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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.

Proposed changes to subscriptions

THROUGH good cost control and the development of commercial income we have been able to keep membership fees unchanged since 1997. We have achieved this despite an increase of around 25 per cent in the Retail Prices Index over the last nine years, whilst at the same time adding to the services we provide. This has included better subsystem support, particularly for events and conferences, more input into legislation and improved liaison with Westminster, the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh and Northern Ireland Assemblies. There has also been the development of the Society website and online directories.

However, as you might have seen from the Annual Accounts, there was a small operating loss in 2004, which was offset by the capital growth on our investments. Budget predictions for this year suggest that there will be another operating loss. This may again be offset by investment growth, but it would be foolhardy to rely on investment growth every year, since we are all aware that investment markets can go down as well as up.

It was with this in mind that at a recent meeting of the Trustees it was decided that it was time to review our membership fees. It was felt that if the Society is to retain its solid financial base and continue to grow and develop its services in response to the demands of its members, then this is a necessity. It was, therefore, decided to seek

approval from members for an increase in subscriptions payable from January 2006.

The proposal is that the main Society subscription would increase from £70 to £80 except that members who pay annually by direct debit would only be charged £75. Other subscriptions would be increased pro rata.

Those members who choose to pay quarterly by direct debit currently have to pay a supplement of £8, and it was decided that this would be reduced to £5. The intention is to encourage members to pay wherever possible by direct debit annually, since this is a cost-effective way for the Society to collect subscriptions from such a large number of people. Furthermore, the clearing banks are now making a concerted effort to reduce the number of paper transactions and payments made by cheques.

Whilst subscriptions will continue to be due on 1 January each year, the direct debit collection will be postponed until the last working day in January each year, in order to assist members at an expensive time of year.

Voting papers will be sent out in the next few weeks. It is to be hoped members will support this change.

We hope you will appreciate our efforts in managing the Society's affairs without a subscription increase for so long, and I am sure you will agree that the Society still provides a very cost-effective way to belong to a professional body that represents your interest in an increasingly complex world of psychology.

Ken Brown
Honorary Treasurer

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Professor Cary L. Cooper CBE, Professor of Organizational Psychology and Health at Lancaster University, has been awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians.

Professor Patrik O'Brian Holt is moving from Heriot-Watt University in July to take up a Chair in Computer Science at the Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen.

DEATHS

Precilla Choi, a Fellow of the Society, died in Australia in May.

Eric Lunzer, formerly Professor of Educational Psychology at Nottingham University, died suddenly at his home in Nottingham, aged 81.

Spearman Medal 2005

THE winner of this year's Spearman Medal is Dr Padraic Monaghan, a lecturer in the Department of Psychology, University of York.

The award, for the outstanding contribution made to psychology in the first 10 years since becoming eligible for graduate membership, is recognition for his research into computational modelling of language and attentional processing.

He was nominated by Professor Andy Ellis and Professor Andy Young of the University of York and Dr Richard Shillcock of the University of Edinburgh. They said: 'Padraic's achievements to date are by any criterion outstanding. His research is going from strength to strength. He is already well known and

he is going to be a major figure in British psychology.'

After graduating from Manchester University in 1994 with a first in mathematics and philosophy, Dr Monaghan undertook an MSc in cognitive science and natural language at the University of Edinburgh and was awarded a distinction

in 1995. He stayed at Edinburgh and gained his PhD, looking at individual differences in the mental structures and processes involved in students' learning of reasoning, in March 2000. He then began to work with Dr Shillcock on computational modelling of hemisphere specialisation for language processing and for visuospatial functions.

In May 2002 he moved to the University of Warwick where he spent some time working with Professor Nick Chater on language acquisition. He was then appointed to a lectureship in psychology at the University of York in October 2003, where he has developed additional interests in language development, dyslexia, skilled reading in different languages and functional brain imaging.

2005 AGM AND OPEN MEETING

The draft minutes of the Society's Annual General Meeting held in Manchester on Friday 1 April 2005, and informal notes of the Open Meeting that followed it, are available in the members' area of the Society website.

Paper copies can be requested from Nichola Whitmore-Cooper at the Leicester office. Tel: 0116 252 9521.

His achievements at York have been recognised by the university, which recently awarded him one of its prestigious Anniversary Lectureships.

