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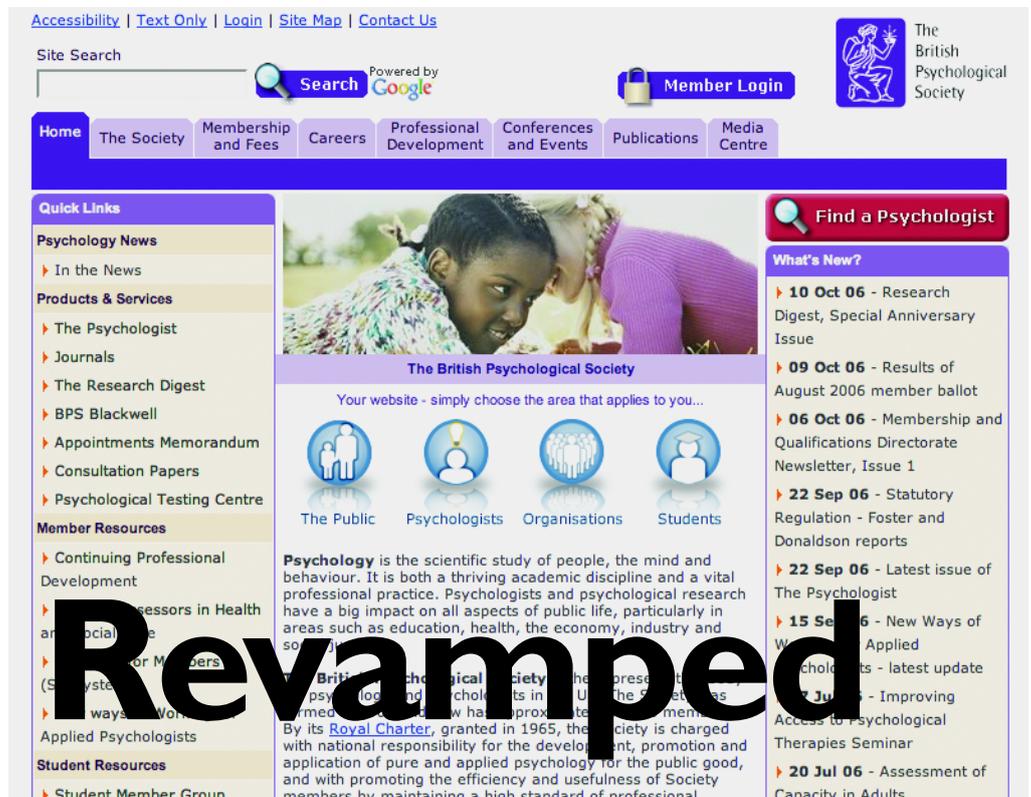
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The Society has offices in Belfast, Cardiff, Glasgow and London, as well as the main office in Leicester. All enquiries should be addressed to the Leicester office (see contents page for address).

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. 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.



Revamped

THE Society's new website design went live in November marking the beginning of a transformation of the whole website, involving changes in layout, design and content, making it more accessible and user-friendly.

The new-look site is clearer and easier to navigate, with the introduction of a Google-powered search engine to make searches more efficient and effective. The latest and most relevant information for individual users is also now more readily available through the homepage, which features options for the public, psychologists, students and organisations.

Simplification of the member login screen, which benefits from clearer instructions, and the ability to pay subscription fees online by credit card are other advantages of the new site.

Another change will see the annually produced hard copies of the Society's proceedings being replaced by a fully searchable online version.

In line with the changes to the Society website, the new BPS Communications website was launched earlier this year, showcasing the *Appointments Memorandum* – the place for jobs in psychology. The improved format of the site makes it even easier to search for jobs, with new features including searches that can be saved and referred back to, a facility to upload CVs, and e-mail alerts and RSS feeds that can be set up detailing the latest vacancies.

A new version of the continuing professional development area of the website has also been produced. Following member feedback over the past 12 months this release includes many changes and new features – improvements in help and advice and layout, wizards and tools to aid creating new records and submission, custom reports and a new spell-check facility. The result is a tool that is more accessible and usable in all areas of managing your CPD.

In addition to these changes, we are continuing our audit of each area of the site to improve layout, performance and functionality, and to check the consistency and accuracy of content. A number of alterations have been made to those areas audited since the work began earlier this year.

