

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**Helen Cowie** has a new post as Professor of Mental Health and Youth at the European Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey.

**John Hall** has been appointed Visiting Professor of Mental Health Care at the Oxford Centre for Health Research and Development, Oxford Brookes University. He is also continuing to work with the Health Advisory Service, which is moving in April to new offices in Cavendish Square, London.

**Professor John H. Kerr**, currently at Tsukuba University in Japan, will take up a new professorial position in the Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences at Kokushikan University in Tama in Tokyo, from 1 April 2003.

If you represent a Society subsystem board or committee, remember that *The Psychologist* remains the only way to get your news across to the whole membership. E-mail: [psychologist@bps.org.uk](mailto:psychologist@bps.org.uk).

## SELECTED NEWS FROM THE BOARDS

### Research Board (1 February 2003)

- *New Chair of the Research Board*: Professor Dominic Abrams (University of Kent at Canterbury).
- *Board members' details*: A register of contact details and research interests will be posted at [www.bps.org.uk/sab/sabhome.cfm](http://www.bps.org.uk/sab/sabhome.cfm).
- *Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2004*: Professor Angela Clow (University of Westminster) has been shortlisted as a candidate.
- *Postgraduate Study Visits Scheme 2003*: Nine visits have been funded to universities across the world.
- *Research Seminars Competition 2003*: Five seminar series have been supported.
- *Select Committee on Science and Technology Inquiry on Bioterrorism*: The board considered and put forward suggestions for psychologists with expertise in relevant areas.
- *Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology*: Following a review of the joint award schemes with POST it was agreed to increase the grant for secondment of the postgraduate prize winner (for a three-month period at POST) in line with recent increases in research council stipends.
- *London Lectures*: An interim report of the Standing Conference Committee on the Christmas event was discussed. The board remains supportive of the continuation of the London Lectures, and strongly supports the thoroughness of the review being conducted by SCC and its chair.
- *BAAS Strategic Review*: It was agreed to submit a response.
- *White Paper on the Future of Higher Education*: Comments will be submitted for inclusion in the joint PEB/MPTB response.
- *Office staff*: Derrick Mortimer (Science and Practice Directorate Manager) has left the Society. The board thank him warmly for his support and contributions during his time with us.

### Professional Practice Board (8 February 2003)

- *Appointments/representatives*: Roger Paxton – CORE liaison; Alice Campbell Reay – Action on Elder Abuse; Sarah Bartlett – Counselling & Psychotherapy Forum in Primary Care; Pamela James – UKCP; Jennie Rowden – BACP; and Mumtaz Khan – The Psychologist Policy Committee.
- *Proposed working party on support mechanisms for those who may become subject to investigatory or disciplinary procedures*: The board requested that the Division of Forensic Psychology be approached to take the lead in writing a position paper identifying the remit and resources needed for such a working party.
- *Supervision*: The board noted that its supervision work had identified areas of interest and clarity but was being superseded by CPD work. It was agreed that PPB would not be publishing its own supervision guidelines.
- *Registration Committee for Psychologists Specialising in Psychotherapy*: Professor David Lane, Shadow Chair of the new committee, updated the board on recent developments and requested a nomination for the RCPSP as soon as possible.
- *Expert witnesses*: The board provisionally agreed that a further working party be set up to look at support from the Society for those choosing to act as expert witnesses, and requested that a short position paper be brought back for discussion to the April meeting.
- *Offender profiling*: The board asked for a position paper regarding a working party on offender profiling to be brought back to the April meeting.
- *Responses to government and other bodies*: Developing the Role of Support Staff: Response to the DfES. Draft Strategic Direction for Palliative Care Services in Wales: Response to the Welsh Assembly. National Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy: Response to the DoH. Wellbeing in Wales: Response to the Welsh Assembly.

## OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT AWARDS

### Call for submissions

As part of the Society's commitment to encouraging students to enter occupational psychology, we will be presenting three student awards for 2003: cash prizes of £250, £500 or £750, plus admission and expenses for the 2004 conference of the Division of Occupational Psychology.

The awards will be made to those students submitting project outlines (past, present or future) which, in the opinion of a panel of distinguished academic and practitioner judges, make the most valuable contribution to occupational psychology.

Submissions are welcome from undergraduates, postgraduates and doctoral students who are, or have been, on a BPS-accredited programme of study. Submissions should consist of a summary of the project (approximately 1000 words) with a clear indication of what has been or will be achieved, and why the project is worthy of consideration. At the top of your submission please list your name and contact details, and those of your supervisor. The presentation of the awards will take place at the conference. All students should ensure that they are able to attend the conference if successful.

