

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Dr Alan Carr, Director of the doctoral programme in clinical psychology at University College Dublin, received the Psychological Society of Ireland's special award of merit for an outstanding contribution to the profession at the society's annual conference in Westport in November. The award was given in recognition of his contribution to the development of clinical psychology training in Ireland and for his publications, particularly in the area of child and adolescent clinical psychology.

Ron McKechnie, former consultant clinical psychologist at Dumfries has retired from the NHS. He continues to golf and maintain his research interest in alcohol problems.

Dr Sarah Newton has taken up a new post as Head of Clinical Psychology Services for Plymouth Primary Care Trust based at Westbourne, Scott Hospital, Plymouth.

Professor Stephen Palmer, Director of the Centre for Stress Management, London, has been appointed Visiting Professor of Work Based Learning and Stress Management at the National Centre for Work Based Learning Partnerships, Middlesex University.

Professor Michael Rutter of the Institute of Psychiatry has been jointly awarded the Institute of Medicine Sarnat International Prize for Research in Mental Health. The prize recognises research efforts that have had a significant impact on the understanding of mental disorders.

DEATHS

Christopher Beedell, formerly Senior Lecturer in Social Work at Bristol University and author of *Residential Life with Children* (1970), died in Bristol last August.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2002

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

Ingrid Lunt

Honorary General Secretary

A quarter of a century with the Society

AFTER exactly 25 years with the Society Jenny Parker, Adviser to the Chief Executive Officer, retires on 31 January. She joined as the eighth member of staff just two months after the Society moved its office from London to Leicester, and she has played a vital role in its expansion from around 6500 members to over 34,000.

Jenny joined in 1977 as a book keeper and records clerk. 'At the time I was returning to work after 16 years bringing up four children. I was just looking for an interesting job, particularly one that I could run in conjunction with a family. The BPS certainly provided that.'

In her various positions, including Accountant, Records Manager, Operations Manager and Personnel Manager, Jenny has seen the development of different management structures, significant growth in the number of subsystems from 16 to more than 30, and a



Jenny Parker

change from volunteers doing a lot of the work to the office taking on more responsibilities. 'It's a good time to bow out,' said Jenny. 'Having moved into more of an advisory role, I've seen through many changes and

now fulfilled that remit. The Society has come a long way, and I see that as carrying on into the future, particularly if we are successful in our quest for statutory registration.'

The Society's Chief Executive, Barry Brooking, said: 'I think that I speak for my two predecessors, Allan Sakne and David Legge, in giving fulsome tribute to the sterling contribution that Jenny has made to the work of our office. Her dedication and loyalty to the Society set an example for us all. I shall miss her greatly and wish her and her family every good wish for a long, healthy and well-deserved retirement.'

Retirement doesn't worry Jenny in the slightest. 'I haven't made any great plans yet, but I know I'll continue my yoga and spend much more time with my 10 grandchildren. In fact, three days after I retire I'm off to South Africa to see my son and family and enjoy their summer!'

INVESTIGATORY PANEL MEMBERS

Call for applications

Following successful recruitment earlier this year, the Investigatory Committee again wishes to expand the pool of investigatory panel members available to consider complaints against Society members. The Investigatory Committee welcomes applications from appropriately qualified and experienced members of the Society.

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 no more than four cases per year. They may occasionally be required to attend disciplinary committee hearings, which take place in London.

The Investigatory Committee will consider applications, and all applicants will be informed of the outcome..

For further information or to receive a statement of interest form, please contact Andy Burman at the Society's office on 0116 252 9519 or e-mail andbur@bps.org.uk.

Fellowship citation

Professor Roisin Hall

THE Society is pleased to award a Fellowship to Professor Roisin Hall in recognition of her distinguished career in applied psychology that spans some 30 years. Professor Hall has been Head of Psychological Services for the Scottish Prison Service since 1996. Her professional background prior to that prominent appointment includes a wide range of relevant clinical, forensic, and academic activities, including consultant clinical psychologist in the NHS, honorary senior lecturer at Glasgow Caledonian University, and consultant psychologist in the Scottish Prison Service College. She is also active in Society affairs, being currently an elected member of the Professional Affairs Board and a member



of the Division of Forensic Psychology Examination Board.