While a large proportion of the site will have undergone change by the end of 2006, there is also a series of projects planned for 2007, these include the development of discussion forums, an increase in the amount of information available to the general public, updated FAQs, a greatly improved online shop, online event booking, online member application, a facility for members to update their records online, and a blog by the Division of Clinical Psychology. A survey of members is also planned during the year to obtain feedback on the changes that have been made.

Teaching award

DR Clare Wood of Coventry University has been awarded the 2006 Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Psychology. The award is intended as recognition of the unusually significant contribution she has made to education and training in psychology within the UK.

Bernardine King, one of her past PhD students, nominated Dr Wood for her outstanding performance in developing individual students and her innovative contributions to course development.

Dr King said: 'Excellent teaching exhibits those rare qualities of engendering admiration in fellow teachers, whilst transforming the lives of the students, who come to see potential within themselves which they did not know existed. Clare Wood is one such teacher.'

Another nominator, Dr Stuart Ross (University of Wales) added: 'Clare is not only a first-rate communicator, she exudes infectious enthusiasm for psychology. She is a truly inspirational person and while students may appreciate her artistry as a teacher, it is perhaps only those who have been privileged to work with her as a colleague who can fully appreciate what a gift she is to have as part of a team.'

Dr Wood's teaching ability was evident from early in her career, when she was recognised by University College Northampton as an outstanding student on the Postgraduate Certificate of Teaching in Higher Education. Her first teaching position came a decade ago, when the then Nene College created a position simply for her because



her presentation for another post was so good.

Seven years ago, Clare was introduced to the challenges of distance learning when she joined the Open University. Here she was a major force in reshaping the post-foundation courses offered. In September 2005 she joined Coventry University and made a 'significant contribution' to the master's-level curriculum through a blended learning model, which offers distance

tuition, e-learning and face-to-face teaching in research methods in psychology.

Since 2000, Clare has been the primary supervisor to five doctoral students and has led them all to successful completions. Dr King added that Dr Wood saw 'students as peers who are beginning their specialist training in psychology rather than students who have little to contribute to their studies'.

Dr Wood added: 'I am really pleased to receive this award, and I owe a huge thank you to all the students and colleagues that I have worked with and who have taught me so much about what good teaching should be about. I have been very fortunate to have had such strong collaborative relationships that I could draw so much good practice from.'



Louise Garczewska, Director of the Getty Image Gallery, and Graham Powell (Vice President), at the official opening of the Tabernacle Street office. They are standing by one of eight sets of images forming the Think:Feel:Do photographic exhibition, created in collaboration with the Getty Image Gallery, which is now on permanent display there.

The Society launched the new London office with an evening of culture, conversation and canapés on 18 October 2006 with Professor David Cope officially opening the building.

The evening was a success and attendees were able to take a tour of the spacious, modern and newly refurbished premises and view pictures provided by Getty Images Gallery and posters regarding the Society's numerous Divisions and Branches.

The office is now available for hire offering nine rooms of varying sizes (from 12 boardroom style to 100 theatre style) and layouts with good-sized windows and conveniently located five minutes' walk from Old Street and Liverpool Street tube stations.

The rooms are very economical to hire and especially so for Society members who receive a 25 per cent discount when booking.

For reservations or more information please contact 020 7330 0890.

Fellowship citation

Dr Mickey Keenan

DR Mickey Keenan has been awarded the status of Fellow of the Society for his widely recognised contributions to applied behavioural analysis (ABA) in the field of autism. ABA is the intervention of choice for many parents and professionals, not least because it has been evaluated and has been demonstrated to lead to clear gains in learning and development for children on the autistic spectrum, if started

early in life and if delivered in a highly structured, systematic fashion, on an intensive schedule.

Mickey Keenan has written key books on behaviour analysis and autism, developed electronic tutorials in the philosophy and practice of the science generally, and published in specialist journals in the field of ABA. His research contributions are wider than just autism, having worked in the field of



behavioural interventions for a range of childhood conditions such as sex abuse or ADHD, and conditions of old age, as well as more basic research with humans and nonhumans. As a result of his

community work, a number of television programmes have explored the plight of parents seeking scientifically validated treatment for their children. He has appeared frequently on the radio on the subject of ABA, has trained a generation of doctoral students, and is a founder of PEAT (Parents' Education as Autism Therapists). PEAT is a charity that has inspired the creation of 20 ABA groups in Ireland, and eight ABA schools there. Mickey Keenan's energy in driving this forward in Ireland is appreciated by many colleagues in the field.