Submit three hard copies to Rosie Buxton at the Leicester office, or by e-mail to [rosbux@bps.org.uk](mailto:rosbux@bps.org.uk). Closing date for submissions is **30 October 2003**, and winners will be notified by early December.

The Division of Occupational Psychology's Promoting the Profession Group would also like to hear from you if you have been on TV or radio regarding work psychology issues, e.g. the firefighters' strike. Please contact us at Promoting the Profession Group, DOP/BPS, c/o the Leicester office.

## PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR EXPERTS

Following the highly publicised case of *Lillie and Reed v. Newcastle City Council and others*, the Society has sought legal advice so that members may be aware of the main issues. In the case itself a consultant clinical psychologist, among others, was found to have libelled two nursery nurses in a report prepared for Newcastle City Council.

The Society's advice to members relates in particular to those involved with independent inquiries and other quasi-judicial proceedings, or otherwise acting in an expert capacity. The advice points out best practice and guides members on providing expert or other advice in such circumstances. The full advice can be found on the Society's website at [www.bps.org.uk](http://www.bps.org.uk).

## SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

### NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND BRANCH

#### Careers in Psychology 2003

In conjunction with Manchester Metropolitan University. Your chance to ask questions about careers in psychology from those working in the area and find out how you can use such a degree.

The programme will include speakers from the key areas of psychology including clinical, counselling, educational, forensic,

health, occupational, research and teaching, together with the University Admissions Officer  
*When?* Thursday 17 April 2003.  
*Where?* The Geoffrey Manton Building, Mabel Tylecote Campus, Manchester Metropolitan University, Oxford Road, Manchester.  
*Time?* 10am to 4.30pm.  
*Cost?* £10.

To book, send a cheque or postal order payable to Manchester Metropolitan University with an A5 self-addressed stamped envelope to: Janine Acott, Commercial Office, Manchester Metropolitan University, Elizabeth Gaskell Campus,

Hathersage Road, Manchester M13 0JA. Enquiries: Hilary Neve (hilary\_neve@totalise.co.uk or 0161 437 6443 after 2pm) or Shirley Pressler (pressles@edgehill.ac.uk or 01695 584085).

### COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

#### Annual Conference 2003

3–5 September 2003, University of Reading

The keynote speakers are Professor James Nairne (Purdue University), Professor Dylan Jones (Cardiff University) and the BPS Cognitive Psychology Award Winner 2003 (to be announced).

There are four invited symposia: Short-term memory/working memory; Auditory attention/distraction; Prospective memory; Cognitive development.

#### Call for individual paper and poster contributions

We invite submissions for papers or posters on the entire range of topics relevant to cognitive psychology, particularly those related to the conference themes of memory, attention and cognitive development. Reports of research that cuts across traditional disciplinary boundaries are also encouraged. All submissions will be reviewed. Deadline for submissions

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### listed by deadline

#### 1 May 2003

ESRC Research studentships. Contact: Postgraduate Training Division. Tel: 01793 413000; e-mail: ptd@esrc.ac.uk; website: www.esrc.ac.uk

ESRC/NERC. Interdisciplinary research studentships. Contact: Postgraduate Training Division. Tel: 01793 413000; e-mail: ptd@esrc.ac.uk; website: www.esrc.ac.uk

National Institute of Mental Health. Affiliative behaviours and HIV/STD prevention and alcohol and HIV/AIDS project grants. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

National Institute of Mental Health. HIV treatment adherence research project grants. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

National Institute of Mental Health. Research on social network and HIV risk prevention. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

National Institute of Mental Health. Demographic research on sexual behaviour related to HIV. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

Wellcome Trust. Public interest research studentships. Contact: Rebecca Christou, Grants Information Officer. Tel: 020 7611 8888; website: www.wellcome.ac.uk

#### 2 May 2003

Leverhulme Trust. Major research fellowships. Contact: General Enquiries. Tel: 020 7822 5220; website: www.leverhulme.org.uk

#### 15 May 2003

Leverhulme Trust. Visiting professorships. Contact: J. Cater. Tel: 020 7822 6952; e-mail: jcater@leverhulme.org.uk; website: www.leverhulme.org.uk

#### 17 May 2003

Royal Society. Postdoctoral Fellowships Abroad. Tel: 020 7451 2539; e-mail: info@royalsoc.ac.uk; website: www.royalsoc.ac.uk

