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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.

Book Award 2005

THIS year's BPS Book Award goes to Professor David Milner of the University of Durham and Professor Mel Goodale of the University of Western Ontario, Canada. The duo receive the award for their book *Sight Unseen: An Exploration of Conscious and Unconscious Vision*, published by Oxford University Press.

The book begins and ends with the story of a young woman (here called 'Dee') whose accidental brain damage in 1988 caused a severe 'visual form agnosia', preventing her from recognising even simple shapes or drawings. The authors describe how, despite this devastating impairment, Dee showed strikingly accurate visual guidance of her hand movements when she attempted to pick up the very objects she couldn't identify. This discovery led them to the hypothesis that the brain has two separate visual systems: one for conscious perception of the world and another, unconscious, system for controlling our movements.

Goodale and Milner use the example of Dee to guide readers through recent research on these two visual processing systems, setting out the theoretical model developed in their first book *The Visual Brain in Action* (1995), while updating its evidence base. In particular, the authors describe recent research using functional neuroimaging, which has shed light not only on normal brain function but also on the underlying causes of Dee's impairment.

Since its publication *Sight Unseen* has met with a number of positive reviews, including that of Sean Kelly of Princeton



Professor Mel Goodale

University, who said it was 'one of the most fascinating and engaging accounts of visual experience' he has ever read. The media have also praised the book, with *Focus* stating the authors have done 'an excellent job' of explaining conscious and unconscious vision. *Nature* has congratulated the scientists on how accessible the book is for readers of popular science while also being 'easy and rewarding reading for specialists'.

Professor Milner (see tinyurl.com/aonve) gained his



Professor David Milner

first degree in psychology, philosophy and physiology, at the University of Oxford in 1965, and went on to obtain a postgraduate diploma in psychology (abnormal) from the University of London in 1966. He was awarded a PhD in experimental psychology from the University of London in 1971. He worked as an MRC research assistant with the late Dr George Ettlinger at the Institute of Psychiatry, London, between 1966 and 1970 before moving to the University of St Andrews. Here he held a number of posts, including Professor of Neuropsychology and Dean of the Faculty of Science, until he left in 2000 to take up his current position as Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience at the University of Durham.

Professor Milner has given numerous invited lectures, and has published six books and over 125 book chapters and refereed journal articles. He also serves on the editorial boards of several international scholarly journals, including *Neuropsychologia*, where he has served as Editor-in-Chief (Europe) for the past five years. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1992.

Professor Goodale (see tinyurl.com/9l8bl) was born in England but was educated entirely in Canada. After completing his PhD in psychology at the University of Western Ontario, he returned to the UK where he worked as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Oxford with Professor Larry Weiskrantz. After two years at Oxford, Professor Goodale accepted a position in the School of Psychology at the University

of St Andrews before returning to Canada in 1977 when he was offered a post at the University of Western Ontario. He now holds the Canada Research Chair in Visual Neuroscience in the Department of Psychology and the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at Western.

Professor Goodale serves on the editorial board of a number of journals including *Experimental Brain Research*,

Neuropsychologia and *Behavioural Brain Research* and is the past president of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness. He has been recognised for his distinguished scientific achievements by the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science, receiving the D.O. Hebb Award in 1999. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2001.

Workplace smoking

THE Society has recently responded to Department of Health consultation document on the smokefree elements of the Health Improvement and Protection Bill. Among its observations was a concern expressed about the proposed exemption of psychiatric institutions from legislation to proscribe smoking in workplaces. The consultation response commented: 'From a health perspective, mental health service users have higher death rates, most likely due to the higher smoking rates within this population, and therefore

should be considered a target group rather than an exclusion group.' The Society also referred to evidence that that the physical health of people with mental illness is relatively poor and that deaths from respiratory disease were higher in that group, which increased risk is attributed to smoking. The Society therefore recommended including provisions in the planned legislation to help people stop smoking.

□ *A copy of the Society's full response is available at tinyurl.com/d7gld.*

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Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research Contributions to Psychology 2005 – Call for nominations

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Student Writer Competition 2006

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Parliamentary Representative 2006/9 – Call for nominations

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

Professor Cheryl Haslam is moving from Nottingham University to take up the post of Chair in Health Psychology in the Department of Human Sciences, Loughborough University, in October.

Emmy van Deurzen has been given an honorary chair in the School of Health and Related Research at the University of Sheffield, where she is Co-Director of the Centre for the Study of Conflict and Reconciliation. She also continues to be Professor of Psychotherapy with Schiller International University in London, where she directs the New School of Psychotherapy and Counselling.

