

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Dr Herbert Blumberg of Goldsmiths College has been elected to Fellow status in the American Psychological Association. This follows his recent election to Fellowship of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (Division 9 of the APA).

Nigel Evans, a business psychologist formerly a senior consultant at Team Focus, has recently joined Contact Recruitment as an associate director. He will head Contact Recruitment's Development Division.

John MacDonald has been appointed Head of Division and Professor of Psychology at the University of Paisley.

Miller Mair, Resident Fellow at Kinharvie House, New Abbey, Dumfries (formerly Director of Psychological Services and Research, Crichton Royal Dumfries) has been appointed as an honorary visiting professor of psychology at City University, London.

Martyn Sakol, Scottish Director of Independent Counselling & Advisory Services Ltd, has been appointed Principal Consultant with Cambridge-based business consultancy ER Consultants.

Dr Steve Stradling is now Professor of Transport Psychology at the Transport Research Institute, Napier University, Edinburgh.

Dr David Torpy, consultant clinical and forensic psychologist, at Fromeside Clinic, Bristol, is retiring from the NHS at the end of August 2001.

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Fellowship citation

Roderick Jan Ørner

RODERICK ØRNER has made a significant contribution to our understanding of post-traumatic stress disorder. He promoted the realisation that some Falklands War veterans had developed PTSD and that more needed to be known about how best to help them. To develop a better shared understanding of their problems, he became the driving force behind the First European Conference on Traumatic Stress, held at his work base in Lincoln in 1988. The conference was a landmark in the UK and Europe, and resulted in the establishment of the now-flourishing European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, which hosts regular scientific meetings in different parts of Europe. These have been well attended and are highly successful in promoting scientific, evidence-based approaches to PTSD, in settings where trauma is a feature of everyday life for significant numbers of people.



Roderick Ørner has been very active internationally and is one of the few non-Americans to have been a member of the Board of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. In all these activities he has been an excellent ambassador for British clinical psychology, and his counsel has been widely sought and respected.

In relation to his own clinical work and research he has applied his knowledge on PTSD to local services and has been guided by the results of his own local studies into the effects of early intervention

following critical incidents and trauma. He has worked collaboratively with the local emergency services, and from that collaboration has come a realisation that the type of early intervention promoted during the 1980s and 1990s could not deliver prophesied outcomes. He organised a series of conferences and study days in the UK and then across Europe to examine new approaches to early intervention and is currently completing the editing of an important book on that same topic.

His list of publications compares favourably with that of many who hold full-time academic posts. His work is well known and influential nationally and internationally. He has advanced knowledge and disseminated findings in an effective and exemplary manner.

For all these achievements and reasons, it is fitting that Roderick Ørner is awarded a Fellowship of the Society.

Changes to Royal Charter approved

ON 18 July 2001 the Privy Council agreed changes to our Royal Charter and Statutes, in accordance with the vote of the membership that took place last year. This is the first change to the Royal Charter since 1992.

The effect of the changes, which take place immediately, relate largely to the Society's investigatory and disciplinary procedures. Disciplinary committees are now able to impose conditions on members' practice and remove or suspend their Fellowship status and subsystems membership. The Investigatory Committee has extended powers to recommend

matters go direct to a disciplinary committee in certain circumstances. In addition, the Society has new powers to refer a complaint direct to a disciplinary committee hearing where a member has been repeatedly advised about their previous conduct.

Another significant change to the Royal Charter and Statutes is the requirement for all holders of practising certificates to undertake continuing professional development. This requirement is now mandatory and the Standing Committee for CPD is undertaking a project to review the provision and assessment of

CPD within the profession (see 'The continuing development of CPD' opposite). A minor amendment to the Royal Charter also abolishes the post of Deputy President, a post that is no longer needed.

Further changes to the Royal Charter, Statutes and Rules were approved by the membership following a ballot this spring and are expected to come into force later in the year. Full details of the changes to the Royal Charter, Statutes and Rules can be found on the revised document via the publications/document download area of the Society's website (www.bps.org.uk/docdownload/docdownload.cfm).

Equal opportunities award

THE Standing Committee for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities is pleased to announce that Dr Ian Rivers (College of Ripon and York St John) is the winner of the 2001 Award for Promoting Equality of Opportunity. The award recognises his work tackling bullying and homophobia.

Since 1993 Dr Rivers has been involved in a number of research strategies relating to bullying and victimisation in schools. The results from a three-year project of his on the nature, correlates and long-term implications of homophobic bullying were cited in the House of Lords as evidence for the need for proactive strategies to counter the problem. Dr Rivers has maintained a strong commitment to the development of awareness of lesbian, gay and bisexual issues

within psychology as the Lesbian and Gay Psychology Section's representative on Council. He is currently



involved in a number of projects funded by the ESRC and Home Office looking at methods of supporting lesbian, gay and bisexual citizens, and of reporting homophobic crimes in the local community.

