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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).

# Presidents' Award 2006

**T**HE British Psychological Society's Presidents' Award has gone to Simon Baron-Cohen, Professor of Developmental Psychopathology at the University of Cambridge.

Professor Baron-Cohen is Director of the Autism Research Centre in Cambridge, and Director of the Cambridge Lifespan Asperger Syndrome Service, a clinic for adults with suspected AS. He has almost 300 publications to his name, including influential books on 'mindblindness', synaesthesia, the 'extreme male brain', and prenatal testosterone.

In nominating him, Professor Peter Fonagy (University College London) noted that 'Simon has probably achieved more in his field over the past 20 years than any other worker in the field anywhere in the world. Certainly in the field of psychology he has stood out as a major figure who has led the way with constant innovation. He has consistently moved the field forward, and this award would be a very appropriate recognition of his contribution in mid-career.'

Baron-Cohen's innovations began in 1985 with the 'theory of mind' (ToM) hypothesis of autism, now widely cited as a powerful explanation for the social and communication deficits in autism. His original

ideas have continued throughout his career: recognising joint attention as a key developmental precursor of ToM; lowering the age of



diagnosis of autism to 18 months old; teaching children with autism to mind-read; and proposing the role of the orbito-frontal cortex, the amygdala, fetal testosterone and assortative mating in autism.

Baron-Cohen's is already a decorated career: he adds the Presidents' Award to a list already including the Society's Spearman Medal, fellowship and May Davidson Award, an award for 'outstanding investigator' from the

Philadelphia Autism Association and Princeton University, and a BAFTA nomination for best DVD in offline learning, for *Mind-Reading: An Interactive Guide to Emotions*.

Professor Fonagy continued: 'I have no doubt that the next 20 years of his career will establish Professor Baron-Cohen as one of the greatest psychologists of our time. The word genius should never be used lightly. Certainly psychology has not seen many to whom this term can unequivocally be applied. In my experience Simon Baron-Cohen is an individual who more than most deserves the accolade and the explicit gratitude of the profession to which he has contributed so substantially.'

Accepting the award, Professor Baron-Cohen said: 'I'm delighted to be given this award, though in today's research environment it is an interdisciplinary team that makes progress possible. It feels like our research group has dug a deep, narrow tunnel through the ice in search of a fish, and found a whole shoal.'

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**Dr David Lavallee**, the founding editor of the *Sport and Exercise Psychology Review*, has stepped down as editor to be an associate editor.

**Dr Marc Jones** has taken over the mantle of editor.

**Dr Tanya Garrett**, Consultant Clinical and Forensic Psychologist at Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Trust has been appointed Lead Psychologist for the Forensic CAMHS Service at Ardenleigh, Birmingham. She continues as honorary senior lecturer, Centre for Forensic and family Psychology, University of Birmingham.

## DEATHS

**Professor Tony Gale**, former Society President, Honorary General Secretary and Honorary Life Member, died in August. An obituary and details of a memorial event will be published later.

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## Fellowship citation

**D**R EDWARD Chronicle, a graduate of the Universities of Southampton and Cambridge and now Professor of Psychology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, in Honolulu, has been awarded a Fellowship from the Society in recognition of his outstanding contributions to two distinct areas within psychology – problem solving and the neuroscientific understanding of migraine.

In the area of problem solving, Dr Chronicle has played an important role in the revival of interest about a once



active but recently neglected field: the function of insight in problem solving. With his colleagues, he has developed and validated an information processing model for performance on the 9-dot problem, a classic example of an insight problem. This model has now been extended to other insight problems. He describes his goal as wishing to 'promote an advanced theoretical understanding of insight in terms of both widely applicable human heuristics and the constraints imposed by particular problem contexts'. Dr Chronicle also has interests in combinatorial optimisation problems, and he has recently been described as one of the top five experts in the world in understanding human performance with this type of problem.

