

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Professor David A. Alexander, Director of the Centre for Trauma Research, University of Aberdeen, has been made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. This is in recognition of his contributions to psychiatry and to the psychological aspects of trauma both nationally and internationally.

Dr Doreen M. Baxter has left the National Brain Injury Unit, St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton to take up a new post as Senior Manager, Clinical Rehab Services, Devey HealthCare, Dublin.

Dr Ian Rivers has been appointed Reader in Psychology in the School of Sports Science and Psychology at York St John College.

Professor Michael Ross, University of Texas, was one of the three editors of the recent US Surgeon-General's *Call to Action on Sexual Health and Responsible Sexual Behavior*. He has recently completed his term as President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

DEATH

Professor Rosemary Stevenson of Durham University died in January, aged 60, following a two-year battle with cancer.

Psychology archive to be based at London office

AT its October meeting Council enthusiastically endorsed a proposal from the Working Group for the Fostering of the History of Psychology. This proposal envisages the bringing together of all of the Society's archival material (including the visual archive) and housing it at the Society's John Street office in London. The aim is to integrate, manage and develop the Society's archives with the long-term goal of providing a general archive of British psychology and a comprehensive supporting library. At a later stage the Centre might also take the initiative in implementing a national survey of psychology-related archives.

A Centre for the History of Psychology is also to be established in the London office to provide a forum for academic research in the history of psychology for UK and international scholars, postgraduate level students and, in appropriate circumstances, undergraduate students and non-academics. The aims of the Centre are: to promote the

teaching of and research in the history of psychology; to organise lecture series, workshops and conferences; and to collaborate with other London higher education institutions (such as the University of London and some of its individual colleges, the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, and the Science Museum) in the development of an archival strategy, the provision of postgraduate research student supervision and, in the longer term, training in the history of psychology at master's level. It is hoped that the Centre might also support Society activities in general, as well as

meeting the needs of individual members (e.g. in the provision of book-illustration material).

At its meeting in early December the working group agreed to move ahead quickly with the short-term appointment of a professional archivist. It is planned to draw up a job description for the post of Director of the Centre by the end of March 2002 with a view to having an appointment in place by October 2002.

James Good, Chair of the History and Philosophy of Psychology Section and Convenor of the Working Group for the Fostering of the History of Psychology

RESEARCH SEMINAR

A seminar entitled 'Infant Assessment', funded under the Society's Research Seminars Competition, will take place at the Open University, Milton Keynes on Friday 26 April from 10am to 4pm. The seminar aims to address theoretical and practical issues in the assessment of children under two years of age.

Places are limited. Clinical or educational psychologists who are actively involved in infant assessment are particularly welcome to attend.

For more details please contact Ingram Wright, Department of Psychological Medicine, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London WC1N 3JH.

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MEETING DATES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 15 March 2002

COUNCIL

Saturday 11 May 2002

Saturday 19 October 2002

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday 8 March 2002

Friday 10 May 2002 (pre-Council)

Friday 14 June 2002

Friday 6 September 2002

Friday 18 October 2002 (pre-Council)

Friday 29 November 2002

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Friday 5 April 2002

Friday 7 June 2002

Friday 13 September 2002

Saturday 9 November 2002

SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS BOARD

Wednesday 13 March 2002 (followed by Spearman Medal Committee)

Friday 28 June 2002 (followed by Presidents' Award Committee)

Friday 25 October 2002 (followed by Visiting Psychologists Committee)

MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS BOARD

Friday 1 March 2002

Friday 21 June 2002

Friday 20 September

Friday 8 November 2002

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Friday 15 March 2002

Monday 10 June 2002

Monday 9 September 2002

Friday 13 December 2002

DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Tuesday 5 March 2002

Tuesday 15 October 2002

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Thursday 23 May 2002

Friday 4 October 2002

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 7 March 2002

Thursday 18 April 2002

Thursday 13 June 2002

Thursday 12 September 2002

Thursday 14 November 2002

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 25 April 2002

Thursday 6 June 2002

Thursday 5 September 2002

Thursday 7 November 2002

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Friday 22 March 2002

Friday 14 June 2002

Monday 9 September 2002

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 17 May 2002

Friday 11 October 2002

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.

Annual Conference

13-16 March 2002

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

DIVISION OF COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY

Annual General Meeting 2002

The AGM will take place on Friday 17 May 2002, 12 noon, during the Division's Annual Conference in Torquay.

Nominations are invited for Chair-Elect, Membership Secretary and committee members.

Nominees must be accredited or general members of the Division, and the consent of the nominee to accept office if elected must be obtained in writing. Each nomination requires a proposer and seconder who must be accredited or general members of the Division.

Nomination forms will be mailed separately to all eligible Division members.

Deadline for receipt of nominations is Monday 25 March 2002, to be sent to the Honorary Secretary, Division

of Counselling Psychology, c/o BPS Leicester office.

