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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.

New Chief Executive

THE Society's new Chief Executive is Timothy Cornford.

He comes to the BPS from NFER Nelson (part of the Granada Learning Group), where he has been General Manager since 2002.

Tim has wide experience in both the private and public sectors at senior management and board level. NFER Nelson is one of seven companies that make up the Granada Learning Group (owned by ITV plc). It contributes one third of the group's £38 million turnover and two thirds of its profits. The company specialises in educational and psychological assessment and is the UK's largest independent supplier of test materials. Tim had worked for NFER previously as Publishing Director from 1981 to 1990. From 1990 to 2002 he held a series of significant roles in successive government agencies as Director of Communications at the National Curriculum Council, Secretary to the Board at the Schools Curriculum and Assessment Authority, then

Head of Assessment at the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority.

Announcing the appointment, BPS Honorary General Secretary Ann Colley said: 'We believe that his experience and skills will translate easily to a membership organisation like the Society. We also have confidence that Tim will build excellent relationships with both the academic community

and the psychology professions.'

Before taking up the appointment, Tim Cornford told *The Psychologist*: 'I am looking forward very much to joining the Society in June and to working closely with members and staff. I hope that my varied management experience in both the public and private sectors will be able to be used to good effect in supporting the aims and objectives of the BPS.'

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

COMMITTEE FOR SCRUTINY OF INDIVIDUAL CLINICAL QUALIFICATIONS

Call for statements of interest

The Committee for Scrutiny of Individual Clinical Qualifications considers applications for the Society's Statement of Equivalence in Clinical Psychology from candidates who possess either a qualification in another branch of applied psychology, a research-based qualification in clinical psychology, or an overseas qualification in clinical psychology that does not fully meet UK training requirements.

The committee generally meets six times a year by teleconference and a further four times a year at face-to-face meetings in London.

The committee 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. Expressions of interest from psychologists based within the clinical psychology training community would be particularly welcomed.

For further information, or to request a statement of interest form, please contact Helen White at the Society's office on 0116 252 9525 ext 1127 or helwhi@bps.org.uk.

Launch of List of Fellows

THE Society regularly receives requests from Fellowship candidates for a list of current Fellows. Unfortunately, the Data Protection Act allows us to provide a list of names and contact details only of Fellows currently registered as Chartered Psychologists, as this information is already in the public domain. This then limits the number of Fellows available to provide references for prospective candidates.

The Fellowships Committee agreed that it would be an excellent idea to produce a list of all Fellows, whether registered or not, and to publish it in the members' area of the Society's website.

Last summer a letter was

written to all Fellows requesting their consent to join the new 'List of Fellows'. Over 90 per cent of Fellows agreed to be included. The Fellowships Committee would like to express its thanks to all those who responded.

The new List of Fellows has been launched on the BPS website. Anyone wishing to apply for a Fellowship now has access to the details they need.

For further details on applying for a Fellowship of the Society, or if you wish to join the List of Fellows and have not already done so, please contact Andy Christer at the Leicester office (andchr@bps.org.uk).

*R.J. (Sean) Cameron, Chair,
Fellowships Committee*

New Qualitative Methods Section

THE proposed Qualitative Methods in Psychology Section of the Society was approved at the AGM on Friday 1 April 2005.

The decision to propose the Section grew out of informal discussions between a group of psychologists who attended the 18th International Human Science Research Conference in Sheffield in July 1999 and the Qualitative Research Network, a listing of psychologists interested in qualitative methods, originally started by Paula Nicolson and later updated by Zazie Todd.

Nominations for committee members will be requested soon with an inaugural meeting to be held later this summer in the BPS London office.

The aims of the Section will be finalised by the committee but are likely to include to following:

- To promote the use of qualitative research methods in both the scientific and professional domains of

psychology. This would include the creation of a reservoir of expertise in qualitative methods that would facilitate the selection of suitable examiners for postgraduate research and identification of consultants for supervisors, researchers and teachers at all levels.