Dr Monaghan has published his work in a number of major international journals, including two papers in *Psychological Review*, the leading journal for advances in psychological theory. On accepting the award, Dr Monaghan said: 'I am delighted to receive the Spearman Medal, and would like to thank my colleagues for the inspiration they have provided in my research.'

QUALIFICATION IN COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY INFORMATION DAY

Understanding and Working through the 'Independent Route' towards registration as a Chartered Counselling Psychologist – A day seminar for current and potential trainees

Saturday 15 October 2005, 10.15am to 4.30pm

Venue: BPS London office, 33 John Street, London WC1

The Counselling Psychology Information Day is an open event, presented by the Board of Examiners on behalf of the Division, which aims to provide information, inspiration and discussion about the independent route to chartered status as a counselling psychologist.

It is primarily intended for psychologists who are considering making an application to undertake, or complete, their counselling psychology qualifications as an independent trainee. Previously, relatively new trainees, already enrolled, have found the day useful for support and clarification. This year, it may also be helpful to trainees who have recently completed the transfer from the diploma to gain further insight into the qualification.

The day will provide a systematic explanation of the nature and structure of the qualification and will look at key stages and personnel in the application process and working through the award. Time will also be set aside for small-group discussions and an opportunity to ask questions of any of the speakers.

The Chair of the Board of Examiners, the Registrar, Senior Examiner and others working on the qualification will be taking part during the day, giving an opportunity to put a face to those in the organisation.

There is a nominal charge of £10 for attendance of the day. A sandwich lunch is provided.

For an application form please contact: John Duggan, British Psychological Society, St Andrews House, 48 Princess Road East, Leicester LE1 7DR or e-mail: johdug@bps.org.uk.

Booking is essential as places are limited.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS 2005

A copy of Ken Brown's Presidential Address delivered at the Annual Conference in Manchester is available to download from the members' area of the Society website (tinyurl.com/azoe2). The Address is usually published in *The Psychologist*, but at Ken Brown's request it is being published only on the web. The address mostly concerns the issue of statutory regulation, and web publishing seemed the best option with this ever-changing area.

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

DIVISION OF SPORT & EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY

Update

A memorandum of collaboration between the DSEP and the British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES) has been approved by the acting chief executive of the BPS. The memorandum formally outlines an undertaking for the two societies to collaborate for the benefit of members and the sport and exercise community. The memorandum is expected to be formally announced at the BASES annual conference this September in Loughborough.

The Division committee would like to welcome Iain Greenlees

(University College Chichester) and David Shaw (University of Central Lancashire) on to the committee as co-opted members.

H.T.A. Whiting Undergraduate Dissertation Prize

Please note that the deadline for the prize has been extended. Please see our website for details.

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 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.

CPD masterclass and workshop programme 2005

The highly successful 2005 Learning

a Living programme continues with the following workshops.

Workshops

20 July – Organisational culture:

Going deep, effecting change

21 September – The refresher

course on repertory grids

28 September – Process

consultation

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.

DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

2005 Annual Conference

7–9 September, Coventry

Full details in March 2005 issue.

See conference website

www.dhp2005.org.uk for details.

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

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.

WESSEX & WIGHT BRANCH

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

14–16 September 2005,

Portsmouth Business School

Full details in June 2005 issue.

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

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/

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 7 July – Diagnostics in coaching – A leadership and performance audit. Facilitator Shauna McVeigh.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A brief report of the Board of Trustees meeting held on Saturday 6 May 2005 is now available in the members' area of the Society website.

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY TRAINING COMMITTEE

Call for expressions of interest

The Division of Occupational Psychology Training Committee would welcome statements of interest from Chartered Occupational Psychologists who are familiar with occupational psychology training issues, and would be willing to serve on this committee. In the interest of maintaining an appropriate balance of skills and experience across its membership, the committee would particularly welcome applications from practitioners rather than academic colleagues.

The committee is concerned with promoting and ensuring high standards of training in occupational psychology and in the review and monitoring of these standards.

The committee generally meets four times a year, either at the BPS office in London or occasionally by teleconference. Committee members must also be prepared to take part in and convene accreditation visits.

Statement of interest forms and further information are available from Lucy Horder at the Society's Leicester office either by telephone on 0116 252 9596, or by e-mail at luchor@bps.org.uk.