DEATHS

Geoffrey Hill died at home in Leicester on 23 August 2005, aged 68.

ETHICS COLUMN No.3**DESCRIPTIONS AND COMPETENCE**

Many of the ethical enquiries received by the regulatory affairs team are about the rules applying to descriptions and titles. We also have to write to a number of people each year to ask them to stop using incorrect descriptions. There is a full section in the Code of Conduct booklet about descriptions at pages 29 to 35, but we thought a reminder of the basic principles might be helpful.

There are two things to remember when thinking about titles and descriptions. Firstly, there are strict requirements in the Statutes that must be complied with; and secondly, any description you use must accurately reflect your level of competence and must not mislead the public.

Statutes

The Statutes allow Chartered Psychologists to use that title and, if they are a full member of a Division, to insert the divisional title, for example 'Chartered Educational Psychologist'. No other descriptions are allowed to be added – for example 'Chartered Consultant Psychologist' is an improper description. The only abbreviated title allowed is CPsychol. Even if you are entitled to use a further description in your full title you cannot use it in the abbreviation. For example a Chartered Clinical Psychologist cannot use the abbreviation C.Clin. Psychol.

Fellows and Associate Fellows can refer to their grade of membership. However Graduate Members and Affiliates must not refer to their membership in any communication with the public including letters, business cards and advertisements.

Competence

Graduate Members often ask regulatory affairs whether they can describe themselves as psychologists or whether they can use one of the adjectival titles, for example 'forensic psychologist'. Our answer is always that, although these titles are not protected by the Statutes, their use should be considered very carefully. The Code of Conduct requires that members do not hold themselves out as being competent in areas of psychology where they have not established their competence. The Society's experience is that members of the public often believe that people calling themselves 'psychologist', or 'forensic psychologist', 'clinical psychologist', etc., are qualified to offer them psychological assessment and treatment. Obviously if you are not eligible to be chartered, the Society is unlikely to consider that you are competent to offer such services to the public except in training situations under supervision. We would therefore advise you to exercise extreme caution in using any such title. Used in the wrong context you could be misleading the public or other professionals and breaching the Code of Conduct.

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES**DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY****Annual General Meeting**

18 November 2005, 12.30pm, Resource Centre, Holloway Road, London, during the post-qualification training day on psychosocial functioning after stroke. There will need to be an election of officers and there will be at least one vacancy for ordinary member of the committee. Nominations are invited for this and for Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

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. AGM at 1.30pm, Scientific Meeting at 2.30pm.

The Scientific Meeting is titled 'Future Challenges for the Profession or What Did the Romans Ever Do for Us?'

The DCP is at a crucial point in its history. We have re-organised our structures with the intention of delivering a more professional and effective service to our members. The current context is: (a) growth of a demand for applied psychologists within the NHS and by service users; (b) demand for widening of access to psychological therapies; (c) urgent external pressures on the profession; (d) need for recognition of divergent policies, training systems and health care systems in the devolved nations.

How is the DCP managing these opportunities and challenges? Come and listen to Professor Graham Turpin, DCP Chair present an overview on these issues.

Call for nominations

A call for nominations will shortly be sent to all DCP members living in Scotland. Nominations will be for: Honorary Chair, Honorary Chair Elect, Honorary Secretary and Ordinary Member. We encourage all members to consider applying for these positions.

For further information, please contact: Dr Kirsty Anderson, Head of District, Department of Clinical Psychology, Hartwoodhill Hospital, Shotts, Lanarkshire ML7 4LA. Tel: 01501 824571/572; e-mail: kirsty.anderson@lanarkshire.scotnhs.uk

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**CPD masterclass and workshop programme 2005**

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

Workshops

4 October – Group and individual facilitation skills for psychologists
12 October – Stress risk management and interventions: HSE stress management standards, and much more

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.