Counselling Psychology Award and Trainee Prize – Final reminder

Guidelines for submission are in the November 2001 issue of *Counselling Psychology Review* (vol. 16 no. 4).

All applications to be addressed to the Honorary Secretary c/o BPS Leicester office – there should be four copies of each document supporting each candidate's application, closing date **31 March**

2002.

The award winner will be announced at the AGM during the 2002 conference in Torquay.

Enquiries or questions about procedures of application can be made to p.e.james@livjm.ac.uk.

SPORT & EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Student dissertation prize

The Section awards an annual prize for the best undergraduate student dissertation. Simon Jones of

MICHAEL HOWE (1940–2002)

MICHAEL J.A. Howe, Professor of Psychology at the University of Exeter, died after a brief illness on 2 January 2002. He had served Exeter University and the UK psychology community with distinction for over 30 years. He was internationally recognised as one of the UK's leading contributors to the psychology of learning, intelligence, and exceptional ability.

Mike Howe graduated from the University of Sheffield in 1963 and gained his PhD there (on recall and storage in short-term memory) in 1966. His first book, *An Introduction to Human Memory*, was published in 1970 whilst he was at the University of Alberta. He moved to Exeter in 1971, continuing a prodigious publication output (including over 20 books) until his untimely death. His major contributions to the psychology of learning included *Understanding School Learning* (1972), *Learning in Infants and Young Children* (1975), *Adult Learning* (1977) and *The Psychology of Human Learning* (1980).

In 1982 he was the founding editor of the journal *Human Learning* (now renamed *Applied Cognitive Psychology*).

Mike Howe was always interested in communicating to a wider audience than solely to academic psychologists. In his preface to his first book he wrote: 'There is no reason why modern psychological knowledge...should not be more widely available than it is. The purpose of this book is to help communicate such knowledge.' This remained a guiding principle throughout his career. And, although he published standard textbooks on many different aspects of learning, he had a particular gift for the short paperback. His most successful text, *A Teacher's Guide to Learning* (1984), was reprinted nine times before appearing in a second edition in 1999.

Somewhat less known, though

nevertheless influential, was Mike Howe's writing in the second part of his career on the topic of intelligence and intellectual development. This work pre-dated much of his later work on *idiots savants* and expertise. In the mid 1980s the psychometric

community was engaged in providing empirical evidence to support the argument that general intelligence was the single best predictor of a wide range of developmental outcomes (school performance, earnings, happiness, mental health). Mike Howe established a reputation as an ardent environmentalist within this field.

He wrote a number of rebuttals to the psychometric argument that basic information-processing components (e.g. visual inspection time) were general. In these publications Mike ably integrated argument and data to argue against generalist views of intelligence. While many disagreed with his arguments, all took them seriously and felt compelled to address them.

In the latter part of his career Mike Howe

became increasingly interested in the nature and origins of exceptional skills. Two highly influential books were published in successive years: *Fragments of Genius: The Strange Feats of Idiots Savants* (1989) and *The Origins of Exceptional Abilities* (1990). Then followed a 10-year collaboration with music psychologists, in which Mike was able to flesh out empirically many of his ideas in studies on a large sample of young musicians, leading to the target article in *Behavioural and Brain Sciences* (1998) in which data and insights from a lifetime's work were integrated to support the claim that commonly held conceptions of 'innate talent' had neither theoretical nor empirical justification.

At the time of his death Mike Howe was planning a book with Wendy M. Williams and Stephen J. Ceci on the nurture of intelligence. He had just finished a book for the American Psychological Association on developing intellectually talented children, and the debate over so-called 'hot house children'.

Mike Howe was a consistent and distinguished contributor to the professional world. He contributed to the editorial and reviewing work of over 30 journals. He served on a range of major BPS committees, including the Scientific Affairs Board, and he chaired a BPS working party examining claims concerning subliminal tapes and learning in the absence of awareness.

All those who knew him will testify that Mike Howe carried his prodigious workload with lightness, modesty and humour. Colleagues and former students alike have been the beneficiaries of Mike's immense personal generosity, warmth, and humility. He was universally liked, and will be sadly missed by many. He is survived by his wife Sylvia and his two children, Nick and Lucy. To them we offer our deepest sympathy.

John Sloboda, James Hartley and Stephen Ceci

University College, Chichester, received the award for 2001. The title of his dissertation is 'The effects of self-handicapping on causal attributions and self-efficacy following athletic performance'. This dissertation described an innovative piece of research and was highly praised by both of the dissertation reviewers.

Currently the winner of this award receives £50 plus full payment of registration fees at the BPS Annual Conference, should they present the submitted research at this conference.

Students and supervisors wishing to submit dissertations should contact the Section Secretary, (Dr David Lavallee: david.lavallee@strath.ac.uk) for further details on submission criteria and the deadline for 2002.

DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

Post-qualification training day in clinical neuropsychology 'Neuropsychology and Rehabilitation'

Friday 26 April 2001, London Voluntary Sector Resource Centre, Holloway Road, London N7 6PA

Speakers: Dr Huw Williams, Professor Robin Morris, Dr Simon Fleminger, Professor Ray Dolan

Cost: DoN members £50; Non-members £75

For further information please call Dr Michael Oddy. Tel: 01444 239123.

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Annual Conference 2002, University of Huddersfield, 11-13 September – Call for papers

We are delighted to announce that the keynote speakers for this year's conference will be Professor Steinar

Kvale (Aarhus University, Denmark), Professor Peter Ashworth (Sheffield Hallam University) and Professor Alex Haslam (University of Exeter).

We particularly encourage submissions relating to our two conference themes: phenomenological approaches to social psychology; and sexual, national and organisational identities. However, submissions relating to any area of social psychology are most welcome. Deadline for submissions: **Friday 26 April 2002.**

For further information about the conference and submission details please visit the conference website: www.hud.ac.uk/hhs/dbs/spc2002/index.htm.

PSYCHOLOGY OF EDUCATION SECTION

2002 Annual Conference, 1-3 November 2002, TUC Centre, London – Call for papers

Submissions for symposia, papers and posters are invited for the next Annual Conference. This year's theme is 'Transforming learning'. Professor John Biggs, University of Hong Kong will give the Vernon-Wall Lecture, drawing on his distinguished career researching learning from a contextualised and interactive perspective.

The closing date for submissions is **31 May 2002.**

For further information regarding submission guidelines visit www.bps.org or contact the conference office on 0116 252 9555. Other enquiries should be addressed to Lynne Rogers, Psychology and Human Development, Institute of Education, University of London, 25 Woburn Square, London WC1H 0AA. Tel: 020 7612 6271.

DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Annual Conference 5-8 September 2002, University of Sussex

Submissions for paper and poster presentations are invited. These should take the form of a title sheet containing (a) title, (b) authors, (c) corresponding address, including e-mail address where possible, and (d) a 150 word (maximum) abstract. This should be accompanied by a separate 750-word (maximum) summary of the presentation, without author names or affiliation. Please also state whether you wish your submission to be considered

for a paper or poster presentation. Groups of three to four related papers may also be submitted as a paper symposium. Convenors of symposia should submit, in addition to the material described above, a title sheet with names and affiliations for the convenor(s), presenters, and discussant, along with a 200-word summary of the symposium theme. The closing date for all submissions is **1 May 2002.** Submissions should include four hard copies, along with a version on disk.

Submissions and enquiries should be sent to Dr Alison Pike, Psychology Group, Cognitive and Computing Sciences, Brighton BN1 9QH. E-mail: alisonp@cogs.sus.ac.uk.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS WORKING WITH OLDER PEOPLE

Annual Conference 'Making Waves' – Call for papers

UEA Norwich, 23-25 June 2003. Colleagues are invited to submit ideas for papers or workshops for this conference.

Contact: Cath Burley: cath.burley@nwanglia.anglox.nhs.uk.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

Annual Conference 26-28 April 2002, The Park Hotel, Virginia, Co Cavan, Ireland

Invited speakers: Professor Graham Davey, BPS President; Professor Des

Swan, President of the Psychological Society of Ireland

Registration deadline 26 March 2002

Contact Dr Christopher Lewis or Anne Kerr at the Branch office. Tel: 029 9027 4129; e-mail: nibpsoffice@yahoo.co.uk.

DIVISION OF FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

11th Annual Conference 3-5 April 2002, Manchester University

Keynote speaker: Dr Tony Ward, University of Melbourne

Further information from: Jo Homewood, c/o BPS conference office. E-mail: conferences@bps.org.uk.

NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND BRANCH

Careers in psychology

Thursday 11 April 2002, 10am- 4.30pm, Lecture Theatre 1, Lower Ground Floor, Geoffrey Manton Building, Mabel Tylecote Campus, Manchester Metropolitan University, Oxford Road, Manchester M13. Cost £8

Contact: The Commercial Office Manager, Manchester Metropolitan University. Tel: 01663 734715.

DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **28 March** for the May issue

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2002

The AGM of the Society will be held at 6pm on **Friday 15 March 2002** in the Lancastrian Suite, The Imperial Hotel, Blackpool.

Ingrid Lunt

Honorary General Secretary

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Standing Committee for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities (SCPEO), which has responsibility for the implementation of the Society's equal opportunities policy, is seeking new members to serve for three years (subject to Council approval).

The committee would like to hear from members who have personal and professional experience of equal opportunities work, and who are committed to equal opportunity issues.

Applications from all grades of membership and all sectors of the Society are welcome. Commitment, knowledge and the ability to communicate effectively are desirable.

Members who would be willing to serve on this committee are invited to send a completed statement of interest form and names of referees to: Pat Frankish Chair of SCPEO, c/o Felicity Hector at the Society's office, no later than **Monday 8 April**. (Statement of interest forms are available from Felicity Hector at the Leicester office. E-mail: felhec@bps.org.uk; tel: 0116 252 9507.)