Adoption services clarification

IN May this year we reported on the Adoption Support Services Regulations 2005, and on the uncertainties over requirements to register for self-employed practitioners who give support to people involved in the adoption process. The then

President, Graham Powell, had written to the Adoption Team at the DfES for clarification. In particular, the Society wanted to know whether registration as an adoption support agency (ASA) with the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) would be needed for:

- chartered psychologists at all, because they are regulated under the Royal Charter
- psychologists in private practice working for adoption agencies, etc.
- psychologists providing general services in which an issue relating to adoption emerges.

must be registered. The fact that a person is already registered as a psychologist was said to be 'not enough for providing adoption services to potentially very vulnerable people'. So chartered psychologists will need to register with the CSCI before offering adoption services as statutorily defined.

However, the letter explains that psychologists in private practice doing work on behalf of ASAs, local authorities or registered adoption societies are not caught by the regulations. So undertaking referral work

The reply from the Adoption Team made it clear that psychologists holding themselves out as directly providing adoption services

CIVIL LIABILITY INSURANCE

ACIVIL liability policy protects psychologists from any claim resulting from professional advice or services, but Society estimates suggest that only one in five members have such cover. The Society has now compared several different suppliers and is recommending Howden.

Policies should include support and advice, and cover reasonable costs incurred in the defence or settlement of a claim for professional indemnity, public liability, cases of libel and slander, and inappropriate release of confidential information.

Howden also includes additional benefits such as cover for costs from non-payment of fees; loss of documents; complaints investigation; disciplinary proceedings representation; fidelity guarantee; directors and officers' liability; and PR to mitigate damage to reputation.

Any psychologist undertaking private work would be foolish to do so without adequate insurance. Even those in employment could find that their employer's indemnity may not be able to help them in the event of a complaint to the Society or in circumstances where there is a dispute with the employer.

□ For more information see www.howdenins.co.uk and www.bps.org.uk/98yj.

A few Society members have recently received voicemail messages from a person(s) claiming to be from the BPS. These messages have requested that the member call back on a number beginning with '070'. When members have done so, they get through to a voicemail message telling them that they are through to the BPS. They are then put on continuous hold.

Please be aware that these calls do not originate from the British Psychological Society. The matter has been reported to Ofcom, who have stated that we are not the only organisation with the initials BPS to make this enquiry and that they are investigating the issue. Ofcom have set strict rules regarding '070' numbers and their provision to companies and they are concerned that this may be a scam.

We strongly advise you not to respond to unsolicited requests to contact an '070' phone number. If you are unsure about returning a call, please contact the Society on our main switchboard 0116 254 9568 or e-mail at enquiry@bps.org.uk.

from exempt or registered bodies will not mean a self-employed psychologist having to separately register as an ASA.

On the question of an adoption issue becoming apparent in the course of therapy or counselling, the Adoption Team said: 'It was not the intention of the Regulations to cover any individual or organisation who may from time to time be providing services to those affected by adoption, but who are not seeking services in relation to their adoption. And we do not consider that a counsellor in this category will

become an adoption support agency within the meaning of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (and need to be registered), unless it becomes a purpose of their practice to provide adoption-related counselling.'

The position on interim arrangements while awaiting registration was made clear in the Adoption Team's letter. Anyone applying for registration after the regulations came into force (on 30 December 2005) may not offer adoption services pending notification of whether the application has been approved.

Equal opportunities matters

A summary of main items discussed at a meeting of SCPEO held on Thursday 21 September 2006.

THE opening of the new, more accessible, London office was welcomed and appreciation expressed to the Facilities staff in particular for their efforts in refurbishing the building. A number of points relating to access were noted and will be passed on as appropriate. The equal opportunities committee will again stress to the Board of Trustees the value of involving local access groups in 'test-driving' the building and in keeping access issues constantly under review.