#### 30 May 2003

Research Into Ageing. Research fellowships and PhD studentships. Contact: Dr Susanne Sorensen. Tel: 020 7404 6878; website: www.ageing.org

#### 31 May 2003

ESRC: Link Programme in Eating, Food and Health. Contact: M. Edmonds. Tel: 01793 413000; website: www.esrc.ac.uk

#### 1 June 2003

APA. Distinguished Scientific Awards Programme. Contact: Suzanne Wandersman, Director of Governance Affairs. Tel: 00 1 202 336 5500; website: www.apa.org

NERC. Small research grants. Contact: Dr J.H. Baker. Tel: 01793 411564; website: www.nerc.ac.uk

NERC. Standard research grants. Contact: Dr J.H. Baker. Tel: 01793 411564; website: www.nerc.ac.uk

Wellcome Trust. Engaging Science–Society Awards. Contact: Rebecca Christou, Grants Information Officer. Tel: 020 7611 8888; website: www.wellcome.ac.uk

National Institute of Mental Health. Project grants on research on the impact of disaster. Contact: Farris Tuma. Tel: 001 301 443 5944; e-mail: ftuma@nih.gov; website: http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-133.html

National Institute of Mental Health. Project grants on mental disorders/retardation. Contact: David Stoff. E-mail: dstoff@nih.gov; website: http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-028.html

National Institute of Mental Health. Project grants on mental health service improvement. Contact: Karen Anderson Oliver. E-mail: koliver1@mail.nih.gov; website: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-145.html

National Institute of Mental Health. Project grants for psychopathology analyses. Contact: Karen Bourdon. E-mail: kbouardon@nih.gov; website: http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-044.html

#### 1 August 2003

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation. Research grants for research on problems of violence, aggression and dominance. Contact: Program Officer. Tel: 00 1 212 644 4907; website: www.hfg.org

Nuffield Foundation. Project grants – outline applications. Contact: Anthony Tomei, Helen Quigley or Sharon Whitherspoon. Tel: 020 7631 0566; website: www.nuffieldfoundation.org

#### 1 Feb 2004 (ongoing)

US National Institute on Aging. Research projects. Contact: Linda Whipp. Tel: 00 1 301 496 1472; e-mail: lw17m@nih.gov; website: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide.html

### open date schemes

See January issue (p.41).

**A searchable database containing full details of the various national and international funding opportunities for psychologists can be found on the Society's website at [www.bps.org.uk/careers/funding.cfm](http://www.bps.org.uk/careers/funding.cfm)**

*If you are a grant-awarding body, please e-mail Lisa Morrison (lismor@bps.org.uk) with details of your scheme for inclusion in this column.*

is Friday 23 May 2003.

Further details on the conference, including an online submission form, are available from the BPS-CPS website at:

<http://privatewww.essex.ac.uk/~gdward/bpscog.html>

Enquiries to the Conference Organiser, Dr Phil Beaman (e-mail: [c.p.beaman@reading.ac.uk](mailto:c.p.beaman@reading.ac.uk)), School of Psychology, University of Reading, Harry Pitt Building, Earley Gate, Reading RG6 6AL.

#### Postgraduate bursaries

The Cognitive Psychology Section provides a limited number of bursaries for postgraduates who attend and present papers/posters at the Section conferences.

#### NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH in conjunction with the WELSH and SCOTTISH BRANCHES

##### Annual Conference 2003

The Comfort Hotel, Portrush, Co. Antrim, 25–27 April 2003

The conference programme can be viewed on the Branch website: [www.nibps.org.uk](http://www.nibps.org.uk).

#### NORTHERN IRELAND ASSISTANT PSYCHOLOGIST FORUM

NIAPF is currently meeting every two months, on Thursdays at 2pm. Next meeting: 15 May 2003, 2nd Floor Seminar Room, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.

Invited speaker: Hazel Dusoar (Clinical Neuropsychologist), 'Routes to becoming a clinical neuropsychologist with examples

of clinical work'.

For further details, or to join the mailing list contact: Sharon Hardiman, Homefirst Community Addictions Team, Ballymena BT43 5DT.

Tel. 028 2565 8462; e-mail: [sharon.hardiman@ntlworld.com](mailto:sharon.hardiman@ntlworld.com); website: [www.niapf.tripod.com](http://www.niapf.tripod.com) (under construction).

#### PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN SECTION

##### Women and Psychology Conference 2003

8–10 July 2003, University College Northampton

This year's conference themes are: Health; Feminist theory; Parenting; Women at work.