Professor Hall has drawn on her range of professional experiences to synthesise various aspects of practice in prison and forensic settings, particularly concerning offending behaviour with associated individual, organisational and social issues. This has led directly to her

major contribution, which has been to lead the development and implementation of an innovative model of applied psychology service delivery to the Scottish Prison Service. She has demonstrated how psychological knowledge and skills can be used in the care and management of prisoners, and also to reduce reoffending. This service delivery model has been highly successful, and has attracted interest from criminal justice systems in the UK, Europe and North America.

Professor Hall was recently appointed to the post of Visiting Professor at Glasgow Caledonian University. This, in combination with her well-deserved Fellowship of the Society, serves to emphasise an outstanding contribution to the advancement of applied psychology.

CRYSTAL CLEAR

Two Society publications awarded Crystal Marks by the Plain English Campaign are now available on the BPS website. *Complaints About Psychologists* and the revised *Guidance Booklet on the Complaints, Investigatory and Disciplinary Procedures* were prepared by the regulatory affairs team at the Leicester office.

Crystal Marks are awarded by the Plain English Campaign and are recognised as being the 'gold standard' for clarity of writing.

The documents can be accessed at www.bps.org.uk/findpsychologist/complaints.cfm

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

DIVISION OF FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Closure of '5-Year (supervised practice) route to Chartership as a forensic psychologist'

The DFP Committee at its last meeting agreed that the 5-year route, currently open to all psychologists who commenced their training before 1 November 1998, should close on 1 November 2005. It was considered that this route is no longer appropriate now that new regulations for the Diploma in Forensic Psychology are agreed. Any psychologist who began their training in forensic psychology before November 1998 is still eligible to apply through this route, but must apply before 1 November 2005. Any applications received after that date will be invalid.

SPECIAL GROUP FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Midlands Group, Worcester

Kim Golding will lead a talk based on her research into consultation and its usefulness for foster carers, at Perdiswell Young People's Leisure Club, Droitwich Road, Worcester, 19 February, 10.30am–12.30pm.

All interested psychologists are welcome. Further planned meetings 13 June 2002 (Stoke on Trent) and 16 September 2002 (venue tbc).

For directions, further details please contact Barbara Newman. Tel: 01455 440281.

WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH**Media Training Event**

The Branch will be holding a full day media training event on Friday 8 February 2002 at Hornton Grange, University of Birmingham.

For further details contact Elizabeth Hensel on 0121 449 5858.

NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND BRANCH**Careers in Psychology Day**

Thursday 11 April 2002

The Manton Building, Mabel Tylecote Campus, Manchester Metropolitan University, Oxford Road, Manchester, 10.00am–4.30pm

The programme includes speakers

from the key areas of psychology including clinical, counselling, criminological, educational, occupational, research and teaching, together with the University Admissions Officer. This is 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.

Cost: £8 by cheque or postal order payable to Manchester Metropolitan University sent with an SAE to: Janine Acott, Commercial Office, Manchester Metropolitan University, Elizabeth Gaskell Campus, Hathersage Road, Manchester M13 0JA.

Enquiries: Irene Taylor (tel: 01 663 734725; e-mail: irenetaylor@onetel.net.uk) or Hilary Neve (e-mail: hilary_neve@totalise.co.uk).

SCOTTISH BRANCH**Annual General Meeting**

The AGM of the Scottish Branch will be held on Friday 22 February 2002 at the Lister Postgraduate Institute, 11 Hill Square, Edinburgh.

Details of the scientific programme to accompany the AGM will appear as a separate insert in *The Psychologist*.

Further details are available from Kate Skellington (Honorary Secretary), Department of Psychology, Glasgow Caledonian University, Cowcaddens Road, Glasgow G4 0BA. Tel: 0141 331 3445; e-mail: k.skellington@gcal.ac.uk.

DIVISION OF COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY**Conference 2002, The Grand Hotel, Torquay, 17–19 May**
Call for papers

The conference organisers are keen to receive proposals for papers, symposia, workshops and posters on a range of topics. The aim is to explore a broad range of issues and celebrate what is new in counselling psychology and related fields.

Please note a maximum of two presentations will be accepted by the organisers.

Abstract deadline: **14 February 2002**.

Invited speakers include: Christine Padesky; Stephen Palmer; Dorothy

Rowe; Noreen Tehrani.

Submission details from: BPS Conference Office. Tel: 0116 252 9555; fax 0116 255 7123; e-mail: conferences@bps.org.uk.

DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY**2002 Annual Conference**

4–6 September, Sheffield Hallam University and University of Sheffield

Submissions of symposia, workshops, papers and posters covering the full range of health psychology are warmly invited for the next Annual Conference. This year's theme is 'Facilitating healthier societies'. The keynote speakers are Professors Robert Plomin, Institute of Psychiatry, UK, and Susan Folkman, University of California, USA.

The submission deadlines are **15 February 2002** for papers, discussion groups, workshops and symposia; **7 June 2002** for posters.

Details and submission information available at the conference website (www.ardenarmitage.supanet.com/HP2002.htm). Or by post from: BPS Conference Office, St Andrew's House, 48 Princess Road East, Leicester LE1 7DR. Tel: 0116 252 9555; fax: 0116 255 7123; e-mail: conferences@bps.org.uk.

If you would like to discuss your ideas before submitting contact Hilary Bekker (e-mail: h.l.bekker@leeds.ac.uk; tel: 0113 233 2726) or Paul Norman (e-mail: p.norman@sheffield.ac.uk; tel: 0114 222 6505).

PROPOSED FORMATION OF A NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND BRANCH

A meeting will be held at the **College of Ripon and St John, York, on 17 January 2002 at 6.30pm** to discuss the feasibility of establishing a North East of England Branch.

The aim is to establish a local network of Society members, expanding and developing the existing network of Branches. This would support members by offering a variety of services including local scientific meetings and other events, networking opportunities, CPD support, and discussion forums.

We need the support of at least 20 of the Society's Fellows or Associate Fellows or Chartered Psychologists to enable it to proceed.

Please support this proposal by coming to the meeting.

MEETING DATES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 15 March 2002

COUNCIL

Saturday 16 February 2002

Saturday 11 May 2002

Saturday 19 October 2002

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday 18 January 2002

Friday 15 February 2002 (pre-Council)

Friday 8 March 2002

Friday 10 May 2002 (pre-Council)

Friday 14 June 2002

Friday 6 September 2002

Friday 18 October 2002 (pre-Council)

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD**BOARD**

Saturday 23 February 2002

Friday 5 April 2002

Friday 7 June 2002

Friday 13 September 2002

SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS BOARD

Saturday 2 February 2002 (followed

by Book Award Committee)

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**BOARD**

Friday 1 March 2002

Friday 21 June 2002

Friday 20 September

Friday 8 November 2002

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD**BOARD**

Monday 17 December 2001

Friday 15 March 2002

Monday 10 June 2002

Monday 9 September 2002

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Friday 1 February 2002

Thursday 23 May 2002

Friday 4 October 2002

DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Tuesday 5 March 2002

Tuesday 15 October 2002

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE**COMMITTEE**

Thursday 24 January 2002

Thursday 7 March 2002

Thursday 18 April 2002

Thursday 13 June 2002

Thursday 12 September 2002

Thursday 14 November 2002

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 17 January 2002

Thursday 21 February 2002

Thursday 25 April 2002

Thursday 6 June 2002

Thursday 5 September 2002

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday 10 January 2002

Friday 22 March 2002

Friday 14 June 2002

Monday 9 September 2002

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 18 January 2002

Friday 17 May 2002

Friday 11 October 2002

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC

Annual Conference

13–16 March 2002

Registration forms and provisional programmes will be available in May. For further information about the Division of Health Psychology see www.welcome.to/healthpsychology.

DIVISION OF TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Research into Teaching (RiT) Teaching of Research (ToR) Special Interest Group

Members and non-members are invited to join the e-mail discussion group (RiT-Psy) that initiates DTRP's SIG for research into the teaching of psychology, also hosting a forum for training in research competences.

Join the e-group by sending the message:

join rit-psy [first and last names] to jiscmail@jiscmail.ac.uk with no footer or subject entry. JISCmail will tell you how to send e-mails, view the archive and unsubscribe.

OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Annual Conference

3–5 January 2002, The Hilton, Blackpool

The AGM of the Occupational Psychology Section will take place

on Thursday 3 January 2002, 5pm–6pm in the Buckingham Room.

The AGM of the Division will take place on Friday 4 January 2002, 5.45pm–6.45pm in the Buckingham Room.

It should be noted that this will be the last AGM of the Occupational Psychology Section.

SPORT AND EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Notice of Annual General Meeting and call for nominations

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Sport and Exercise Psychology Section will be held at The Imperial Hotel, Blackpool, on Thursday 14 March 2002 at 12 noon.

