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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](mailto: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](mailto:susepp@bps.org.uk).

## Doctoral research award

**T**HE winner of the 2004 Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research

Contributions to Psychology is Dr Elizabeth Jefferies.

Dr Jefferies receives the award from the Society's Research Board for published contributions from her PhD from the University of Bristol in 2003. Her research was concerned with the role of long-term memory representations in working memory. This included demonstrating that long-term representations contribute to working memory through both attention-demanding processes and automatic mechanisms, and studying the impact of long-term memory deficits on immediate serial recall and recognition.

Nominator Professor Matthew Lambon Ralph, who was her PhD supervisor along with Professor Alan Baddeley and Dr Clive Frankish, said her work, which integrated neuropsychology and experimental psychology, would be unusual for an experienced psychologist but was 'exceptional' for a doctoral student.

Professor Lambon Ralph added: 'Dr Jefferies is an outstanding young scientist. Her research has already contributed significantly to working memory literature through the combination of



novel methodologies, resolution of conflicting empirical studies and extension of past investigations. It has been an honour to be associated with work of the highest calibre.'

Dr Jefferies studied for her BA in experimental psychology at Lincoln College, University of Oxford, gaining a first class honours degree in 1999, before moving to the University of Bristol.

Whilst studying for her PhD she also undertook an EPS-funded study visit with Professor Karalyn Patterson of the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, Cambridge,

applying her skill in a new domain – the study of surface dyslexia. Specifically she looked at which aspects of spelling-sound consistency influence reading accuracy in surface dyslexic patients with semantic dementia.

Dr Jefferies is now a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Manchester. Her current research includes investigations of semantic memory problems in patients with dementia and stroke aphasia, as well as studies of the role of word meaning in verbal short-term memory and reading.

On receiving the award, Dr Jefferies said: 'I am thrilled to gain this award for research that gripped my interest as a PhD student. I would like to thank my supervisors and other colleagues for their invaluable support over the last few years. I have really enjoyed working with them and the success of this research reflects their efforts and enthusiasm as well as my own.'

### HELP DRAFT TEST USAGE GUIDELINES

The BPS Standing Committee on Test Standards is in the process of developing some guidelines on test usage to cover issues of equity and best practice in a number of areas. We are looking for psychologists with expertise from different practitioner perspectives to help in the development to ensure that the advice is sound and relevant to different areas of practice. If you would be willing to help in drafting or act as a reviewer, please contact Julie Mrowicki at [julmro@bps.org.uk](mailto:julmro@bps.org.uk).

## YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU

Vacancy	Person specification	Information (closing date)
<b>President 2007/8</b>	See advert on p.513.	Nichola Whitmore-Cooper – nicwhi@bps.org.uk, 0116 252 9521 (30 Sep)
<b>Elected Members of the Representative Council 2006/9</b>	See advert on p.513.	As above
<b>Board of Examiners in Occupational Psychology – Chair</b>	Chartered occupational psychologist familiar with training issues.	John Duggan – johdug@bps.org.uk
<b>Steering Committee on Test Standards – Members (four-year term)</b>	Chartered psychologists with expertise in clinical, neuro or sport and exercise psychology. Expertise in tests an advantage.	Mala Pancholi – malpan@bps.org.uk, 0116 252 9536 (31 Aug)
<b>Certificate of Competence in Occupational Testing – Level A and Level B Verifiers</b>	Chartered psychologists who hold a Statement or Certificate of Competence in Occupational Testing and are verified as assessors. Financial compensation applies.	0116 252 9530 or enquiry@psychtesting.org.uk (31 Aug)
<b>Board of Examiners in Occupational Psychology – Supervisors</b>	Chartered occupational psychologists (at least one year) actively involved in training and with experience of supervisory work.	John Duggan – johdug@bps.org.uk
<b>Board of Examiners in Forensic Psychology – Assessors</b>	Chartered forensic psychologists with experience of supervision. Fee for each candidate assessed.	Jean Arnold – 0116 252 9518, jeaarn@bps.org.uk

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### listed by deadline

#### 1 December 2005

American Association of University Women. International Fellowships to fund research, education, fellowships and grants for outstanding women around the globe. Contact: AAUW Educational Foundation. Tel: 00 1 800 326 2289; website: www.aauw.org