CPD – SURVEY OF ONLINE SYSTEM

Now that the online system for planning and recording CPD has been available for use for more than six months, we are keen to gain feedback from members, in order to make the system as user-friendly as possible. An online survey questionnaire is now available for you to give us your views. Click on 'CPD Survey Questionnaire' in the quick links on the BPS homepage (www.bps.org.uk).

It is a structured questionnaire, which should only take a few minutes to complete and there is space at the end of the questions for you to add your own individual comments. The survey closing date will be 30 September 2005.

**** Two randomly selected participants will win a £200 contribution towards a CPD activity ****

If you have not yet tried the system (currently accessible to chartered psychologists holding current practising certificates) and wish to do so then please go to www.bps.org.uk/cpd. Please note that you must register in the members' area of the Society website first to gain access.

If you are uncertain how to operate the CPD online system and would like some guidance please contact the CPD team on 0116 252 9916 or cpd@bps.org.uk to arrange a telephone training session.

Wednesday 7 September – Positive psychology. Facilitator Alex Linley.
 Thursday 20 October 2005 – Stress management in coaching psychology (further details pending). Co-facilitator Peter Kelly, Occupational Health Psychologist.
 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 gwewar@bps.org.uk. Full details and booking facilities for all workshops are also available on the SGCP website on www.coachingpsychologyforum.org.uk.

DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL & CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

Annual Conference 2006
 Royal Bath Hotel, Bournemouth, 4–6 January

For more information please e-mail Jean Law of the DECP Committee jean.law@essexcc.gov.uk

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – NORTH THAMES BRANCH

Two-day workshop by Michael White on narrative therapy
 13–14 October 2005, at The Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London

Cost: £150 for the two-day workshop. Please make cheques payable to North Thames DCP. Since the demand for places is

expected to be huge, allocation will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

For further details call Margarita Radon on 01895 279826 or 07860 229815.

DCP FACULTY OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

7th Annual Conference: 'Child Psychology Matters'

15–16 September 2005, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh
Full details in June 2005 issue.

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

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – PSIGE

Conference 'The Silver Jubilee: PSIGE Celebrates Ageing'

In celebrating 25 years, PSIGE bring you the 2005 Annual Conference at University College, Chester, 13–15 July 2005.

Full details in May 2005 issue.

For more information please visit www.psige.org.uk, e-mail psige2005@bps.org.uk or telephone the conference office on 0116 252 9555.

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – SCOTLAND

'Mind in body' – A seminar on the clinical uses of mindfulness and exercise in mental health

Friday 7 October 2005, Highland Hospice, Inverness

Dr Alistair Smith, Chartered Clinical Psychologist, Lancashire Care NHS Trust, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, University of Wales at Bangor

Dr Sheelagh Rodgers, Area Clinical Psychologist, Highland Health Board
 Mindfulness and exercise are both mood modifiers used to achieve

MEETING DATES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Friday 28 October 2005

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

Friday 9 September 2005
 Tuesday 15 November 2005

RESEARCH BOARD

Friday 21 October 2005 (followed by Visiting Psychologists Committee)

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

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

PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD

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)

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Friday 30 September 2005

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 8 September 2005
 Thursday 10 November 2005

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 1 September 2005
 Thursday 3 November 2005

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday 22 September 2005

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 21 October 2005

ETHICS COMMITTEE

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

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

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

therapeutic change. This seminar will examine the similarities and differences between these approaches. A link may be found in the concept of embodiment. The indicators for and methods of using exercise and mindfulness in therapy will be outlined. Evidence will also be presented on the use of mental skills training in sports psychology. As well as an opportunity to experience mindfulness techniques,

there will be a plenary session allowing discussion of the interface between the concepts and how research might improve our understanding of the influences between mind and body.

Further details from Dr C.J. Dobson, Area Clinical Psychology Service, 6–16 Leachkin Road, Inverness IV9 8PT. Tel: 01463 704683; e-mail: caroline.dobson@hpct.scot.nhs.uk.

President 2007/8 – Call for nominations See p.394

Chair of the Psychology Education Board 2007/10

– **Call for nominations** See p.440

Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research

Contributions to Psychology 2005 – Call for

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Elected Members of the Representative Council

– **Call for nominations** See p.454