The second area where Dr Chronicle has made outstanding contributions to psychology is in the understanding of migraine and in particular the examination of the role of hyperexcitability of the visual cortex. He is

concerned with the relationship between the brain and the environment and how this contributes to the onset of attacks. He is one of only about 10 psychologists worldwide making significant contributions in this area and this work has major implications for the treatment of migraine (which has a prevalence of 10 per cent in the

developed world). He is also concerned with the adverse cognitive and physiological effects of migraine on the brain over the lifespan.

Dr Chronicle's research is novel, original, imaginative and worthwhile, and the Fellowships Committee believe that he is a worthy recipient of the highest honour which the Society can bestow.

## YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU

<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Person specification</i>	<i>Information (closing date)</i>
<b>Assessors for the Statement of Equivalence in Clinical Psychology</b>	At least five years post-qualification experience. Attracts payment with travel and subsistence expenses.	Angela Baxter – 01 16 252 9584, <a href="mailto:angela.baxter@bps.org.uk">angela.baxter@bps.org.uk</a> (30 November 2006)
<b>Chief CPD Assessor 0.33 FTE £15,736</b>	Chartered Psychologist holding a practising certificate with a high level of motivation and drive, IT literacy and high degree of organisational ability. Will need to have practised within the last three years.	Victoria Burt – 01 16 252 9532 <a href="mailto:victoria.burt@bps.org.uk">victoria.burt@bps.org.uk</a> (31 October 2006)
<b>Admissions Committee – Chair (four-year term of office)</b>	Likely to be a current or former post-holder in one or more of the Society's Divisions. Able to attend five committee meetings and four meetings of the Membership & Professional Training Board each year.	Andy Christer – 01 16 252 9591 <a href="mailto:andrew.christer@bps.org.uk">andrew.christer@bps.org.uk</a> (30 November 2006)
<b>Certificate of Competence in a Health Setting – Level A Subgroup and Verifiers</b>	Chartered clinical, neuropsychological, forensic and health psychologists with expertise in psychometrics and test development and experience of training and assessment in a health setting.	Julie Mrowicki – 01 16 252 9530 <a href="mailto:julie.mrowicki@bps.org.uk">julie.mrowicki@bps.org.uk</a> (31 October 2006)

## SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

### DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

#### The New DCP Annual Conference, 14–15 December Congress Centre, London.

Registration is now open. Programme available on website: [www.dcpconference.co.uk](http://www.dcpconference.co.uk) or call the Conference Office on 01 16 252 9555

### DCP – PSYCHOSIS & COMPLEX MENTAL HEALTH FACULTY

#### Working with Emotion in Psychosis conference

1 November 2006, BPS London office, 30 Tabernacle Street, EC2

This is a joint conference between ISPS-UK and the new DCP Psychosis and Complex Mental Health Faculty of the British Psychological Society. There will be a short AGM of the Faculty held during the day, from 12.45–1.30pm, for members who want to attend.

Please contact Annabel Thomas on [isps@athomas99.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:isps@athomas99.freereserve.co.uk) for further information. Further forms can be obtained from [www.isps.org/uk](http://www.isps.org/uk)

### DCP – FACULTY OF HIV & SEXUAL HEALTH

#### Addressing Sexuality within Clinical Psychology – A CPD Workshop and the Faculty's AGM

1 December 2006 at the BPS

London office.

Workshop include: The concept of sexuality; continuum theories of sexuality; Queer theory, Influence of social difference and legislation update.

Cost: Faculty members £40; Non-members £50; All trainees/ students £30 – includes refreshments and lunch

For booking forms and information [www.bps.org.uk/dcp/events](http://www.bps.org.uk/dcp/events) or e-mail [catherine.butler@camdenpct.nhs.uk](mailto:catherine.butler@camdenpct.nhs.uk)

### NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

#### Annual Conference 2007 – Call or papers

11–13 May 2007, Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth, Republic of Ireland.

Abstract (electronic only) Deadline via Internet: 31 December 2006 [www.nibps.org.uk](http://www.nibps.org.uk)

#### Forensic Psychology Conference 'The Assessment and Management of Personality Disordered Offenders'

4–5 December 2006, Wellington Park Hotel, Malone Road, Belfast.