American Psychological Association. Charles L. Brewer Distinguished Teaching in Psychology Award, for significant career contribution to teaching. Contact: APA. Tel: 00 1 202 336 5500; website: www.apa.org

British Federation of Women Graduates. AAUW International Fellowships to promote the interests of women graduates in education and public life. Contact Mrs J. Collett. Tel: 020 7498 8037; website: www.bfwg.org.uk

#### 5 December 2005

NIH-National Centre for Complementary & Alternative Medicine: International Postdoctoral Fellowships. Contact: NCCAM Clearing house. Tel: 00 1 301 519 3153; website: www.nccam.nih.gov

#### 2 December 2005

Royal Society of Medicine. Forum on Intellectual Disability – Student Prize. Contact RSM. Tel: 020 7290 2900; website: www.rsm.ac.uk

#### 1 January 2006

Department of Health. National Programme on Forensic Mental Health: Call for Proposals Prison Research Programme. Contact: National Programme on Forensic Mental Health. Tel: 020 7210 4850

#### 13 January 2006

ESRC. CASE Studentships to promote research collaboration between industry and academia. Tel: 01793 413000; website: www.esrc.ac.uk

#### 15 January 2006

Stanley Medical Research Institute: Stanley Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in severe mental illness. Contact: Kelly Wilson, Grants Administrator. Tel: 00 1 301 571 0760 ext 119; website: www.stanleyresearch.org

#### 16 January 2006

Arthritis Research Campaign. Travelling Fellowships. Contact: ARC Research & Education Department. Tel: 01246 558033; website: www.arc.org.uk

#### 1 February 2006

American Psychological Association. Randy Gerson Memorial Grant for work that advances theory, assessment or clinical practice in couple and/or family dynamics. Tel. 00 1 202 336 5500; website: www.apa.org

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation. Dissertation Fellowships for research on problems of violence, aggression and dominance. Contact: Program Officer. Tel: 00 1 212 644 4907; website: www.hfg.org

Natural Environment Research Council. New Investigators' Competition. Tel: 01793 411500; website: www.nerc.ac.uk

Lifespan Trust. Grants for research into the problems of ageing and age discrimination. Contact: Lifespan Trust. Tel: 020 8764 3344.

EPSRC/BBSRC/ESRC/MRC & Wellcome Trust. Cognitive systems foresight programme. Contact: James Flemming, EPSRC. Tel: 01793 444428; website: www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/CognitiveSystemsForesightProject.htm.

EPSRC: First Grants Scheme for new lecturers. Contact: Carol MacMillan. Tel: 01793 444298; e-mail: Carol.MacMillan@epsrc.ac.uk; website: www.epsrc.ac.uk

Experimental Psychology Society. Grants for Workshops for postgraduate students and/or junior postdoctoral researchers. Contact: G Altmann. E-mail: g.altmann@psych.york.ac.uk; website: www.eps.ac.uk/grants/wkshops2.html

Experimental Psychology Society: Grindley grants for travel to academic conferences. Contact: S P Liversedge. E-mail: s.p.liversedge@durham.ac.uk; website: www.eps.ac.uk/grants/grindley.html

#### 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/4fmx4](http://tinyurl.com/4fmx4)**

*If you are a grant-awarding body, please e-mail Lisa Morrison Coulthard ([lismor@bps.org.uk](mailto:lismor@bps.org.uk)) with details of your scheme for inclusion in this column.*

**ETHICS COLUMN No.2****DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION IN LEGAL CASES**

Information from psychologists' notes about their clients can be useful evidence in both civil and criminal legal cases. However, psychologists are often unsure of when they can, and when they must, disclose information to solicitors, the police and courts.

**Solicitors**

Most commonly, the initial request for information is received from a solicitor acting on behalf of either the client or the other side in the case. This request may make it appear that you have no choice in disclosing the information requested. However, this is unlikely to be the case. Solicitors have no power to compel the disclosure of confidential information.

When a request for information is received from a solicitor, you will need to consider whether your client has consented to the release of the information and whether that consent is informed. Often a consent form will be sent by the solicitor. However, we would usually suggest that, even if you have received a consent form, you should ensure that your client is aware of exactly what is going to be disclosed and check that they consent to that information being released. Clients may not be aware of the exact nature or range of information contained within their notes. You should also keep a written note of your discussion with the client about consent, and you may want your own detailed written consent form signed by the client.