Nominating him for the award, Dr Richard Mallows (College of Ripon and York St

John) said: 'Ian's contribution is recognised at many levels ranging from government policy to advice to individuals. He has a deep personal commitment to his chosen field, he is prepared to persuade people to take the bullying issue seriously, and defend them when they do. Future generations of young gay and lesbian youth will owe Ian a debt of gratitude, even though they will probably never know his name.'

Dr Rivers said: 'This prize is important because it recognises the existence and the importance of applied research on lesbian, gay and bisexual issues. It also recognises the importance of developing an inclusive society that respects and appreciates all groups within it. The award identifies the fact that psychology has played a role

in challenging discrimination in all its guises.

'On a personal note, I am honoured that the Society feels that my work has had an impact upon the promotion of equality of opportunity, and I hope to be able to continue this work through the application of psychological research to social issues affecting lesbians, gay men and bisexual men and women.'

Dr Rivers will give the award lecture at next year's Annual Conference in Blackpool. As part of the award, he will receive a painting chosen from a selection by mouth and foot artists displayed at the Selbourne Gallery.

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www.ucrjsj.ac.uk/academic/psychology/ian_rivers.htm

The continuing development of CPD

FIRST, a recap: under the Code of Conduct, all Chartered Psychologists, offering services to the public are obliged to maintain and develop their knowledge and skills to practise in an ethical, professional way. Currently, we should undertake a minimum of 40 hours per annum of CPD activity. Divisional members are also required to engage in sufficient CPD activity to satisfy each of their Divisional requirements.

Over the past few years there have been several rounds of consultation and most Divisions have produced their own CPD guidelines and logbooks. Most of the consultations were executed by the members of the Standing Committee for the Continuing Professional Development of Psychologists (SCCPDP), excellently chaired by Sue Sharrock. At the same time we have been edging towards statutory registration of psychologists, and it looks as though this will be possible in the life of this government. As part of the move towards statutory registration, the BPS membership voted to link CPD in with

practising certificates. Thus, all Chartered Psychologists, without exemptions to the practising certificate, are now required to engage in CPD activity.

For most of the past year SCCPDP has been without a Chair and has been awaiting the appointment of an officer within the BPS office. Victoria Burt was appointed as a full-time CPD officer in April; and in June, Joanna Adler and Amanda Harris were appointed as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively.

At the end of July the full committee and CPD officer met for two days. At that time we began a process of Divisional consolidation and consultation that should become more evident to members over the next year or so. While we do not wish to reinvent any CPD wheels currently turning, we are conscious that the move to statutory registration will require us to demonstrate that all Chartered Psychologists are maintaining their professional development and that the public is being protected. In the next six months, we aim to have further consultation with the subsystems of the

Society in order to consolidate practices and streamline means of assessing CPD. We hope to develop the BPS website, produce materials that will help Chartered Psychologists engaging in CPD and provide information to help employers and those who commission our services to know of our responsibilities.

The new look SCCPDP (Standing Committee for Continued Professional Development) will try to help wherever possible. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please direct them either to your Divisional representative or to Victoria Burt at the Leicester office, e-mail: cpd@bps.org.uk.

Joanna Adler, Chair SCCPDP

Amanda Harris, Deputy Chair SCCPDP

DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **28 September** for the November issue

MEETING DATES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 15 March 2002

COUNCIL

Saturday 20 October 2001

Saturday 16 February 2002

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday 3 September 2001

Friday 19 October 2001 (pre-Council)

Friday 30 November 2001

Friday 18 January 2002

Friday 15 February 2002 (pre-Council)

Friday 8 March 2002

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Friday 14 September 2001

Saturday 10 November 2001

Saturday 23 February 2002

SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS BOARD

Friday 26 October 2001 (followed by Visiting Psychologists Committee)

Saturday 2 February 2002 (followed by Book Award Committee)

Wednesday 13 March 2002 (followed by Spearman Medal Committee)

MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS BOARD

Friday 21 September 2001

Saturday 24 November 2001

Friday 1 March 2002

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Monday 10 September 2001

Thursday 14 March 2002

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Friday 5 October 2001

Friday 1 February 2002

DISCIPLINARY BOARD

22–23 October 2001

Tuesday 5 March 2002

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 13 September 2001

Thursday 15 November 2001

Thursday 24 January 2002

Thursday 7 March 2002

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 6 September 2001

Thursday 15 November 2001

Thursday 17 January 2002

Thursday 21 February 2002

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Monday 10 September 2001

Thursday 10 January 2002

Friday 22 March 2002

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 12 October 2001

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Friday 28 September 2001

Monday 10 December 2001

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC

Science Museum Centenary Reception – Wednesday 24 October 2001

London Lectures –

Monday 17 December 2001

Annual Conference

13–16 March 2002

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Annual Conference

26–28 March 2002 at the College of Ripon and York St John near York city centre. Members and friends of the Section are warmly invited to attend this conference which will be reasonably priced.