Includes a free public lecture by Professor Stephen Hart, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada 'Assessing Risk for Violence: Promise & Perils.

Full conference registration pack available online at [www.nibps.org.uk](http://www.nibps.org.uk)

### MATHEMATICAL, STATISTICAL & COMPUTING SECTION

#### Annual Meeting and AGM

9 December, BPS London office

Further details can be obtained from: Professor Brendan Bunting ([bp.bunting@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:bp.bunting@ulster.ac.uk)).

### DCP SCOTLAND

#### Helping Those Who Can Help Themselves: Issues in Service Provision

1 December 2006, Quality Hotel, Glasgow

Speakers: Mike Henderson (Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Borders); Rosaleen Isles (Cognitive Behaviour Therapist, Dumfries and Galloway); Ian Hancock (Director of Psychological Services, Dumfries and Galloway)

This workshop provides information and support addressing the needs of those developing or considering self-help therapy resources for the benefit of primary care patients. Discussion groups allow for reflection on the impact and challenges of the self-help model for psychologists, service providers and users at various stages of service change.

Cost: DCP Members £55.00 Non-members £85.00

Further details from A. Sneider; Administrator; BPS Scottish Office. Tel: 0141 211 3901 or e-mail [asneider@clinmed.gla.ac.uk](mailto:asneider@clinmed.gla.ac.uk)

Closing date for applications: 14 November 2006.

### DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

#### Postgraduate Occupational Psychology (POP) Conference 2007

9–10 January 2007, Marriott City Centre Hotel, Bristol.

Registration fees from £85

For further details please visit: [www.bps.org.uk/pop2007](http://www.bps.org.uk/pop2007)

#### Annual Occupational Psychology Conference 2007

10–12 January 2007, Marriott Hotel City Centre, Bristol.

Keynote speakers: Professor Adrian Furnham (University of London); Tom Smith (HSBC).

Conference programme now available.

Details at [www.bps.org.uk/dop2007](http://www.bps.org.uk/dop2007) Enquiries to the BPS Conference Office. Tel (0116) 2529555 or e-mail [dopannual@bps.org.uk](mailto:dopannual@bps.org.uk)

#### Learning a Living Programme

Highlights programme for October:

#### 4 Oct Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace: Using the EBW workshop

Details available on the Learning a Living website [www.bps.org.uk/events/dopws06/](http://www.bps.org.uk/events/dopws06/).

For further information e-mail: [dopworkshops@bps.org.uk](mailto:dopworkshops@bps.org.uk) or call Mandy Lindsay or Kerry Wood on (0116) 252 9555.

The 2007 Learning a Living Programme will launch at the DOP Annual Conference in January.

### SPECIAL GROUP IN COACHING PSYCHOLOGY

#### 2006 Event Programme:

17 October – 'Coaching Psychology Supervision' Tele-event, facilitated by Prof Michael Carroll.

This one-hour interactive event will introduce participants to some of the key themes and questions in relation to Coaching Psychology Supervision.

For booking information please contact: Siobhain O'Riordan, e-mail: [siobhain.oriordan@btinternet.com](mailto:siobhain.oriordan@btinternet.com)

#### 'SGCP 1st International Coaching Psychology Conference'

18–19 December 2006 at City University, London.

Includes keynote papers, research and case study presentations, skills-based sessions masterclasses, and roundtable discussions.

For further information please e-mail [sgcpcomm@bps.org.uk](mailto:sgcpcomm@bps.org.uk)

Details of the SGCP 2006 Event Programme are also available on the 'News Page' of the SGCP website on [www.bps.org.uk/coachingpsy](http://www.bps.org.uk/coachingpsy).

### WESSEX & WIGHT BRANCH

#### Complaints and Ethical Issues in Psychological Practice

A Branch meeting for members on Wednesday 11 October 2006, University of Winchester, Sparkford Road, Winchester SO22 4NR

The talk will cover the types of complaint that have been made against psychologists, and the procedures used for investigating them, as well as ways in which complaints might be avoided, and some misuses of the system.