- To provide a forum for the development of qualitative psychology that will draw together those working in different specialisms, using different approaches and different epistemologies. This would include the production of a regular newsletter containing discussion on how to achieve rigour in qualitative research and articulation of evaluation criteria appropriate to its research paradigm.
- To foster the exchange of ideas, research and information on qualitative psychology through facilitating the organisation

ETHICS COLUMN No.1

WHY HAVE AN ETHICS COLUMN?

At the moment, members are aware of the work of the Society in handling complaints only through the reports published of conduct committee hearings. Unfortunately, these do not provide general guidance to members as they rest on the exact circumstances of that case. Also, the vast majority of complaints against psychologists made to the Society do not result in a conduct committee hearing. Most are found not to be misconduct at all, and some result only in a warning letter; and these cases also provide examples of ethical dilemmas, or of ways in which practices could be improved. The Society also becomes aware of areas where members feel vulnerable through the ethical enquiry service offered by the regulatory affairs team.

Of course, it is important that the Society continues to take action against those whose conduct is inappropriate, and publicises that action through *The Psychologist* and the website. But it is also important to use all the complaints and enquiries made to the Society as an opportunity to reflect on our practices and improve the ways in which psychology contributes to people's lives.

We intend to use the 'Ethics column' to offer guidance to members about how to approach some of the common ethical dilemmas that face psychologists engaged in practice, research or study, and to pass on tips and suggestions for good practice. The column will not provide answers for what to do in every situation, because what to do will depend on the circumstances in which you find yourself. However, we will be setting out the principles that you should consider, and examine how those who make good ethical decisions think and reach decisions.

We also hope that members will contribute to the column, and we would like to hear from you about topics which you think should be included. We have a number of topics which we intend to cover over the next few months – for example, the difficulties that arise around confidentiality in a number of situations. You may disagree with guidance we have given, or have additional suggestions drawn from your own experience. *The Psychologist's* forum on the Society website will provide an opportunity for members to discuss the guidance given and allow feedback to those involved in writing the column.

We hope that you enjoy the column, which should be appearing every other month. If you have any suggestions for topics please send them to Chrissie O'Rourke, the professional conduct officer, at the Society's Leicester office or on chroro@bps.org.uk.

Don't forget that if you have ethical enquiries, you can speak to the regulatory affairs team during their ethical enquiries surgery on Thursday afternoons between 1pm and 5pm.

of workshops, conferences, symposia and training sessions of special interest to psychologists using, or wanting to use, qualitative research methods. These would be valuable resources to all qualitative researchers but particularly to those who have little daily contact with others in their field and would, hopefully, contribute to the acceptability of qualitative research in psychology with the ensuing impact on the publishability of qualitative research in

quality journals and accessibility of research funding.

In these ways, the Qualitative Methods in Psychology Section would make an important contribution to discipline through promoting excellence in methods teaching and in research practice.

The full text of the proposal, authored by Anna Madill and Zazie Todd of the Institute of Psychological Sciences, University of Leeds, is at tinyurl.com/ar2p8.

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

CONSCIOUSNESS & EXPERIENTIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

9th Annual Conference – 'Reconstructing consciousness, mind and being'

16–18 September 2005 at St Anne's College, Oxford

Full details in February 2005 issue.

Registration enquiries: Guy.Saunders@uwe.ac.uk. Other enquiries: m.velmans@gold.ac.uk. See also CEP website: www.warwick.ac.uk/cep/

DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

2005 Annual Conference

7–9 September, Coventry

Late poster deadline: **3 June 2005**

Full details in March 2005 issue.

Student bursaries

Send applications to Professor Derek Johnston, Chair of the DHP – from April until 3 June 2005.

See conference website www.dhp2005.org.uk for details.

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Committee vacancies

Due to a number of current members retiring at our next AGM in Edinburgh on 31 August (at the annual conference), there are vacancies for posts on the Section committee. We have vacancies for:

Press Officer (two positions) –

Website Officer

Ordinary Members (two positions).

Membership of the committee is limited to members of the Section. Members interested in joining the committee require nomination by a proposer and seconder who themselves must be members of the Section. A completed application form, together with a brief statement of interest should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary not later than **Monday 8**

August 2005. Where the number of applications exceeds the number of vacancies a vote will take place.