The SCPEO meeting also approved a report entitled 'Summary of Equality Monitoring Data 2006', which was forwarded to the Board of Trustees. Key points raised indicate that gender and age profile of the Society's membership was not reflected in patterns of access, participation or outcomes. However data recording levels are still unreliable for Ethnic Origin, Disability, Religion, Sexual Orientation and Language and a key recommendation to the Board will be to work towards increasing the response rates in these areas. New data provided this year would indicate that women were under-represented at the Annual Conference 2006.

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

Annual Conference 2007 – Call for papers

11–13 May 2007, Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth, Republic of Ireland.

Abstract (electronic only) Deadline via Internet: 31 December 2006
www.nibps.org.uk

DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

Practitioner Full Membership Qualification Supervisors Training Day

Two training workshops for Supervisors for the Practitioner Full Membership Qualification of the DoN are due to be held, one in Glasgow and one in London. Each will outline the structure of the Qualification, and involve discussion of the roles and responsibilities of Supervisors of the Clinical Portfolio (Part 3 of the Qualification).

All who are supervisors, or who are considering becoming, are encouraged to attend one of these. (The workshops largely repeat the training previously presented last year.) Supervisor workshops are

free of charge to Practitioner Full Members of the Division of Neuropsychology.

Glasgow Supervisor Workshop – Friday 23 March 2007, 11am–3pm, at Gartnavel Royal Hospital. Lunch will be provided.

Please note this is rearranged from the date previously given of 27 October 2006.

To reserve a place, contact Bethan

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Dr Fotios Anagnostopoulos has been appointed assistant Professor of Health Psychology at Panteion University, Athens.

Dr Simon du Plock has been appointed Head of Doctoral Department at the Metanoia Institute, London.

Professor Georgios Piperopoulos has been elected to serve as Chairman of the Department of Business Administration, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece for a two-year term commencing September 2006 to August 2008.

Carley at BPS (bethan.carley@bps.org.uk) or to discuss telephone Dr June Robson, Registrar to the Board of Examiners for PFMQ of DoN on 0161 419 4884.

London Supervisor Workshop – Tuesday 23 January 2007, 12.30pm–5pm at the BPS London office. Lunch will be provided and served at 12.30.

To reserve a place, contact Bethan Carley at BPS as above or for further details contact Professor

Michael Oddy at BIRT, 32 Market Place, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 9NP; e-mail: birt@disabilities-trust.org.uk.

SPECIAL GROUP IN COACHING PSYCHOLOGY

1st International Coaching Psychology Conference 18–19 December, City University, London.

A 'not to be missed event'; international leaders in the field of coaching psychology will be

presenting keynote papers, masterclasses, research papers and case studies.

Conference details at www.city.ac.uk/sgcp.

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

The New DCP Annual Conference

14–15 December Congress Centre, London

Registration is now open. Programme available on website: www.dcpconference.co.uk or call the Conference Office on 0116 252 9555.

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY – SCOTLAND

Notice of AGM

The AGM will be held on Friday 26 January 2007, 4.30pm, at the Carlton Hotel, Edinburgh.

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – SOUTH THAMES BRANCH

New Ways of Working for Applied Psychologists: Shaping the Future of the Profession – A working conference Friday 26 January 2007, BPS London office

For more information please see our website www.bps.org.uk/souththames2007 or call the Conference Office on 0116 252 9555.

DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL & CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

Notice of AGM

The AGM will be held on Thursday 4 January 2007, 1.30pm, during the Annual Conference which will be held at the Radisson SAS Hotel, 301 Argyle Street, Glasgow G2 8DL.

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Postgraduate Occupational Psychology Conference 2007

9–10 January 2007, Marriott City Centre Hotel, Bristol.

Registration fees from £85

For further details please visit: www.bps.org.uk/pop2007.

Annual Occupational Psychology Conference 2007

10–12 January 2007, Marriott Hotel City Centre, Bristol.

Keynote speakers: Professor Adrian Furnham (University of London); Tom Smith (HSBC).

PUBLISHING HISTORY

Can you help make our records complete?

The History of Psychology Centre holds a collection of Society and subsystem publications, as does Senate House Library, the Society's official library. Even taking these two collections together, there are still many gaps.