DCP FACULTY OF HIV & SEXUAL HEALTH and LESBIAN AND GAY PSYCHOLOGY SECTION**Joint conference 'What's different about sex?'**

Friday 18 November 2005, 9am–5pm, Resource Centre, Holloway Road, London
Day to also include the Faculty of

YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU

Vacancy	Person specification	Information (closing date)
Board of Examiners in Health Psychology – Chief Examiner	Chartered health psychologist familiar with the Stage 1 health psychology syllabus and experience of examining in health psychology at master's level.	Alex Johnson – alejoh@bps.org.uk , 0116 252 9584 (4 November)
Diploma in Forensic Psychology – Chief Supervisor (stipendiary post)	Chartered forensic psychologist with experience in the training and supervision of forensic psychologists	Jean Arnold – jeearn@bps.org.uk , 0116 252 9505 (31 October)

MEETING DATES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 31 March 2006

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday 27 October 2005 (London)
Friday 9 December 2005 (London)
Friday 10 February 2006 (London)
Friday 17 March 2006 (Leicester)
Friday 5 May 2006 (London)
Friday 23 June 2006 (Leicester)
Friday 15 September 2006 (Leicester)
Thursday 26 October 2006 (London)
Friday 8 December 2006 (London)

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Friday 28 October 2005
Saturday 11 February 2006
Saturday 6 May 2006
Friday 27 October 2006

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

Tuesday 15 November 2005
Friday 4 February 2006
Tuesday 5 April 2006
Tuesday 7 June 2006
Friday 9 September 2006
Tuesday 15 November 2006

RESEARCH BOARD

Wednesday 9 November 2005
(followed by Visiting Psychologists Committee)
Friday 27 January 2006 (followed by Book Award Committee)

Wednesday 29 March 2006 (followed by Spearman Medal Committee)
Thursday Friday 22 June 2006 (followed by Presidents' Award Committee) provisional
Friday 20 October 2006 (followed by Visiting Psychologists Committee)

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

Friday 4 November 2005
Friday 17 February 2006
Friday 16 June 2006
Thursday 14 September 2006
Friday 3 November 2006

PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD

Wednesday 30 November 2005
Thursday 9 March 2006
Thursday 29 June 2006
Thursday 28 September 2006
Thursday 30 November 2006

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Thursday 8 December 2005
Thursday 30 March 2006 (during Annual Conference)
Friday 7 July 2006
Friday 29 September 2006
Thursday 7 December 2006

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Wednesday 2 November – Coaching supervision – Luxury or necessity? Facilitator Michael Carroll.

At the BPS Leicester office:
Friday 14 October – Personal construct psychology as a resource for coaching psychologists. Facilitator Kieran Duignan

Contact Gwen Ward, BPS subsystems department. Tel: 0116 252 9517; e-mail gwewar@bps.org.uk. Full details and booking facilities also available at www.coachingpsychologyforum.org.uk.

National Conference 19–20 December 2005

For further details and full programme see the SGCP website: www.coachingpsychologyforum.org.uk.

For booking info contact www.city.ac.uk. E-mail: S.Hunt-1@city.ac.uk.

DIVISION OF SPORT & EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY

Update

In order to keep members up to date with committee activities, summary minutes of committee meetings are now being distributed to members via the e-mail

BOARD

Tuesday 18 October 2005 (AGM)
Tuesday 14 March (OGM)
Tuesday 17 October (AGM)

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Friday 27 January 2006
Thursday 18 May 2006
Friday 29 September 2006

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 10 November 2005
Thursday 19 January 2006
Thursday 2 March 2006
Thursday 27 April 2006
Thursday 22 June 2006
Thursday 7 September 2006
Thursday 9 November 2006

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 3 November 2005
Thursday 12 January 2006
Thursday 23 February 2006
Thursday 27 April 2006
Thursday 8 June 2006
Thursday 7 September 2006
Thursday 2 November 2006

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Monday 16 January 2006
Thursday 16 March 2006
Monday 5 June 2006

Thursday 21 September

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 21 October 2005
Friday 20 January 2006
Friday 19 May 2006
Friday 27 October 2006

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Thursday 1 December 2005
Thursday 19 January 2006
Thursday 30 March 2006
Thursday 25 May 2006
Thursday 27 July 2006
Thursday 28 September 2006
Thursday 30 November 2006

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday 20 September 2005
Thursday 8 December 2005
Thursday 2 March 2006
Thursday 22 June 2006
Thursday 14 September 2006
Thursday 7 December 2006

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.

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

Sexual Health AGM at midday. Presentations will relate to sexual diversity in the clinical arena.

Cost (incl. lunch and VAT): Faculty/Section Full members £50; Assistant/trainee members £35; Non-members £65.

*Special offer for non-member delegates – Join the Faculty/Section for a special fee of £5.

Booking deadline: Friday 28 Oct 2005.

Contact Cathleen Taylor for more details (cattay@bps.org.uk or 0116 252 9548).