For further details please contact the BPS subsystems department on 0116 252 9515 or via e-mail, subsystems@bps.org.uk.

52nd Annual Conference, Tuesday 30 August–Thursday 1 September 2005, University of Edinburgh

Conference theme is 'Selves and Groups'.

Full details in May 2005 issue.

See www.socialpsychology.org.uk.

COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Conference, Leeds, 31

August–2 September 2005

The deadline for submission of papers and posters is **3 June 2005**.

Full details in May 2005 issue.

See the section website (www.bps-cognitive.org/).

'Festschrift' event, 3 September

Immediately following the Section conference a one-day 'Festschrift' will be held at the same venue for Professor John Morton OBE.

Full details in May 2005 issue.

Informal enquiries to Philip Beaman. (c.p.beaman@reading.ac.uk).

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Occupational Psychology Conference 2006 – Call for submissions

11–13 January 2006, Glasgow Moat House

Submissions are invited from academics and practitioners addressing any topic within the broad area of occupational and organisational psychology. Further details on submission guidelines can be obtained from the Society's Leicester office or at www.bps.org.uk/events. The

WIN A £50 BOOK TOKEN

The Society's Psychological Testing Centre (PTC) is seeking service feedback from website users. There is a questionnaire on the PTC website and the chance to win a £50 book token in a free prize draw. Visit www.psychtesting.org.

PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE TEACHING OF PSYCHOLOGY TO OTHER PROFESSIONS (TOPTOP)

TOPTOP is a new standing committee of the Psychology Education Board that is looking to monitor and develop psychology taught to professions outside the discipline.

The committee is seeking statements of interest in the following positions:

- Deputy Chair
- Representative from the field of Clinical Psychology
- Representative from the field of Neuropsychology
- Representative from the field of Educational and Child Psychology
- Representative from the field of Forensic Psychology
- Representative from the field of Counselling Psychology
- Representative from the field of Occupational Psychology

The committee would welcome statements of interest from psychologists who have a background in the specified areas and have experience in developing modules of training. During the developmental stage of this committee, only travel and subsistence will be reimbursed in accordance with the Society's policy.

Please contact Kelly Auty at the Leicester office (kelaut@bps.org.uk) for further information and a statement of interest form.

deadline for all submissions is Monday 8 August 2005.

All enquiries and submissions should be addressed to the BPS conference office. Tel: 0116 252 9555; e-mail dop2006@bps.org.uk.

Postgraduate Occupational Psychology (POP) Conference 2005 – Call for submissions

12–13 September 2005, University

of Nottingham

Following the success of last year's relaunched POP Conference, postgrads cannot afford to miss this exciting event. There will be a range of interactive workshops, careers sessions and an opportunity to submit your research either as an oral presentation or poster. Prizes will be awarded for the best submitted material.

For submission guidelines, a registration form and further details about the event please refer to our website www.bps.org.uk/conferences-&-events or contact the conference office at pop2005@bps.org.uk or 0116 252 9555.

CPD masterclass and workshop programme 2005

The highly successful 2005 Learning a Living programme continues with the following workshops.

Workshops

8 June – Career counselling: A practitioner's approach

22 June – What you need to know to set up, market and run your own business

27 June – Understanding and developing employee innovation

For details of our full programme follow www.bps.org.uk/events/dopws05. Should you require any

further information please e-mail: dopworkshops@bps.org.uk or call Mandy Lindsay on 0116 252 9555.

Book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

DCP FACULTY OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

7th Annual Conference: 'Child Psychology Matters'

15–16 September 2005, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh

The annual conference is an ideal opportunity for child and adolescent clinical psychologists, and interested professional colleagues, to come together and

share recent developments in clinical practice, as well as foster invaluable opportunities for networking.

For more information, please go to www.bps.org.uk/events/cyp2005.

WESSEX & WIGHT BRANCH

'Working Together to Tackle Workplace Bullying: Concepts, Research and Solutions'

14–16 September 2005, Portsmouth Business School

This conference is targeted at applied academics and practitioners associated with workplace bullying. It is for those who want to know more about bullying at work and who want to deal with or prevent bullying at work. (*It is not suitable for individuals who have experienced bullying and are seeking to resolve their situation.*)

For more information contact alan.gilbert@port.ac.uk, or visit the BPS events website.