If you believe that the information should not be disclosed because its disclosure would cause psychological damage to your client, or because it may be misinterpreted by those without specialist training, it may be worth contacting your client's solicitors to explain your concerns to them. If an application is later made for a court order compelling production of the information, they may then be in a position to argue against it.

**Police**

Enquiries from the police may be made because your client is the victim of a crime or because your client is a suspect. Where your client is a victim, the usual requirements for client consent apply. Where your client is a suspect, you should be cautious about releasing information. A request for information from the police does not override your duty of confidentiality to your client.

We suggest that you first consider whether this is an exceptional situation in which there is serious concern of an ongoing risk to the safety of your client or others in which disclosure of the information is allowed under Section 4.3 of the Code of Conduct. If that is not the case, you may be able to approach your client for consent. But it may be wise to check with the police before doing so, as informing the client of police inquiries may prejudice an investigation. If you cannot approach your client for consent, or if consent is not forthcoming, you should only release the information if the police are able to provide a warrant compelling you to do so.

Some other statutory agencies have powers to compel the production of information. They should be able to provide you with evidence of this. If you receive a notice compelling you to disclose information, you should consider obtaining advice from a solicitor, your employer's legal department or your indemnity insurer's legal helpline. The BPS regulatory affairs team may be able to help you with ethical aspects of the request, but cannot give legal advice.

**Courts**

The courts have wide-ranging powers to compel the production of evidence, including documents, notes of sessions and any tape or video recordings.

A court order overrides the duty of client confidentiality, and failure to comply with an order may be a contempt of court. The judge in the case will decide whether disclosure is necessary. If you are given a chance when the application for an order is being considered, or if you are asked to disclose confidential information in the witness box, you should mention your duty of confidentiality and inform the judge of any concerns you have about the information being disclosed. However, once the judge has made the order, you are required to comply with it, whether or not you believe that it is correct.

**SUBSYSTEM NOTICES****DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – SCOTLAND****AGM and Scientific Meeting**  
Friday 4 November 2005

To be held at the Conference Suite, Napier University, Merchiston Campus, 10, Colinton Road, Edinburgh EH10 5DD. Programme to start at 1.30pm. Speaker: Graham Turpin, Chair DCP.

Application forms and other relevant papers will be circulated to DCP-Scotland members in due course. For further information, please contact Dr Caroline Dobson, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Area Clinical Psychology Service, New Craigs, 6-16 Leachkin Road, Inverness IV4 8NP. Tel. 01463 704683.

**SELECTED NEWS FROM THE BOARDS****Professional Practice Board (7 June 2005)**

- *Membership.* Shona MacIntosh was co-opted as the AGM-elected member. Dr Effie Maclellan joins the board as the main DTRP representative. Dr Mike Hopley was co-opted representing the National Assessors' Group. Nigel Atter is the new PPB Administrator.
- *Human rights.* A conference on psychologists and human rights has been organised for 17 November – Harriet Harman MP and Frances Butler will speak.
- *Statutory regulation.* The board welcomed the Society's response to the Department of Health consultation and considered it to be a fair and assertive document, which had comprehensively reflected the views and concerns expressed by boards, committees and individual members of the Society.
- *Assisted dying.* A New PPB working party was approved, charged with developing a position statement.
- *Working Party on Ageing.* The working party is nearing completion of its work, culminating in a cross-divisional seminar entitled 'Age Opportunity' on 13 September.

**Board of Trustees (24 June 2005)**

- *Subscriptions.* A Special General Meeting will be held on 16 September to declare the result of the membership vote.
- *Chelsea Flower Show.* The Trustees agreed that the Society could not commit the funding shortfall for a garden in 2006.
- *Educational psychology.* The Society is to enter into discussions with the DfES regarding the review by the DfES of the role of educational psychology as a profession.
- *Science Council.* An application for the Society to become a Licensed Member Body of the Science Council is to be made in order that it may confer the title 'Chartered Scientist', and in the future 'Chartered Science Teacher'. [See 'President's column', p.459.]
- *Annual Conference.* It was agreed that the Society will cover the travelling and subsistence expenses of speakers in the flagship symposia organised around the prizes and keynote speakers on a trial basis (in addition to waiving their registration fees) to a value up to £10,000 to support symposia at the 2006 Annual Conference.
- *Statutory regulation.* A full discussion was held on the issues raised as a result of the consultation. The board continued to support statutory regulation for the purpose of the protection of the public but considered how this should be undertaken. A report of the decisions made can be seen on the BPS website ([tinyurl.com/cx7ho](http://tinyurl.com/cx7ho)).