The first step in filling these gaps is to create a definitive list of what has been published and what is missing. This is not as straightforward as it sounds, particularly for subsystem publications, because publication sequences are not always neatly regular and conveniently numbered, and publication titles change or just come and go.

If you think you could have useful information about any subsystem publications, including those of PsyPAG and the Student Members Group, please look at the Subsystems Publications Project web page (tinyurl.com/lyanc4m) or contact Peter Dillon-Hooper (0116 252 9528, petdil@bps.org.uk) for more information.

If you hold back copies of Society publications, including journals, and would consider donating them to the Centre, you can check out our current holdings at tinyurl.com/y3br6o and click on 'The Library' to see if we don't have what you've got.

NEW LOOK FOR CPD ONLINE

The Society's Online System for Planning and Recording CPD has been available for member use (specifically for Chartered Psychologists who hold a practising certificate) since October 2004. More than 9000 members have logged into the system and feedback has been positive, with many members finding the system easy to use and a practical way of helping them to manage their own CPD.

A review of the system, in conjunction with feedback, has led to a new version of this being released, due to be launched on 4 December 2006, with enhanced layout and functionality. CPD requirements and the process you need to undertake regarding the planning, recording, and submitting of your CPD Summary Log remain the same, and all information already saved will be available in the new layout.

The Committee hopes that you will find the improvements beneficial. As well as providing a response to current user needs, the new version of the online system has been designed as a platform to enable further refinements to the system in future years, without further changes to the layout.

For further information about the CPD Online System, please visit: www.bps.org.uk/cpd-homepage. Any enquiries about CPD should be directed to the CPD Helpline. Tel: 0116 252 9916; e-mail: cpd@bps.org.uk.

SELECTED NEWS FROM THE BOARDS

Professional Practice Board (7–8 September 2006)

- *The Generic Professional Practice Guidelines Working Party.* The Working Party was convening; Lesley Cohen was to act as Chair. The first meeting would be in early October.
- *Statutory regulation.* The board expressed support for the Society continuing to lobby for a separate regulatory body for psychology.
- *CORE Subcommittee.* Following consultation with members of the CORE subcommittee and the board the CORE subcommittee had been closed. The business of monitoring CORE would be taken over by the full board. An extension of CORE's grant had been agreed at £790,000 until 2010.
- *Working Party on the Effects of Pornography.* The Board supported the proposal for a joint working party with the Research Board.
- *Mental Health Bill Working Party.* The working party had reconvened; Peter Kinderman was the Chair.
- *Personality Disorder Steering Group.* The steering group had reconvened; Nic Alwin was the Chair.

Reports of **Board of Trustees** and **Representative Council** meetings are available to members on the BPS website – www.bps.org.uk/members/members_home.cfm

Conference programme now available.

Details at www.bps.org.uk/dop2007
Enquiries to the BPS Conference Office. Tel: 01 16 252 9555 or e-mail dopannual@bps.org.uk.

Annual General Meeting

The Division AGM will take place on 11 January 2007, Berlin Suite, Marriott Hotel City Centre, Bristol.

DIVISION OF COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY

Annual Conference 2007 – 'Resonances of Childhood – The Makings of a Person'

18–20 May, Crowne Plaza Chester

Keynote speakers: Camilla Batmanghelidjh, Áine Thompson, Leonie Sugarman, Sue Gerhardt

Submissions now open – further details including submission guidelines can be obtained from www.bps.org.uk/dcop2007.

The deadline for submissions is Monday 16 January 2007. All enquiries to the Conference Office. Tel: 01 16 2529555; e-mail: dcopconf@bps.org.uk.

DIVISION OF COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY SCOTLAND

Notice of AGM

The AGM will be held on Friday 19 January 2006 in Glasgow. The exact time and venue will be notified at a later date and will be available on the website of DCoP Scotland.

(www.bps.org.uk/dcop/cops/meeting.cfm).

WESSEX BRANCH

Fit for the Future?

Presidential Lecture on Wednesday 13 December 2006, 6.30pm at University of Winchester, Sparkford

Road, Winchester

A review of how psychology and the BPS have developed over the years and some of the opportunities and challenges for the future.

Speaker: Ray Miller, President of the British Psychological Society

Dorset Hub – Advanced notice

The new Dorset Hub is planning a launch in mid to late January 2007. They have already planned meetings for Thursday 15 February 2007 and a CPD workshop will be held during the first week in April.