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 20 October 2005 – Stress management in coaching psychology (further details pending). Co-facilitator Peter Kelly, Occupational Health Psychologist.
25 October – Diagnostics in coaching – A leadership and performance audit. Co-facilitators Shauna McVeigh and Helen Marsh.

distribution list (see website for details on how to subscribe).

A Joint BPS/BASES workshop on consultant effectiveness in applied sport psychology will be held at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh on 2 December. Presenters include Dr Ailsa Anderson, David Tod, and Brendan Cropley. The interactive workshop will involve discussion on the current evidence on determinants of sport psychologists' effectiveness. It will also include exploration and evaluation of methods to increase effectiveness in practice. Places are limited to 25 so you are advised to book early via the BASES website at www.bases.org.uk.

HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

2006 Annual Conference

The 20th annual conference of the Section will be held on 11–13 April 2006 at York St John College. Members and friends of the Section are warmly invited to attend this meeting where we plan to celebrate the Section's first 20 years of activity. Most delegates will

be accommodated in the student halls of residence on campus, but there is an abundance of small hotels and B&B accommodation in the vicinity. The conference will again be reasonably priced. We especially welcome submissions from postgraduate students who may apply for financial support when they submit their proposals.

First call

We welcome proposals for individual papers or symposia dealing with any area of the history, philosophy and theory of psychology. Please send an abstract of about 150 words in length together with a short bibliography. In the case of symposia, in addition to abstracts for each paper, please also include an indicative outline of the aims of the symposium.

Please prepare your proposals for blind refereeing (with name and contact details on a separate cover sheet). These should be sent to Jim Good, Department of Psychology, Science Laboratories, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE by 1 December 2005. Further details will be available in due course.

NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND BRANCH

Evening lecture and AGM

Thursday 20 October 2005
Evening lecture with Dr Graham Powell, 'The evolving concept of capacity', commences at 6pm.
AGM: 7pm followed by buffet.

To be held at Greenbank Lecture Theatre, Greenbank Building, University of Central Lancashire Campus, off Adelphi Street, Preston, Lancashire PR1 2HE.

We also have a number of vacancies on the committee. We invite members to send their postal nominations to the address below. Enquiries by e-mail welcome.

To assist us with catering arrangements, it would be helpful if you could confirm your attendance

DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **28 October** for the December issue

by 13 October 2005.

Dr Ming Wai Wan, Centre of Women's Mental Health Research, Williamson Building, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL. E-mail: m.w.wan@manchester.ac.uk. Visit us at: www.bps.org.uk/northwest/northwest_home.cfm.

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – FACULTY FOR EATING DISORDERS

Meeting

Wednesday 21 December 2005, 10am–4pm (current members to note new meeting date), at the BPS London office, 33 John Street.

Speakers:

Hannah Turner & Rachel Bryant-Waugh – 'Working with mothers with eating disorders'

Sally Savage & Clare Marshall – "'Clogging up the system": Piloting a system to manage people with chronic eating disorders'

Lorraine Bell – 'Self-harm in eating

disorders'

Cost: FED members free; Non members £10. Lunch £3 extra.

Bookings and enquiries: Rachel Woolrich (tel: 01865 226431; e-mail: rachel.woolrich@hmc.ox.ac.uk).

DIVISION OF FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Annual Conference 20–22 June 2006

Venue: University of Central Lancashire, Preston Campus
Conference information and registration forms are now available from: www.uclan.ac.uk/other/hs/academic-conf.htm.

The call for papers has been issued with a deadline for submission of **31 January 2006**. Submission forms can also be downloaded from the above website.

For further details contact Suella Harriman. E-mail: DFPConference2006@uclan.ac.uk; tel: 01772 892654. Or visit: www.bps.org.uk/dfp/events.cfm.

WESSEX & WIGHT BRANCH

Clinical Conferences

Five-day interdisciplinary programmes in association with University of Southampton.

Learning Disabilities Clinical Conference 14–18 November 2005, Nightingale Building, University of Southampton

The programme includes speakers on stigma and self-perception, sleep disorders, sexual issues, and good practice in learning disabilities, as well as forensic issues.

Child Clinical Conference

21–25 November 2005, Nightingale Building, University of Southampton

Topics include: childhood suicide; palliative care; long-term impact of neurological trauma; childhood loss; cultural perspectives on illness, disability and death; and a session led by the Manchester Children's Burns Camp.

Fees: £100 (whole week) £35 (day).

Further information and bookings on www.psychology.soton.ac.uk/conferences.