

NEWS OF MEMBERS

David Crighton, Deputy Head of Psychological Services for HM Prison Service and the National Probation Service, has been made visiting professor at London Metropolitan University.

Reg Sell, who has represented the Ergonomics Society on the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee has been elected a Life Member of that committee.

Jane M. Ussher has been awarded a personal chair in the School of Psychology at the University of Western Sydney. Her new title is Professor of Women's Health Psychology.

DATA PROTECTION ALERT

Some members may have received letters asking them to register with an organisation under the Data Protection Act. The letters require a registration fee of up to £95 plus VAT to be sent to one of a number of companies in the UK. It appears these letters are designed to target small businesses and independent traders. The letters are a scam, and the real Data Protection Commissioner is aware of them. His advice is to contact local trading standards offices.

Further information about this issue and background on the Data Protection Act and its requirements can be found at www.dataprotection.gov.uk/dpars.htm.

DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **29 August** for the October issue

Fellowship citation

Dr Edward Charles Street

THE Fellowship Committee was pleased to be able to confer the honour of Fellow on Dr Edward (Eddy) Street at its February meeting. Eddy, who is well known to support professionals and lecturers working in family therapy, has achieved an international reputation as an innovator and educator. He remains actively engaged in clinical practice as a consultant clinical psychologist with the Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust as well as in academic work as an honorary lecturer in the Department of Child Health at the University of Wales College of Medicine.

Eddy Street's interest in family therapy stems from his



1989 doctoral thesis 'The training of family therapy observational skills'. He has significantly advanced his skills and knowledge from that time and has disseminated this expertise through numerous prestigious journals and book chapters. He is the past editor of the *Journal of Family*

Therapy and was the first clinical psychologist to occupy such a post. Eddy has also involved himself in many other areas of professional practice, serving on the Hospital Advisory Service and as staff side professional adviser on the Whitley Council. He is also a recent past chair of the All Wales Child Clinical Psychology Committee and of the Welsh Branch of the DCP Special Interest Group of Children.

From the above summary of his achievements, it can be seen that Eddy more than fulfils the primary criteria of Fellowship through his advanced knowledge in an area of psychology and his significant contribution in its dissemination within and across the helping professions.

Register of Psychologists Specialising in Psychotherapy

THE Society's Register of Psychologists Specialising in Psychotherapy will open for applications on 1 December 2003; the official launch will be held at the Annual Conference in April 2004. This will be a single Register, open to all Chartered Psychologists, and aims to be as inclusive of different approaches as possible while maintaining a carefully evaluative stance in relation to standards of practice and the credibility of psychological perspectives involved. In opening the Register we are creating a new identity based on six fundamental principles detailed in the Principles and Procedures Document that was approved by Council in October 2001. Applicants for Foundation Membership will be helping to shape this identity.

There will be a five-year period from the opening of the Register during which

applications for Foundation Membership may be made. For Foundation Membership, psychologists must be chartered and be able to demonstrate the equivalent of three years' learning in psychotherapy and have two years' substantial experience in practice. Applicants will be asked to provide a narrative about the their own personal and professional identity as a Psychologist Specialising in Psychotherapy, which must be supported by the submission of

a substantial portfolio of evidence. The Shadow Registration Committee for Psychologists Specialising in Psychotherapy (RCPP) has been involved in recruiting and training assessors for the Register. For more information on applying to become an assessor please see box below.

□ For further details on the Register please contact Elizabeth Stanton-Buck, Registrar for the Register. E-mail: elista@bps.org.uk, direct line: 0116 252 9909.

CALL FOR ASSESSORS

The RCPP is recruiting and training assessors for assessing the portfolios for admission to the Register. This is an excellent opportunity to be involved in an exciting new development. You will be actively involved in creating a new identity: that of Psychologist Specialising in Psychotherapy. Assessors will receive payment and expenses in accordance with the Society's policy. A workshop for assessors will be held on 30 January 2004. If you would like an information pack, which includes a job description, please contact Elizabeth Stanton-Buck, Registrar, e-mail: elista@bps.org.uk; tel: 0116 252 9909.

CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are currently being sought for

President 2005/6 (deadline 1 October 2003)
and

Members of the new Representative Council (deadline 29 September 2003)

See *The Psychologist*, July 2003, p.338 for details or e-mail nicwhi@bps.org.uk.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

listed by deadline

15 August 2003

British Occupational Health Research Foundation. Research award. Contact: Brian Kazer. Tel: 020 7317 5898; e-mail: admin@bohrrf.org.uk; website: www.bohrrf.org.uk

18 August 2003

BUPA Foundation. Project grants. Contact: Lee Saunders. Tel: 020 7656 2591; e-mail: saundersl@bupa.com; website: www.bupafoundation.org/html/funding/general.html

1 September 2003

Leverhulme Trust. Pilot project grants. Contact: S. Herd. Tel: 020 7822 6892; e-mail: sherd@leverhulme.org.uk; website: www.leverhulme.org.uk

National Institutes for Health. Improve diet and physical activity assessment research. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: grantsinfo@nih.gov

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism. Research grants. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: grantsinfo@nih.gov

National Institutes for Health: Joint Research Grant Proposals on Coping with AIDS as a Long Term Illness. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: grantsinfo@nih.gov

National Institute on Mental Health: Affiliative Behaviour and HIV/STD Prevention Research Grants. Contact: Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435

0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: grantsinfo@nih.gov

5 September 2003

Alcohol Education and Research Council. Research grants. Contact: Andrea Tilouche. Tel: 020 7217 8028; e-mail: andrea.tilouche@aerc.org.uk

19 September 2003

Association for the Study of Obesity. Student researcher award and young researcher award. Contact: C. Hawkins. Tel: 020 8503 2042; e-mail: cahawkins@compuserve.com

30 September 2003

British Academy. Small research grants. Contact: Grants Department. Tel: 020 7969 5200; website: www.britac.ac.uk

31 October 2003

Fyssen Foundation. International Prize (cognitive mechanisms, thought and reasoning). Contact: Secretariat. E-mail: n.ferchal@foundation-fyssen.org; tel: 00 33 1 4297 5316.

Wellcome Trust. Biomedical ethics research grants. Contact: Grants Section (Biomedical Ethics). Tel: 020 7611 8231; e-mail: biomedicalethics@wellcome.ac.uk; website: www.wellcome.ac.uk

open date schemes

See January and May issues.

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.

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

Annual General Meeting and Call for nominations

The AGM will be held at 5pm on Thursday 4 September 2003 at Staffordshire University.

Nominations are invited for Honorary Treasurer, Chair Elect and committee members. Nominations require a proposer and seconder who must be full members of the Division of Health Psychology and the consent of the nominee to accept office, if elected, must be obtained in writing.

Nominations should be sent in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the DHP at the Leicester office, to arrive no later than **Friday 15 August**. Please include a biographical statement of less than 150 words.

Annual Conference 2003

3–5 September, Staffordshire University, Stoke & Stafford

This year's conference theme is 'There's nothing so practical as a good theory'. The keynote speakers are: Professors Martin Fishbein,

University of Pennsylvania, USA; Marian Pitts, La Trobe University, Australia; John Weinman, Kings College London.

A draft programme, registration form, abstracts, presenter information, and accommodation and travel details are available from www.staffs.ac.uk/DHP2003.

Registration forms can be requested from the BPS Conference Office in Leicester: Tel. 0116 252 9555; fax 0116 255 7123; e-mail conferences@bps.org.uk.

DIVISION FOR TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Annual General Meeting

Friday 12 September 2003, BPS London office (33 John Street, WCI), 12 noon

For details contact the DTRP Committee Secretary: Dr Effie Maclellan, Department of Educational Studies, University of Strathclyde (Jordanhill Campus), Southbrae Drive, Glasgow G13 1PP. Tel: 0141 950 3355; e-mail: e.maclellan@strath.ac.uk.

Research ethics symposium

The DTRP would like to invite proposals for 20-minute talks for

a symposium on the teaching and application of research ethics in psychology at the Society's Annual Conference in London in March 2004.

Full details in July 2003.

Contact: Dr Darren Van Laar, Department of Psychology, University of Portsmouth P01 2DY. E-mail: Darren.van.laar@port.ac.uk.

SCOTTISH BRANCH

Annual Conference – Call for papers and symposia

28–30 November 2003, Salutation Hotel, Perth

Submissions are invited on the theme 'Advancing psychology'.

Submissions deadline: **15 August 2003**.

Full details in June 2003.

Contact: Dr Tony Anderson, Department of Psychology, Strathclyde University, 40 George Street, Glasgow G1 1QE. Tel: 0141 548 2583; fax: 0141 548 4001; e-mail: tony.anderson@strath.ac.uk.

COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Annual Conference

– Call for registration

3–5 September 2003 at the University of Reading

The provisional programme is available at www.its.leeds.ac.uk/bps/projects/bpscogsection/provisional_timetable.pdf.

An online registration form is available, detailing accommodation, travel information, and information for presenters: www.its.leeds.ac.uk/bps/projects/bpscogsection/RegistrationForm.pdf. Deadline for registration: **Friday 22 August 2003**.

For further details, see the Section website at www.its.leeds.ac.uk/bps/ or contact the conference organiser, Dr Philip Beaman, at c.p.beaman@reading.ac.uk.

NORTH WEST BRANCH

'Forensic Health Psychology' one-day conference

Saturday 8 November 2003, Didsbury Campus, Manchester Metropolitan University, in conjunction with MMU's Department of Psychology and Speech Pathology

A number of key issues and the latest research will be discussed. There will be professionals and researchers, including, Professor Joel Richman, Dr Jane L. Ireland, Dr David A. Holmes, Graham Beck, Dr Dawn Gross, Iain McLean, Dr Zuhair Bandar, Mike Berry, discussing: adaptive psychological profiling; suicide in prison; health effects of bullying; stress in prisons; St Mary's centre for rape and sexual assault; health in professionals and victims involved in MSBP and stalking; stress effects on prison officers.

Cost: £35.00 for the whole day, which includes refreshments and a buffet lunch. Students £15.00 (lunch is provided).

Contact: Janine Acott, Commercial Office, Manchester Metropolitan University, Elizabeth Gaskell Site, Hathersage Road, Manchester M13 0JA. Tel: 0161 247 2535; e-mail: j.acott@mmu.ac.uk.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

Annual General Meeting

3 September 2003, Malone Lodge Hotel, Eglantine Avenue, Belfast at 7pm followed by refreshments.

'Health, Work and Psychology' conference

6–7 November, The Wellington Park Hotel, Malone Road, Belfast

Registration forms can be downloaded from the Branch website (www.nibps.org.uk) or can be obtained by contacting the Branch & Regional Office (tel: 028

MEETING DATES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Friday 5 September 2003
Friday 17 October 2003 (pre-Council)
Friday 28 November 2003

COUNCIL

Saturday 18 October 2003

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

Friday 12 September 2003
Saturday 22 November 2003

RESEARCH BOARD

Friday 24 October 2003 (followed by Visiting Psychologists Committee)

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

Friday 19 September 2003
Friday 7 November 2003

PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD

Thursday 23 October 2003
Thursday 18 December 2003

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Thursday 11 September 2003
Friday 12 December 2003

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BOARD

Tuesday 21 October 2003 (AGM)

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Friday 3 October 2003

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 11 September 2003
Thursday 13 November 2003

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 4 September 2003
Thursday 6 November 2003

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday 9 September 2003

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 3 October 2003

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Tuesday 30 September 2003
Wednesday 26 November 2003

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Thursday 18 September 2003
Wednesday 10 December 2003

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.

London Lectures – Monday 1 December 2003
Annual Conference – 15–17 April 2004

NEW ENTRY TRAINING ROUTE FOR EPs

A report regarding the new entry training route for educational psychologists is available from the Society's website www.bps.org.uk. The report contains a study commissioned by the DfES, through the British Psychological Society, which focuses on the practicalities associated with the proposed introduction of a new entry training route for educational psychologists in England, based on a graduate basis for registration plus three years joint higher education and employer involvement and placement, from September 2005.

9027 4129; e-mail
nibpsoffice@yahoo.co.uk).

2004 Annual Conference – Call for papers

The conference will be held at The Comfort Hotel, Portrush, Co. Antrim, 23–25 April 2004.

Abstract deadline via internet:

31 December 2003

(www.nibps.org.uk). NB: All abstracts must be submitted electronically.

DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL AND CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

2004 Conference – Paris, 7–9 January

A unique opportunity for delegates

to meet with colleagues from France and other countries to share practice and research ideas.

Keynote speakers include: Professor Katie Sylva (University of Oxford) – ‘What works in the early years’; Professor Frank Coffield (University of Newcastle) – ‘A systematic and critical review of learning styles’; Professor Joe Elliott (University of Sunderland) – ‘Educational psychologists and problem behaviour in school’; Dr John Bennett (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) – ‘Policy lessons from the OECD thematic reviews of early childhood education and care’.

The Hotel Mercure Porte de la Plaine is a fantastic venue, close to public transport and within easy reach of the centre of Paris.