DCP SIG IN ONCOLOGY AND PALLIATIVE CARE

Sharing Our Resources (Full meeting and AGM)

24 June 2005, 10am–4.30pm, Post-Graduate Education Centre, Bristol Royal Infirmary, Bristol

The theme will be to share resources that we have developed or that we find particularly useful in working in cancer or palliative care. So please think about what you may have developed, or regularly use, that you feel may be of interest or benefit to other members

MEETING DATES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Friday 24 June 2005 (Leicester)
Friday 16 September 2005 (Leicester)
Thursday 27 October 2005 (London)
Friday 9 December 2005 (London)

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Friday 28 October 2005

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

Tuesday 7 June 2005
Friday 9 September 2005
Tuesday 15 November 2005

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

Friday 17 June 2005
Friday 16 September 2005 (to be rescheduled)
Friday 4 November 2005

RESEARCH BOARD

Thursday 23 June 2005 (followed by Presidents' Award Committee)
Friday 21 October 2005 (followed by Visiting Psychologists Committee)

PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD

Thursday 30 June 2005
Thursday 29 September 2005
Wednesday 30 November 2005

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Friday 8 July 2005
Friday 30 September 2005
Thursday 8 December 2005

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BOARD

Tuesday 18 October 2005 (AGM)

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 23 June 2005
Thursday 8 September 2005
Thursday 10 November 2005

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Friday 30 September 2005

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 9 June 2005
Thursday 1 September 2005
Thursday 3 November 2005

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Monday 6 June 2005
Thursday 22 September 2005

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 10 June 2005
Friday 28 October 2005

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Thursday 9 June 2005
Wednesday 20 July 2005
Wednesday 28 September 2005
Thursday 1 December 2005

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday 21 June 2005
Thursday 15 September 2005
Thursday 8 December 2005

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.

Edinburgh Lectures – Tuesday 8 November 2005
London Lectures – Monday 5 December 2005
Annual Conference – 30 March–1 April 2006

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Joyce Davies, consultant clinical child psychologist, has recently taken up a post with NHS Shetland. This is the first post in this health board for a clinical psychologist, and it covers a rural population of 23,000 people.

Professor Jon Driver of University College London (UCL) has been elected as a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, in recognition of his distinguished research on selective attention and multisensory integration in the human mind and brain. He has also been appointed as the new Director of UCL's Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, succeeding Professor Tim Shallice in this role.

Simon Hewson retired from the NHS in May 2005 but continues his membership of the Tizard Centre at the University of Kent.

(literature, videos, CD-ROMs, internet resources, interventions/techniques, operational and other policies, service models, how you are implementing the NICE guidance, etc.).

If possible, bring along enough copies so that other members can take them away. If you don't feel you have anything to contribute of your own, don't worry. I hope we'll have a couple of short presentations about service models to get us started.

SIGOPAC members will be sent a formal invitation. Others should contact Suzanne Cowderoy (suzanne.cowderoy@ubht.swest.nhs.uk) or James Brennan (james.brennan@bristol.ac.uk) at the Bristol Haematology & Oncology Centre, Bristol BS2 8ED.

SOUTH WEST BRANCH

Regional meeting and AGM in association with ACAMH – 'Young offenders'

18 June 2005, Exeter Arms Hotel, Middlemoor, Exeter, 10am–4.15pm
Speakers: Professor Jacqueline Barnes – 'Can communities control youth? Expectations of informal social control'; Alison Paris – 'Prevention of antisocial behaviour'; Dr Paul Tiffin and Susan Cooper – 'Assessment and management of risk in young people with offending behaviours'; Dr Suriya S & Richard Deehan – 'Adolescent forensic psychiatry – Interface with CAMHS and other professionals'.

For further information contact Sue Jackson, SW Branch Chair, on sue@winterbourne.freemove.co.uk.

DIVISION OF SPORT & EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY

Update

The website has been revised and updated and is accessible through the BPS homepage. The Strategic Plan is in the process of being disseminated to members for consultation. Two workshops are being organised for the end of the

year, in collaboration with BASES on consultant effectiveness, and with the FA and BASES on psychology in football (dates tbc).