Call for papers

We welcome proposals for individual papers or symposia dealing with any area of the history and philosophy of psychology.

Please send a c.150-word abstract. In the case of a symposium, please also include an indicative outline of the range of papers.

Proposals, including names of authors and their addresses, should be sent to Jim Good, Department of Psychology, Science Laboratories, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE. These should arrive by 1 December 2001.

NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND BRANCH

'Neuro-linguistic programming' one-day event

Saturday 17 November 2001 from 9am to 4pm, Didsbury Campus, Manchester Metropolitan University.

This one-day event is aimed at psychologists, consultants, HR professionals, counsellors and students... or anyone with an interest in the practice and application of NLP.

Admission by advance ticket: £25 f/t students and BPS members or £35 non-members (includes lunch – attendance certificate available).

For an application form contact: Janine Acott, MMU, Hathersage Road, Manchester M13 0JA. Tel: 0161 247 2535; e-mail: j.acott@mmu.ac.uk.

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – SCOTTISH BRANCH

'Update on risk assessment'

A scientific meeting on current thinking and practice in clinical risk assessment of violence and sexual offending will be held at the State Hospital, Carstairs, Lanarkshire, on 23 October 2001.

Speakers:

Professor D. Perkins, University of Surrey, Director of Psychology, Broadmoor Hospital

Dr J. McGinley, Director of Psychology, State Hospital, Carstairs
Dr J. Donnelly, Psychologist, State

Hospital, Carstairs
Dr E. Lundie, Psychologist, State Hospital, Carstairs

Dr G. MacPherson, Psychologist, State Hospital, Carstairs

DCP members £35, affiliates £15, visitors £60

Further details and application forms from: Dr J. McGinley, Psychology Dept, The State Hospital, Carstairs, Lanarkshire ML11 8RP or Dr Caroline Dobson, Area Clinical Psychology Service, New Craigs, 6-16 Leachkin Road, Inverness IV9 8PT Tel: 01463 704683.

WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH

'The internal world of the mother and the "replacement child" following perinatal loss' – Marguerite Reid

10am to 1pm Saturday 20 October 2001, Nelson Building, Aston University, Birmingham

Marguerite Reid is a consultant child and adolescent

psychotherapist at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital where she specialises in psychotherapeutic intervention during the perinatal period. Her research interest is the effect of perinatal loss and the parenting of the 'replacement baby'.

Cost: £5 or £15 with lunch.

Contact: Erica Wilson (01902 605439) 15 Bridgnorth Grove, Willenhall, West Midlands WV12 4RX.

'Psychology – The next 100 years' one-day conference

As part of the Branch's contribution to the Society's centenary, Professor Graham Richards, Celia Kitzinger, Mary Boyle, Kwame Owusu-Bempah and Dennis Howitt, will each offer their perspectives on the future for psychology

Thursday 8 November 2001, 9am – 4pm, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Edgbaston, Birmingham

Cost £25 (full members) and £15 (trainees). Lunch included.

Further information contact: Jim McCourt, Dept of Clinical Psychology, QEPH, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2QZ. Tel: 0121 678 2121.

TRANSPERSONAL SECTION

PLEASE NOTE

The Fifth Annual Conference, Cloughton, Scarborough will take place on 14–17 September 2001 and not 17–19 September as stated on the registration form

Contact: Ingrid Slack (01908 654520 or 01908 605440), Martin Treacy (0793 179 1282) or David Fontana (029 2075 8069).

WESSEX & WIGHT BRANCH

'Withdrawing older adults from long-term benzodiazepine use in the primary care setting – A realistic and viable option'

A local Branch member Dr Ruth Collins will speak to Branch members about her

groundbreaking research conducted at UCL with Professor Curran, Professor Woods and Steve Illiffe. The presentation will take place on Thursday 25 October 2001 at Bournemouth University. Refreshments will be available from 7pm and the talk will commence at 7.30pm. All BPS members are naturally invited to attend, but in addition we would like to invite interested parties from the health and community services – please pass on details of this event to your personal and professional contacts who may be interested.

Future events

We are also planning the following events for this year and next year:

6–8 November 2001: Wessex and Wight Branch centenary event 'Psychology and the internet' at QinetiQ, Farnborough, Hampshire
29 November 2001: BPS President Professor Vicki Bruce will speak to the Branch membership at the Southampton Institute at 6pm,

preceded by a free buffet at 5pm
March 2002: Undergraduate/ Postgraduate Student Psychology Conference at Bournemouth University.