Notice of AGM

The AGM will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 14 February 2007 at the University of Winchester, Sparkford Road, Winchester, Room MB12, followed by refreshments and at 7pm an address by Dr Monica Whitty on internet dating.

For further information and bookings for the above events please contact Sheila Simons, Branch Administrator.

E-mail Wessex.wight@bps.org.uk.

DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

Annual Conference 2007

12–14 September, The Institute of Work, Health & Organisations, University of Nottingham

Abstract submissions covering the full range of health psychology are warmly invited. Submission deadlines are 15 February 2007, and 7 June 2007 for late poster submissions only.

We are pleased to announce our four keynote speakers:

Professor Alan Christensen, University of Iowa; Professor Mark Conner, University of Leeds; Professor Susan Michie, University

College London; Professor Jane Ogden, University of Surrey.

For more details, see the conference website www.dhp2007.org.uk.

PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN SECTION

Annual Conference 2007 (20th Anniversary)

18–20 July 2007, Cumberland Lodge, Windsor

Call for papers. The annual conference covers a wide range of issues including: gender, mental health, women's health, feminist theory, masculinity, sexuality, qualitative methodologies, disability, ethnicity, and racism. Contributions include papers, symposia, posters and workshops. The conference themes for this year are: 'Memory', 'History' and 'Celebrating feminisms'.

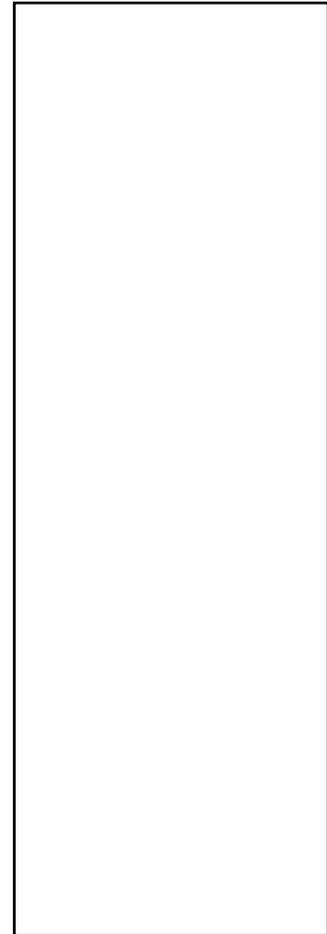
Abstract submissions deadlines: 31 March for papers and 30 April for posters. For submissions e-mail: abstracts@powconference.org.uk.

For further information and details about registration see www.bps.org.uk/powsconf2007 or call Mandy Lindsay at the Conference Office (01 16 252 9555, powsconference@bps.org.uk).

DIVISION OF SPORT & EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY

Upcoming Conference

The 13th International Reversal Theory Conference, hosted by the Department of Sport & Exercise Science at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth will be held on 1–4 July 2007. The deadline for submitting abstracts is 31 March 2007. Abstract submission details can be found on the Reversal Theory website: www.reversaltheory.org.



Get involved in the DSEP

A call for nominations to be elected to the DSEP Committee will be forthcoming with elections scheduled to take place prior to the AGM in March 2007.

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – PSIGE

National PSIGE Conference 2007 – Call for papers

'Everybody's Ageing: Challenges and Opportunities', 4–6 July, University of Nottingham Jubilee Campus. Papers are welcomed in the areas of clinical psychology with older people and related practice.

For more information go to www.bps.org.uk/psige2007.

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Vacancy

Person specification

Information (closing date)

Chief Supervisor for the Board of Examiners in Occupational Psychology

Chartered occupational psychologist.

John Duggan – john.duggan@bps.org.uk (closing date)

Stage 1 Examiner – Board of Examiners in Health Psychology

Health psychologist chartered for at least five years with experience in setting and marking examination papers. Attracts payment with travel and subsistence.

Angela Baxter – 01 16 252 9584, angela.baxter@bps.org.uk (9 March 2007)

Ordinary Member – Board of Examiners in Health Psychology

Chartered health psychologist. All travel and subsistence expenses met.

Angela Baxter – 01 16 252 9584, angela.baxter@bps.org.uk (9 March 2007)