H.T.A. Whiting Undergraduate Dissertation Prize

Undergraduate dissertations completed in 2005 on any aspect of sport and exercise psychology are eligible for submission for the above prize. Closing date is **1 July 2005**.

Please see website for more details.

TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Ninth Annual Conference – Call for papers

16–19 September 2005, Cober Hill Conference Centre, Cloughton, Scarborough

We welcome submissions for papers/workshops/posters. Papers are either 30 or 40 minutes, workshops usually 1.5 or 3 hours.

Please send abstract submissions to Ingrid Slack (i.m.a.slack@open.ac.uk) preferably

by 28 June.

Further details, including registration form, will be posted on the website: www.transpersonalpsychology.org.uk.

SPECIAL GROUP IN COACHING PSYCHOLOGY

Workshop programme 2005

Workshops will run from 1.30pm to 5pm. Registration from 1pm.

At the BPS London office:

Thursday 2 June – Personal construct psychology as a resource for coaching psychologists.

Facilitator: Kieran Duignan.

Wednesday 7 September – Positive psychology. Facilitator: Alex Linley.

Wednesday 2 November –

Coaching supervision – Luxury or

necessity? Facilitator: Michael Carroll.

At the BPS Leicester office

Tuesday 6 September – Getting

emotional about goal-setting.

Facilitator: Bruce Grimley

Friday 14 October – Personal

construct Psychology as a resource

for coaching psychologists.

Facilitator: Kieran Duignan.

Further details available from Gwen

Ward, BPS subsystems department

Tel: 0116 252 9517; e-mail

gwevar@bps.org.uk. Full details

and booking facilities for all

workshops are also available on

the SGCP website on

www.coachingpsychologyforum.org.uk.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

A brief report of the Representative Council meeting held on Saturday 7 May 2005 is now available in the members' area of the Society website.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

listed by deadline

1 October 2005

Epilepsy Foundation. Postdoctoral Research and Training Fellowships and New Therapy Grants Programme. Tel: 00 1 800 332 1000; website:

www.epilepsyfoundation.org

Wellcome Trust. Medical Humanities Programme Grants. Contact: Grants Section (History of Medicine). Tel: 020 7611 7202/8231; e-mail:

hom@wellcome.ac.uk; website: www.wellcome.ac.uk

3 October 2005

Arthritis Research Campaign. Educational Research Fellowships – for research into educational methodology and/or medical education. Tel: 01246 558033;

e-mail: info@arc.org.uk; website: www.arc.org.uk

21 October 2005

Epilepsy Action. Postgraduate Research Bursaries. Contact: Margaret Rawnsley.

Tel: 0113 210 8800; e-mail: research@epilepsy.org.uk; website:

www.epilepsy.org.uk

28 October 2005

Alzheimer's Society. Research Fellowships. Contact: Dr Susanne Sorensen, Head of Research. Tel: 020 7306 0863; e-mail: ssorensen@alzheimers.org.uk; website:

www.alzheimers.org.uk

31 October 2005

Fondation Fyssen. Research Grant and International Prize for research into cognitive mechanisms. Contact: Secretariat. Tel: 00 33 1 42975316; e-mail:

secretariat@fondation-fyssen.org; website: www.fondation-fyssen.org

1 November 2005

European Science Foundation. Standing Committee for the Social Sciences – Call for Programme Proposals (to bring together key researchers and research groups in a European coordinated activity and create interdisciplinary fora).

Contact: Caroline Eckert. Tel: 00 33 388767142; e-mail: ceckert@esf.org;

website: www.esf.org

15 November 2005

Natural Environment Research Council. Fellowships (to support environmental scientists to establish and develop a research career). Contact: Avril Allman.

Tel: 01793 411665; e-mail: AVAL@nerc.ac.uk; website: www.nerc.ac.uk

open date schemes

See January issue.

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 tinyurl.com/4fm4

If you are a grant-awarding body, please e-mail Lisa Morrison Coulthard

(lismor@bps.org.uk) with details of your scheme for inclusion in this column.

DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is 1 July for the August issue