational frameworks to be developed.
- *Training Models* – A review of existing training models and recommendations for the future concerning possible unification and differentiation of existing training routes.
- *Career Pathways* – A guide to qualified career pathways and examples of innovative practice in psychology that can be shared and spread to other parts of the UK.
- *Teamworking* – A guide to working psychologically in teams including the analysis of the issues of team size, psychologist's identity, accountability, responsibility and what makes for effective teamworking.
- *Leadership* – A review and guide to organising, managing and leading psychological services including a clear set of guiding principles to be taken into account when developing these services.
- *Improving Access to Psychological Therapies* – The launch of a good practice guide with clear recommendations about the roles applied psychologists can play in improving the population's access to psychological therapies.

The conference will be opened by Society President Pam Maras and will be followed by presentations from Roslyn Hope, Director of Workforce (NIMHE/CSIP, Chair), Bill Davidson (NIMHE User Involvement Lead), and Tony Lavender (BPS, Chair). There will be five workshops where the aim is to think through how the major recommendations from the work can be implemented.

Full versions of the documents and the overarching report will be published on the Society's and New Ways of Working websites.

## SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

### TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

#### Eleventh Annual Conference & AGM 2007

14–17 September 2007, Cober Hill, Scarborough

Keynote speakers include Maureen Cooper – Compassion from a Tibetan Buddhist Perspective; Professor David Fontana – Transpersonal Psychology and the Creative Arts; Dr Michael Daniels & Dr John Rowan – A debate: Wilber – are there any alternatives?; Professor Paul Gilbert – Compassionate Mind Training; Dr Malcolm Walley – Transpersonal

Psychology and the Rise of the Feminine.

Submissions are invited on any relevant topic within the field of transpersonal psychology in the form of papers, experiential workshops or posters to Malcolm Walley (Chair of Section): [MalcolmWalley@aol.com](mailto:MalcolmWalley@aol.com). Abstracts by 1 July. The AGM will be held at 9.30am on Sunday 16 September.

Further information/registration details on website: [www.trans-scot.net/](http://www.trans-scot.net/) or contact the Section Treasurer, Tony Turvey: [tony-turvey@btinternet.com](mailto:tony-turvey@btinternet.com).

## POLICY SUPPORT UNIT

[www.bps.org.uk/consult](http://www.bps.org.uk/consult)

Responses were sent to 12 external consultations during May, of which six were from the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) and covered the following topics:

- core interventions in the treatment and management of schizophrenia in primary and secondary care;
- acutely ill patients in hospital;
- intrapartum care guidelines concerning place of birth;
- prevention of smoking by children and young people (including point of sale measures);
- smoking cessation programmes;
- generic and specific interventions to support attitude and behaviour change at population and community levels.

Of the remaining six consultations, two were focused beyond the UK. The first of these, from the European Commission, put forward a number of policy options aimed at moving towards a Europe free from tobacco smoke. The Society's response supported a total ban on smoking in enclosed public spaces and workplaces across all EU member states, and it was recommended that guidance programmes for establishments and general information campaigns should be held prior to legislation being enforced. The second of these consultations concerned a report from the Chief Medical Officer into how the UK can support global health promotion on a government-wide basis. The Society's response included recommendations for the supporting of a focus on behavioural aspects of health and the sharing of expertise, including by psychologists.

The other four consultations for which responses were submitted were as follows:

- Equality for disabled people: How will we know we are making progress (response to the Office for Disability Issues);
- Review of HEFCE Funding for research libraries (response to the Higher Education Funding Council for England);
- School-based counselling services in Wales (response to the Welsh Assembly Government);
- The Autistic Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan for Wales (response to the Welsh Assembly Government).

The Policy Support Unit would like to thank all those who contributed to the responses to these consultations, some of whom regularly take on this work. We are very grateful for everyone's input.

New contributors are always welcome – please see our website (address above) for details of all current and past consultations and information about what contributing entails.

☐ Contact the Policy Support Unit on 0116 252 9926, [psu@bps.org.uk](mailto:psu@bps.org.uk).

### SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

#### 54th Social Psychology Section Conference 'Groups, Politics and Organizations'

5–7 September 2007, Department of Psychology, University of Kent  
*Speaker and topic details in June 2007 issue.*

Further details from the conference website: [www.socialpsychology.org.uk](http://www.socialpsychology.org.uk).

### SPECIAL GROUP IN COACHING PSYCHOLOGY

#### 2007 Event Programme

30 July, half-day, The Scots Club, Edinburgh

11 September, one day, BPS London office

*Event details in June 2007 issue.*

For registration information and further details about these events see the 'News Page' of the SGCP

website: [www.sgcp.org.uk](http://www.sgcp.org.uk). For booking information contact Tracy White: [tracy@virtuallyorganised.com](mailto:tracy@virtuallyorganised.com).

**3rd Annual Coaching Psychology Conference**  
17–18 December 2007, City University, London

*Speaker and topic details in June 2007 issue.*

Further details of the SGCP 2007 Event Programme will soon be announced on the 'News Page' of

the SGCP website.

**DIVISION OF SPORT & EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY**

**Changes to the Committee**  
At the most recent AGM Remco Polman was elected as Honorary Secretary and David Shaw as Honorary Treasurer. David Marchant and Julie Waumersley were elected as committee members. Many thanks to Martin

Hagger (outgoing Treasurer) and Jan Graydon (outgoing committee member) for their hard work and ongoing commitment to DSEP. Jan will remain on the committee as a co-opted member during her work as chair of the working party developing Stage 2 training routes.

**H.T.A. Whiting Undergraduate Dissertation Prize**

Research on any aspect of sport and exercise psychology is eligible and the deadline is 15 July.

See website for more details.

**DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**Learning a Living Masterclass and Workshop Programme**

Highlights for July and September:

*Masterclass*

31 October – Safety and Organisations

*Workshops*

5 July – Organisational Coaching: Advanced Skills Workshop

26 July – Strengths & Psychological Fitness at Work

5 September – Group & Individual Facilitation Skills for Psychologists

25 September – Addressing Practical Issues in Performance Appraisal Framework Design and Implementation

For further details and the full programme, please visit the website: [www.bps.org.uk/events/dopws07](http://www.bps.org.uk/events/dopws07) or contact Kerry Wood or Samantha Smith on 0116 252 9555 or e-mail: [dopworkshops@bps.org.uk](mailto:dopworkshops@bps.org.uk).

**DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – PSIGE**

**National PSIGE Conference 2007**

'Everybody's Ageing: Challenges and Opportunities', 4–6 July, University of Nottingham Jubilee Campus  
Late registrations still available.

*Speaker and topic details in June 2007 issue.*

For all information go to [www.bps.org.uk/psige2007](http://www.bps.org.uk/psige2007).

**WESSEX BRANCH**

**Berkshire & North Hampshire Hub (All RG postcodes)**

Wednesday 25 July – Talk by Dr Suzi Lyadurai on the use of mindfulness meditation with primary-age children including a small-scale study of the effects of the practice

on behaviour and attention in a primary-school classroom, and a case-study example.

More details at [www.bps.org.uk/www](http://www.bps.org.uk/www) or see flyer in this edition of *The Psychologist*.

**PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN SECTION**

**Annual Conference 2007**  
18–20 July 2007, Cumberland Lodge, Windsor

*Speaker and topic details in June 2007 issue.*

For further information and details about registration see [www.bps.org.uk/powsconf2007](http://www.bps.org.uk/powsconf2007) or call Mandy Lindsay at the Conference Office (0116 252 9555, [powsconference@bps.org.uk](mailto:powsconference@bps.org.uk)).

**DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**DCP Annual Conference**  
Congress Centre, London, 13–14 December 2007

*Speaker details in June 2007 issue.*

Call for submissions open. Registration open.

See [www.dcpconference.co.uk](http://www.dcpconference.co.uk); e-mail: [dcpconf@bps.org.uk](mailto:dcpconf@bps.org.uk); or tel: 0116 252 9555.

**DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY**

**DHP Annual Conference 2007**  
12–14 September, Institute of Work, Health & Organisations, University of Nottingham

*Speaker details in June 2007 issue.*

A draft programme, registration form and accommodation details are available from the conference website or e-mail [dhpconference@bps.org.uk](mailto:dhpconference@bps.org.uk). For lower rates, register before 31 July 2007. Student bursaries are available; send applications to Dr Daryl O'Connor; Chair of the DHP. See conference website.

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**DCP – FACULTY FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (CYP)**

**Annual Conference 2007**  
17–18 September 2007, Trinity & All Saints, Horsforth, Leeds

*Speaker and programme highlights in June 2007 issue.*

For further details, please visit our website [www.bps.org.uk/cyp2007](http://www.bps.org.uk/cyp2007), e-mail [cypconf@bps.org.uk](mailto:cypconf@bps.org.uk) or telephone 0116 252 9555

## SELECTED NEWS FROM THE BOARDS

### Research Board (18 April 2007)

- *Research assessment and the classification of psychology.* Correspondence had been exchanged with the Chief Executive of HEFCE about the classification and assessment of psychology for research funding beyond 2008. It had been requested that psychology be assessed through a light-touch process, based on peer review and informed by statistical indicators in common with the science-based disciplines (SET subjects). HEFCE were at an early stage of developing proposals but would consider these views.
- *Statutory regulation.* The Board expressed concern about the decision that Society representatives should not attend the JCPHE meeting with the DoH to discuss issues surrounding the position of academics and researchers within the regulatory proposals. It was strongly felt that to not be part of these important discussions at a critical point in finalising the proposed form of regulation for psychologists would constitute a failure of the Society to adequately represent the views and concerns of its academic and research members, the DTRP, the Sections and the Board itself. It agreed to correspond with the President setting out its key concerns and urging reconsideration of the matter.
- *Book Award.* The Board is exploring making this a joint award with the Psychology Education Board to reflect the broad scope of the award, especially in relation to textbooks.
- *Virtual Postdoctoral Network.* It was agreed to establish a postdoctoral network to complement the work of PsyPAG. This would provide online website resources, face-to-face meetings and workshops attached to current Society conferences. Participation in the network should not be limited to members, but incentives to membership, like reduced fees for workshops, should be included.
- *Academy for Social Sciences:* The Board considered proposals for the restructuring of the AcSS governance. Whilst it is accepted that the constitution needs to change, at present the effect of the proposed changes to the Society's subscription and voting rights is not clear. It was agreed to refer various specific concerns and comments to the AcSS.
- *Wellcome Trust and open access:* The Board discussed correspondence from a member of the Society outlining concerns that the Wellcome Trust has issued a directive preventing its funded researchers from publishing in APA journals because the APA does not have a policy on open access that is compliant with that of the Trust. It was agreed that clarification needs to be sought from the Wellcome Trust about whether this was both a current and retrospective ban. The policies of other research funders also need to be investigated.