Nominations are invited for one ordinary committee member; nomination forms will be sent out separately to Section members. Nominations to reach the Honorary Secretary of the Section at the Society's office no later than Wednesday, 30 January 2002. The nominations require a proposer and seconder, who must be members of the Section, and the consent of the nominee to accept office if elected must be obtained in writing.

News from the MQB

ABOUT as long as I've been associated with the Membership and Qualifications Board an item has appeared on the agenda to do with the accreditation, by the Society, of courses in the Republic of Ireland. Each time the board members think that the final decision has been made to cease accrediting such courses, a new reason appears for extending the process just a little longer.

The motivation for ceasing such accreditation is that it is anomalous when the courses of other countries are not given this facility and the option of extending accreditation to other countries is beyond the resources and aims of the Society. However, until the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) is fully in a position to take over the process, the institutions whose courses we have been accrediting are

reluctant to see the current arrangements end.

To resolve the issue we are seeking talks with the PSI about interim arrangements for accreditation as well as looking for ways to improve working relationships between the two bodies, in the long term.

One of the committees under the auspices of the Board is the Fellowship Committee. The procedure for applying for a Fellowship of the Society is under review. It is felt by members of the committee that the process needs to be more transparent. To achieve this the proposal is that, rather than require candidates to nominate an assessor themselves, reports on candidates should be requested from assessors nominated by the committee.

David Clark-Carter, MQB representative on the Psychologist Policy Committee

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES listed by deadline

1 March 2002

Cancer Research Campaign. Education and psychosocial research projects. Contact: Charlotte Kane. Tel: 020 7317 5189; e-mail: ckane@crc.org.uk; website: www.crc.org.uk

Wellcome Trust. Research training fellowships in mathematical biology. Contact: Karen Devine, Grants Officer. Tel: 020 7611 8252; e-mail: k.devine@wellcome.ac.uk; website: www.wellcome.ac.uk

Wellcome Trust. Vacation scholarships. Contact: Rebecca Christou, Grants Information Officer. Tel: 020 7611 8888; e-mail: cdg@wellcome.ac.uk

Fyssen Foundation. Post-doctoral study grants. Contact: Secretariat, 194 rue de Rivoli, Paris. Tel: 00 33 1 42 97 53 16.

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National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression. Independent investigator award for scientific research into severe mental disorders, primarily schizophrenia and depression. Contact: Audra Moran. Tel: 00 1 516 829 0091; website: www.whsource.com/narsad.html

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James S. McDonnell Foundation. 21st century research awards on research bridging mind, brain and behaviour. Contact: Cheryl Washington, Grants Manager. Tel: 00 1 314 721 1532; e-mail: info@jsmf.org; website: www.jsmf.org

1 April 2002

Alcohol Education and Research Council. Research grants. Contact: Leonard Hay. Tel: 020 7271 8379; e-mail: len.hay@aerc.sec.demon.co.uk; website: www.aerc.org.uk

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Grants in aid program.

Contact: SPSSI Central Office, PO Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248, USA. E-mail: spssi@spssi.org

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BBSRC. Responsive-mode research grants. Tel: 01793 413200; website: www.bbsrc.ac.uk

EPSRC. Overseas travel grants, Visiting Fellowships, and research grants. Tel: 01793 444000; fax: 01793 444010; e-mail: infoline@epsrc.ac.uk; website: www.epsrc.ac.uk

ESRC. Research grants and research fellowships. Contact: Management, Psychology, Linguistics and Education Research Support Team. Tel: 01793 413000; e-mail: mple.rst@esrc.ac.uk; website: www.esrc.ac.uk

MRC. Grant for Centres, Programmes, Co-operative Groups, Development, and Strategic. Tel: 020 7636 5422; e-mail: rgb@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk; website: www.mrc.ac.uk

National Institute for Mental Health. Research grants applications. Contact: Peter Muehrer. Tel: 00 1 301 443 4708; e-mail: pmuehrer@nih.gov

Nuffield Foundation. Social science small grants scheme. Contact: Louie Burghes or Ann Weber. Tel: 020 7631 0566; website: www.nuffield.org.uk

Schizophrenia Research Fund. Small and medium project grants Contact: Irving King, Secretary, SRF, New Court, St Swithin's Lane, London EC4P 4DU.

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

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.