You will also have the opportunity to extend your stay to the weekend and enjoy the many pleasures of this beautiful city, which is cheaper

to reach than many British venues and is accessible from many regional airports!

Book your place as soon as possible and before the deadline of **22 September 2003**. For more detail log on to www.bps.org.uk or e-mail linrob@bps.org.uk.

AGM DRAFT MINUTES – CORRECTION

Minute 11 of the draft minutes published in *The Psychologist* in July (p.378) incorrectly gave the name of the person elected as an Ordinary Member of the Professional Practice Board as David Murray. This should have been **David Murray Nelson**.

SELECTED NEWS FROM THE BOARDS

Publications and Communications Board (12 June 2003)

- *Way Ahead Group*. This group will be called the Public Engagement with Psychology Group (PEPG), to more accurately reflect its work. The group is currently organising a joint event with the Nuffield Foundation for November, and a joint lecture with the British Academy in December. There has been a healthy response to the call to subsystems to organise ‘public engagement’ events funded by the Society centrally.
- *Themed years*. 2004 is to be themed, under the title of ‘Brain and Behaviour’. Board members were very supportive of both the idea of themed years and the theme itself – they felt that it would help all parts of the Society when they are considering activities for the year ahead. The board felt that the decision on themes should be taken as early as possible so that planning could begin as early as possible. The board suggested that the theme for 2005 could be ‘Relationships’, which they believed was relevant to all parts of the Society.
- *Research Digest*. The board noted the recent appointment of an editor for this new service, aimed at A-level and undergraduate students. The expected launch, after piloting, will be September – to coincide with the new academic year.
- *Strategic Plan*. The report on outcomes from the existing plan was noted, with some pleasure that so much has been achieved. In terms of the development of the next Society-wide Strategic Plan some indicative subject areas were mentioned: internal communications; an increase in public engagement activities; and more engagement and joint working with external/sister bodies. It was also strongly suggested that part of the next round must include some measures to assess the effectiveness of the Society’s various strategic objectives.
- *Journals – Impact factors*. It was noted that this project had begun and that an early indicator from the results was that the title of the paper appeared to be a significant factor on its impact – the shorter and simpler the title the more it was cited.
- *Parliament*. The board noted that strong working relationships are developing with various select committees and all party groups, and that the Society would be holding a joint scientific meeting with the All Party Group on Refugees in the autumn. It was noted that some Society subsystems were still not keeping the Society centrally informed on their own parliamentary activities; this had led to some recent embarrassments. It was further noted that the BPS/POST ‘studentship’ would be working on a POST Note on the Mental Health Bill.

Psychology Education Board (30 May 2003)

- *Standing Committee on the Teaching of Psychology to Other Professional Groups*. The board adopted new terms of reference this committee. It was decided that the initial focus of the committee would be in offering expertise to health-related professions.
- *Post-16 qualifications in psychology*. The board welcomed and adopted the recommendations of the working party, whose report highlights both the success of A-level and other post-16 qualifications (e.g. 62,000 students taking AS Psychology in 2002) but also the tensions created by having approximately 50 per cent of university psychology students with A-level. Very few departments have procedures to cater for the differences in knowledge and expectations of such students and it is unclear what should be recommended as best practice. It was agreed that, as a first step, the AHPD would be invited to run a joint workshop on the report and that *The Psychologist* should consider publishing one or more articles based on the report.
- *Teaching research reporting*. It was agreed that the A-level psychology specifications and marking schemes would be examined to seek to minimise any discrepancies between student teaching on reporting research at A-level and at university.
- *The National Curriculum*. The proposal to seek ways of integrating psychology into the National Curriculum was confirmed and preliminary strategies identified.
- *Teacher qualifications*. Representatives of the board will be joining those from the Association for the Teaching of Psychology in meeting with the chief executive of the Teacher Training Agency to discuss ways of enabling psychology graduates, including those with post-16 PGCE to gain qualified teacher status.
- *Supervision of student research*. GQAC is to review its guidance notes to ensure that institutions are aware of its requirement that students’ research is supervised by staff with suitably current research experience.
- *European Diploma in Psychology*. The proposal for such a diploma was discussed. Serious problems concerning the integration of the diploma with national accreditation and regulation procedures were noted, along with what appeared to be a naive view of the time and resources required for such accreditation.
- *Equal opportunities*. SCPEO is to be invited to review the accreditation procedures that are the board’s responsibility to confirm that there are not problems of equal opportunity.