May 2002: Student Careers Fair – Southampton.

Summer 2002: Positive Psychology Conference

Please contact us if you require further information: Dr Jacqui Taylor (Branch Hon. Sec.) e-mail: jtaylor@bournemouth.ac.uk; work tel: 01202 59531; Dr Ann Henry (Branch Chair) e-mail: ann.henry@solent.ac.uk; work tel: 02380 319025.

DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

Annual General Meeting and Study Day

The AGM of the Division will take place on Friday 16 November 2001, forming part of the Study Day, at approximately 1pm at the

London Voluntary Resource Centre, Holloway Road, London.

Nominations are invited for the posts of Chair, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and two committee posts.

Nominations require a proposer and seconder who are either Full or Practitioner Full Members of the Division and the consent of the nominee to accept office if elected, must be obtained in writing. Nomination forms will be mailed to members separately.

Nominations should be sent to the Honorary Secretary at the Society's Leicester office no later than Friday 28 September 2001.

DCP AFFILIATES GROUP

Alternative Handbook

2001 edition now available £4.

Please make cheques payable to DCP and send to: Commercial Sales, BPS Leicester office.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

listed by deadline

20 September 2001

National Institutes for Health. Joint proposals – Research project grants on sleep disorders in children. Contact: Division of Extramural Outreach and Information. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov, website: www.nih.gov/grants/oe.htm

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Medical Research Council. Senior Non-Clinical Fellowships (6 years postdoc). Contact: Research Career Awards Group. Tel: 020 7636 5422, website: www.mrc.ac.uk

30 September 2001

British Academy. Small research grants (for postdocs). Contact: Grants Department. Tel: 020 7969 5217; website: www.britac.ac.uk

1 October 2001

BBSRC. Research studentships. Tel: 01793 413200; website: www.bbsrc.ac.uk

Cancer Research Campaign. PhD studentship in psychosocial and/or educational aspects of cancer. Contact: Philippa Fiszson, Scientific Department. Tel: 020 7317 5198; e-mail: pfiszson@crc.org.uk; website: www.crc.org.uk

Cure Autism Now Foundation. Young investigators award (for postdocs). Contact: Elizabeth Kilpatrick. E-mail: research@cureautismnow.org; website: www.cureautismnow.org

NERC. Small research grants. Contact: Sara Lane, Research Grants Finance Office., Tel: 01793 411556; e-mail: sl@nerc.ac.uk, website: www.nerc.ac.uk

National Institute of Mental Health. Projects and programmes on integrating behavioural sciences and mental health. Contact: Dr Peter Muehrer, Division of Mental Disorders, Behavior and AIDS. E-mail: pmuehrer@nih.gov

National Institute on Ageing. Projects and programmes on higher order cognitive functioning and ageing. Contact: Division of Extramural Outreach and Information. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oe.htm

National Institutes for Health. Joint proposals – Projects and programme on basic and applied research related to ADHD. Contact: Division of Extramural Outreach and Information. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; e-mail:

asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov, website: www.nih.gov/grants/oe.htm

National Institutes for Health. Joint proposals – Projects and programme on autism and autistic spectrum disorders. Contact: Division of Extramural Outreach and Information. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; e-mail:

asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov, website: www.nih.gov/grants/oe.htm

National Institutes for Health. Joint proposals – Projects and programme on basic and translational research in emotion. Contact: Division of Extramural Outreach and Information. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; e-mail:

asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov, website: www.nih.gov/grants/oe.htm

National Institutes for Health. Joint proposals – Projects and programme on age-related changes in reading and oral language comprehension. Contact: Division of Extramural Outreach and Information. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov, website: www.nih.gov/grants/oe.htm

The Royal Society. Conference grants. Contact: Sandra Goodall. Tel: 020 7451 2540; e-mail: sandra.goodall@royalsoc.ac.uk; website: www.royalsoc.ac.uk
Nuffield Foundation. Innovative research projects (new lecturers). Tel: 020 7580 7434; website: www.nuffieldfoundation.org

8 October 2001

BBSRC. Research programme grants. Tel: 01793 413200; website: www.bbsrc.ac.uk

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Fyssen Foundation. Research grants (for postdocs). Contact: Secretariat. E-mail: secretariat@fondation-fyssen.org; website: www.fondation-fyssen.org

Wellcome Trust. Prize studentships (linked to other longer-term awards). Contact: Rebecca Christou. Tel: 020 7611 8888; e-mail: cdg@wellcome.ac.uk; website: www.wellcome.ac.uk

Alcohol Education and Research Council. Research grants. Contact: Leonard Hay. Tel: 020 7271 8379

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 www.bps.org.uk/careers/funding.cfm