Speaker: Robert Forde (member of the BPS Investigatory Committee)

#### Psychology Careers Day

4 November 2006, Southampton Solent University, Sir James Mathews Building, Southampton SO14 0YN

### DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **3 November** for the December issue

Distinguished speakers from a range of disciplines will give insight to working in their field. The speakers are active researchers and practitioners. The day will also include presentations from postgraduate students, giving ideas for the broad range of postgraduate studies available

Keynote speaker: Professor Constantine Sedikides (Professor of Psychology and Director of the Centre for Research on Self Identity at the University of Southampton) 'Narcissism and the Fragile Self'.

Booking form available at [www.bps.org.uk/www/wessex-wight-branch\\_home.cfm](http://www.bps.org.uk/www/wessex-wight-branch_home.cfm)

#### Media Training Day

14 Nov 2006, Reading University

This all-day event will cover such areas as news release writing, and giving a good interview for radio and TV. This will count as a CPD event and those undertaking the training will be entered on a media database should the need arise for the BPS to contact an appropriately qualified person (in terms of media training and specialist knowledge). Numbers are limited (max. 12 places available) so bookings will be on a first come first served basis.

Speaker: Douglas Brown, BPS Press Officer

#### Health and Psychology Conference

22 November 2006 at University of Southampton

The conference theme is Self Management across acute and chronic conditions from a mental or physical perspective. The conference is aimed at those working in a clinical or health related field, either related to psychology or health in

general. The conference will run three workshops as well as parallel sessions, and there will also be a poster presentation session.

Keynote speaker: Professor Gregory Stores (University of Oxford).

#### Fit for the Future?

Presidential Lecture, 13 December 2006, 6.30pm at University of Winchester, Sparkford Road, Winchester SO22 4NR

For further information and bookings for the above events please contact Sheila Simons, Branch Administrator. E-mail [wessex.wight@bps.org.uk](mailto:wessex.wight@bps.org.uk)

#### DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

##### Post-qualification Training day 'Disconnection Syndromes'.

24 November 2006, BPS London office, 30 Tabernacle Street, EC2

Contact: Professor Michael Oddy, Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust, 32 Market Place, Burgess Hill, RH15 9NP. Tel: 01444 237287; e-mail: [birt@disabilities-trust.org.uk](mailto:birt@disabilities-trust.org.uk)

##### Training Workshops

Two training workshops for Supervisors for the Practitioner Full Membership Qualification of the Division of Neuropsychology will be held this autumn, in Glasgow and London.

Glasgow: Friday 27 October, 11am–3pm, at Gartnavel General Hospital.

Details: Angela Baxter (0116 252 9584, e-mail: [angela.baxter@bps.org.uk](mailto:angela.baxter@bps.org.uk))

London: date to be arranged

Contact: Professor Michael Oddy as above.

Supervisor workshops are free of charge to Practitioner Full Members of the Division of Neuropsychology.

#### LONDON & HOME COUNTIES BRANCH

##### 'What Sport and Exercise Psychologists Do'

26 October 2006, 6pm–7.30pm, BPS London office, 30 Tabernacle Street, EC2

Dr Barry Cripps of the Division of Sports and Exercise Psychology will speak on a range of issues including common practices, motivation, control of performance anxiety, using biofeedback and using hypnosis for control and goal setting.

Entry by ticket only, available by e-mail: [londonbps@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:londonbps@hotmail.co.uk) with bps membership number

#### DIVISION OF SPORT & EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY

##### Upcoming Workshops:

11 November 2006 the Eating Disorders Association will be hosting a workshop on eating disorders in athletes. Included international speakers Ron Thompson and Roberta Sherman.

A joint DSEP workshop with BASES

on Relating Theory to Practice in Applied Sport Psychology: A Cognitive-Behavioural Perspective will be delivered by Dr Gary Robinson on 22 November 2006 at University of Northumbria. Full details of both workshops are on the DSEP website.

#### