

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**John Hall** has retired from his post as Professional Adviser in Clinical Psychology for the NHS Trusts in Oxfordshire. He will be continuing to work part-time with both the Health Advisory Service and the Oxford Centre for Health Research and Development at Oxford Brookes University.

**Dr Chris Hatton** has been awarded a personal chair in psychology, health and social care by Lancaster University.

**Jim Livingstone** has been appointed Director of Primary Care in the Department of Health and Social Services & Public Safety in Northern Ireland.

## Press Committee

### Media Training Days 2002

**Monday 16 September**  
**Monday 9 December**

Media Training Days will be held at the Society's London office on 16 September and 9 December.

The days will include:

- news writing
- snapshots of the media
- media releases
- interview techniques

For a registration form and further details contact:

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## DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **27 September** for the November issue

# Fellowship citation

*Dr Nicholas Alderman*

**N**ICK Alderman has been admitted to the grade of Fellow of the Society in recognition of his significant contribution over the past 15 years to the developing field of rehabilitation of people recovering from severe brain injury.

Nick qualified as a clinical psychologist at the University of Glasgow in 1986. He took up a post at the Kemsley Unit in St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, eventually becoming Lead Consultant Neuropsychologist. He had previously worked at Kemsley prior to training; it was during this time that his interest was kindled in the then pioneering rehabilitation methods being developed by Peter Eames and Professor Rodger Wood for the treatment of brain-injured people with severe behaviour disorders.

On his return to Kemsley, Nick broke new ground in the development of these psychological methods with individuals whose treatment had continued to remain pharmacological and institutional, and who posed



a significant challenge to the care system. He completed his doctorate at the University of Southampton under the supervision of Professor Barbara Wilson, and in this he laid the foundations of his subsequent ideas on the assessment and rehabilitation of this difficult client group. What Nick has added to the field is to show, through a series of elegant single-case studies, how an applied behaviour analysis, together with an understanding of neuropsychological functioning, could drive certain behaviour disorders. In particular, he demonstrated how difficulties with working memory and the ability to

monitor multiple events in the environment could account for behavioural problems, developing and validating several methods based on operant and cognitive theory that have been successfully used in their treatment.

Nick's many publications over the past decade show the application of this approach to a wide variety of clinical problems observed in people with acquired brain injury. His contribution to the literature is substantial and influential here and abroad. In addition to the developments he has made with treatment and behaviour disorders, he is also well known for his work on dysexecutive syndrome. The production, with colleagues, of the BADS (Behavioural Assessment of Dysexecutive Syndrome) test has given an operational dimension to frontal lobe disorders. This has helped us to understand why apparently well-recovered brain-injured individuals, and their carers, continue to find life so difficult for many years after injury. He is a worthy Fellow of our Society.

## Inaugural meeting of the Research Board

**T**HE inaugural meeting of the Research Board (formerly the Scientific Affairs Board) was held on 28 June 2002 under the current Chair, Professor Steven Cooper. (The advertisement for postdoctoral members opposite lists the board's responsibilities.)

The main business dealt with at the inaugural meeting included:

- appointing two new Deputy Chairs (Dr Patrick Haggard and Dr Judi Ellis) to take office from June 2002, each having a specific portfolio of responsibilities that are now under development;
- convening the Executive Committee of the Research Board, which will meet in between meetings of the main board to support and supplement its work;
- convening the Working Party on the

Development of Guidelines on the Conduct of Ethical Review Committees with Dr Max Velmans appointed as convener; and

- naming various BPS award winners: Dr Thalia Eley – Spearman Medal 2002; Professor Ian Deary – Book Award 2002; and Dr Sarah-Jayne Blakemore – Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research Contributions in Psychology 2001.

The board also received a detailed presentation from Professor Dianne Berry on the conduct and outcomes of the Research Assessment Exercise 2001. A question-and-answer session also followed the presentation. An outline of the main aspects of the presentation is published on p.450 of this issue.

## MEETING DATES

### COUNCIL

Saturday 19 October 2002

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday 6 September 2002

Friday 18 October 2002 (pre-Council)

Friday 29 November 2002

### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

Friday 13 September 2002

Saturday 9 November 2002

### RESEARCH BOARD

Friday 25 October 2002 (followed by Visiting Psychologists Committee)

### MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS BOARD

Friday 20 September 2002

Friday 8 November 2002

### PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Monday 9 September 2002

Friday 13 December 2002

### FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Friday 4 October 2002

### DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Tuesday 15 October 2002

### GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 12 September 2002

Thursday 14 November 2002

### ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 5 September 2002

Thursday 7 November 2002

### STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Monday 9 September 2002

### THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 11 October 2002

### FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.

London Lectures –

Monday 9 December 2002

Annual Conference –

13–15 March 2003

## RESEARCH BOARD

### *New postdoctoral members*

The Research Board is seeking to appoint two postdoctoral members, for an initial one-year term (renewable for two additional years). The board is responsible for influencing funding for the support and encouragement of psychological research; providing guidance on general research issues; promoting research (both discipline-based and multidisciplinary) by the dissemination of results through conferences, seminars and other means; defining standards for the training of postgraduate students in research methods; and working to maximise the availability of funds to support psychological research. Professor Steven Cooper, Head of the Department of Psychology at the University of Liverpool, is the current Chair.

The board wishes to appoint two new members that have been recently appointed postdoctoral researchers or academics to attempt to ensure representation from the postdoctoral community in psychology in the work of the board. The board is keen that these new appointees also serve on two of its award committees that are responsible for issuing grants for postgraduate study visits and research seminars series, and the Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research Contributions to Psychology. These schemes are geared towards supporting and encouraging postgraduate research and research networks, as well as recognising high-calibre published work.

Statements of interest from all grades of membership and all sectors of the Society are welcome. Applications are also welcomed from non-members of the Society, provided they are eligible for membership and are willing to join the Society if appointed to the board. Commitment, knowledge and the ability to communicate effectively are also desirable.

*Members who would be willing to serve on the board are invited to send a completed statement of interest form to Lisa Morrison, Scientific Officer by 11 October 2002. Appropriate forms and further information can be obtained from Lisa Morrison (e-mail: [lismor@bps.org.uk](mailto:lismor@bps.org.uk), tel: 0116 2529510).*

## ETHICS COMMITTEE COMMENT

In professional relationships where the people involved have different assumptions and sources of power, clear boundaries are needed to prevent or minimise misunderstandings that can cause emotional harm. These boundaries were not established in this case and advice was ignored.

Statutory registration, currently under discussion by the Society and the government, will hopefully enforce the monitoring and supervision of practice for public protection where guidance has proved ineffective on a small but significant number of occasions. Perhaps what can be learned from such cases is that secretive, unrecorded and unusual practice must always be regarded as suspect.

### MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS BOARD COMMITTEE FOR SCRUTINY OF INDIVIDUAL CLINICAL QUALIFICATIONS

The Committee for Scrutiny of Individual Clinical Qualifications would welcome statements of interest from Chartered Clinical Psychologists who are familiar with clinical psychology training issues and would be willing to serve on this committee.

The committee scrutinises applications for the Society's Statement of Equivalence in Clinical Psychology from people who do not have a UK qualification in clinical psychology. For example, applicants may possess an overseas qualification that does not fully meet UK training requirements, a qualification in another branch of applied psychology, or a research-based qualification in clinical psychology. The committee generally meets six times a year by teleconference and a further four times a year at face-to-face meetings in London.

*For further information or to request a statement of interest form please contact Alex Johnson at the Society's office on 0116 252 9509 or [alejoh@bps.org.uk](mailto:alejoh@bps.org.uk). Deadline for completed statements of interest is 20 September 2002.*

### MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS BOARD BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR THE DIPLOMA IN COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY

The Board of Examiners for the Diploma in Counselling Psychology is responsible for the examination of work submitted for the Society's Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling Psychology. The Board is seeking statements of interest from Chartered Counselling Psychologists for the position of Examiner.

Applicants should have two years' experience as a counselling psychologist post-Chartership and experience of examining at master's level. Examiners are expected to attend yearly Examiners' workshops and receive payment for examining. Expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the Society's policy.

*For further information please contact Marion Newton, Examinations Secretary, on 0116 254 9568 or [marnew@bps.org.uk](mailto:marnew@bps.org.uk).*

## INVESTIGATORY PANEL MEMBERS

### Call for applications

Following successful recruitment over the past two years, the Investigatory Committee wishes to expand the pool of investigatory panel members who are available to consider complaints of professional misconduct against Society members. The committee would particularly welcome applications from appropriately qualified and experienced neuropsychologists and educational and health psychologists, as currently these are underrepresented in the pool.

The Investigatory Committee appoints panels of between two and five members, to consider professional conduct complaints and to make recommendations on the most appropriate course of action. The Investigatory Committee and a member of the Disciplinary Board then consider the panel's recommendations.

Applicants must be Divisional members as well as Fellows or Associate Fellows of the Society. They should have substantial practical experience in the workplace and have a particular interest in ethical practice.

The majority of meetings take place by teleconference and members can normally expect to be involved with about four to six cases per year. They may also be required to attend disciplinary committee hearings, which take place in London.

*The Investigatory Committee will consider applications and all nominees will be informed of the outcome. For further information or to receive an application form, please contact Jill Bellingham ([jilbel@bps.org.uk](mailto:jilbel@bps.org.uk)) or Lauren Russell ([laurus@bps.org.uk](mailto:laurus@bps.org.uk)) at the Leicester office.*

## SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

### DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL AND CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

#### Training Committee

The Division of Educational and Child Psychology Training Committee welcome statements of interest from Chartered Educational Psychologists who are familiar with educational psychology training issues and would be willing to serve on this committee.

The committee is concerned with promoting and ensuring high standards of training in professional practice in educational psychology and in the review and monitoring of the standards of training in educational psychology.

The committee generally meets three or four times a year at the BPS office in London. Committee members must also be prepared to take part in and convene accreditation visits.

**Travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed by the Society.**

For further information please contact Nigel Atter at the Society's Leicester office on 0116 252 9901. Statement of interest forms are available from Philippa Read on 0116 252 9587 or e-mail [phirea@bps.org.uk](mailto:phirea@bps.org.uk).

### NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND BRANCH

#### Applying Occupational Psychology in a Business Setting – A practical workshop

The Foundations Centre, Chester Business Park, Chester. Wednesday 20 November 2002, 9am–4.40pm.

Cost: £35 for full time students; £45 BPS/CIPD members; £55 non-members

To book, contact Louise Polednik CPsychol, c/o The Occupational Psychology Group, Murlain Business Centre, Union Street, Chester CH1 1QP. Tel: 01244 346397; fax: 01244 357204; e-mail: [lpolednik@ramseyhall.com](mailto:lpolednik@ramseyhall.com)

### SPECIAL GROUP FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS & SOCIAL SERVICES

#### PASS (Midlands) next meeting

16 September 2002 at Harborne, Birmingham, 10.30am–12.30pm

Attachment-Based training with foster-carers. Led by Helen Dent, Stoke-on-Trent.

All Welcome!

Contact Barbara Newman on 01455 440281 for further details.

### DIVISION OF COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY

#### 2003 Annual Conference

Stratford-upon-Avon, 15–18 May

For further details contact Isabelle Roney, Conference Organiser. E-mail: [irony@btopenworld.com](mailto:irony@btopenworld.com) or look at the Division website.

### WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH

#### Practising as a Psychologist in the 21st Century

Statutory Registration of Psychologists, Being Chartered and Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

Wednesday 25 September 2002, 7.00pm–9.00pm at Aston University Business School, Birmingham.

Speakers: Professor Geoff Lindsay (Warwick University and Chair, BPS Working Group on Statutory Registration) and Victoria Burt (BPS CPD Officer).

If you wish to attend please contact Michel Lilley, Chair, West Midlands Branch, Mission Cottage, Elmhurst, Lichfield WS13 8HB.

### WESSEX & WIGHT BRANCH

#### Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 16 October 2002, 5pm–6pm in the Sir James

Matthews Building, Southampton Institute. Following the AGM we will have a guest speaker and there will be some light refreshments.

Further details will be published in the October *Psychologist* and at our Branch website, which can be accessed via the BPS website.

Nominations are invited for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and committee members. Written nominations require a proposer and seconder who are both members of the Branch and consent of the nominee to accept office if elected. Please send to Dr Paul Redford (Honorary Secretary) at the address below by **13 September**.

If you are interested in joining the Branch committee, please contact Dr Ann Henry (Branch Chair), Southampton Institute (e-mail: [Ann.Henry@solent.ac.uk](mailto:Ann.Henry@solent.ac.uk); tel: 02380 319025) or Dr Paul Redford (Honorary Secretary), King Alfred's College, Winchester (e-mail: [PRedford@wkac.ac.uk](mailto:PRedford@wkac.ac.uk); tel: 01962 827519). We are keen to recruit new members to represent all subsystems of the BPS.