## 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/

## SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

### 52nd Annual Conference

Tuesday 30 August–Thursday 1 September 2005, University of Edinburgh

Conference theme is 'Selves and Groups'.

Keynote speakers: Mahzarin Banaji (Richard Clarke Cabot Professor of Social Ethics, Harvard); Constantine Sedikides (Professor of Social and Personality Psychology, Southampton); Margie Wetherell (Professor of Social Psychology at the Open University).

See [www.socialpsychology.org.uk](http://www.socialpsychology.org.uk) for details.

## DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

### Practitioner full membership qualification supervisor training workshops 2005

Friday 14 October, Institute of Work, Health and Organisations, University of Nottingham, 11am–3pm

Monday 31 October, BPS London office, 11am–3pm

These two workshops are for clinical supervisors, or those who may be considering becoming clinical supervisors, of candidates for the Practitioner Full Membership Qualification (PFMQ), of the Division of Neuropsychology. They will cover discussion of the structure of the PFMQ and the role of the supervisor, and will outline the assessment process. This will be an opportunity for those who have already been supervising candidates to share their experiences. For those who are not already supervising, it will be an opportunity to learn more of what is involved. There will be no charge for these events.

For further details, or to book a place, please contact Jean Arnold at the Leicester office (0116 252 9518 or [jeaarn@bps.org.uk](mailto:jeaarn@bps.org.uk)).

## DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

### 2005 Annual Conference 'Health Psychology Across the Lifespan'

7–9 September, Coventry University

The keynote speakers will be: Professors Neil Weinstein (Rutgers University), Beth Adler (Napier University) and Paschal Sheeran (University of Sheffield).

For more details see

[www.dhp2005.org.uk](http://www.dhp2005.org.uk) or contact the

BPS conference office in Leicester:

E-mail: [DHP2005@bps.org.uk](mailto:DHP2005@bps.org.uk); tel: 0116 252 9555; fax: 0116 255 7123.

## NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

### Annual General Meeting

19 October 2005, Wellington Park Hotel, Malone Road, Belfast. 7.30 pm followed by refreshments.

For further information e-mail

[nibpsoffice@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nibpsoffice@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone 028 9027 4129.

## WESSEX & WIGHT BRANCH

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

14–15 September 2005, Portsmouth Business School

Full details in June 2005 issue. But please note date change.

For more information contact [alan.gilbert@port.ac.uk](mailto:alan.gilbert@port.ac.uk), or visit the BPS events website.

## SPECIAL GROUP IN COACHING PSYCHOLOGY

### Workshop programme 2005

Full details in July 2005 issue.

Contact Gwen Ward, BPS subsystems department. Tel: 0116 252 9517; e-mail

[gwewar@bps.org.uk](mailto:gwewar@bps.org.uk). Full details

and booking facilities for all workshops are also available on

the SGCP website on

[www.coachingpsychologyforum.org.uk](http://www.coachingpsychologyforum.org.uk).

## Professional Conduct Board changes

THE Professional Conduct Board has decided that, with effect from 21 July, its non-psychologist members will be split into two groups, each group exercising a different function of the board.

The first group will comprise Miss M. Packman, Mr B. Ellis, Mr D. Lindsay and Mr M. O'Reilly, and they will be responsible for examining the recommendations made by the Investigatory Committee and deciding whether matters warrant formal consideration by a Conduct or Fitness to Practise Committee.

The second group will comprise Mr J. Tanis, Mr I. Caldwell, Dr L. Kramer, Mr P. Partridge, Dr D. Ward and Mr S. Yule. The non-psychologist members of Conduct and Fitness to Practise Committees will be appointed from this group.

## DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **2 September** for the October issue

## 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 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 28 September 2005

Thursday 1 December 2005

### INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday 20 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