Keynote speakers will be Erica Burman (MMU), Wendy Stainton Rogers (Open University), Fiona Tasker (Birkbeck College) and Anne Woollett (University of East London).

Contributions are invited for presentations in any format (e.g. symposia, individual papers, posters, debates, workshops, etc.) in line with the conference themes or other topics. All proposals should consist of a 250-word appropriately structured abstract. (Symposia should include a summary abstract and one abstract per paper.)

Accepted individual papers will be allocated 30-minute time slots, of which 10 minutes should be for audience participation. All other oral presentations (e.g. symposia) will be allocated time slots in multiples of 30 minutes, and proposals should indicate how many such slots are required.

The submission deadline is Wednesday **30 April 2003**. Please submit your proposals by post on a diskette or e-mail submission to: Women and Psychology Conference 2003, Psychology Division, University College Northampton, Park Campus, Boughton Green Road, Northampton NN2 7AL. E-mail: [pows2003@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:pows2003@northampton.ac.uk).

For further details about accommodation and registration, contact our website at [www.northampton.ac.uk/pows2003](http://www.northampton.ac.uk/pows2003).

#### PSYCHOTHERAPY SECTION

##### Scientific Meeting

In collaboration with the International Attachment Network, Saturday 10 May 2003 at the Rutherford Conference Centre, Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place, London W1N 3DH

*The End of Abuse*, a playreading in three parts by John Woods.

Performed by members of the the Dialectical Theatre Company directed by Cindy Greville. Followed by a multidisciplinary open forum led by Dr Angela Douglas and Dr Tirrill Harris

Fees: members of the Section and IAN £30; non-members £40; students and unwaged £20 (including lunch and refreshments).

Contact: Cassie Cooper, 12 Coniston Court, High Street, Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex HA1 3LP.

#### DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

##### Annual Conference 2003

3–5 September, Staffordshire University, Stoke & Stafford.

Abstract submissions for late posters are welcomed by 6 June 2003.

This year's keynote speakers are: Professors Martin Fishbein, University of Pennsylvania, USA; Marian Pitts, La Trobe University, Australia; John Weinman, King's College London.

A draft programme, registration form and accommodation details are available from: the conference website [www.staffs.ac.uk/DHP2003](http://www.staffs.ac.uk/DHP2003); or from the BPS conference office in Leicester. Tel: 0116 252 9555; fax: 0116 255 7123; e-mail: [conferences@bps.org.uk](mailto:conferences@bps.org.uk). For lower rates, register before 31 July or become a DHP member.

#### WESSEX & WIGHT BRANCH

**Applying Occupational Psychology in a Business Setting – A practical workshop**  
13 May 2003, Farnham Castle, Surrey

How we cope under stress; Mergers and acquisitions; Myths and narratives at work; Coaching and NLP.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Patricia Burrows (023 8023 6944).

#### DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **2 May** for the June issue

## MEETING DATES

#### COUNCIL

Saturday 10 May 2003  
Saturday 18 October 2003

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Friday 9 May 2003 (pre-Council)  
Friday 13 June 2003  
Friday 5 September 2003  
Friday 17 October 2003 (pre-Council)  
Friday 28 November 2003

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

Friday 4 April 2003  
Friday 6 June 2003  
Friday 12 September 2003  
Saturday 22 November 2003

#### RESEARCH BOARD

Friday 27 June 2003 (followed by Presidents' Award Committee)

Friday 24 October 2003 (followed by Visiting Psychologists Committee)

#### MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

Friday 20 June 2003  
Friday 19 September 2003  
Friday 7 November 2003

#### PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD

Friday 11 April 2003  
Friday 6 June 2003  
Friday 10 October 2003

#### PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Thursday 12 June 2003  
Thursday 11 September 2003  
Friday 12 December 2003

#### FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Thursday 22 May 2003  
Friday 3 October 2003

#### PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BOARD

Tuesday 21 October 2003 (AGM)

#### GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 1 May 2003  
Thursday 26 June 2003  
Thursday 11 September 2003  
Thursday 13 November 2003

#### ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 24 April 2003  
Thursday 5 June 2003  
Thursday 4 September 2003  
Thursday 6 November 2003

#### STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday 10 June 2003  
Tuesday 9 September 2003

#### THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 16 May 2003  
Friday 3 October 2003

#### INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday 24 June 2003  
Thursday 18 September 2003  
Wednesday 10 December 2003

#### FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.

Friday 5 December 2003  
Annual Conference – 13–15 March 2003

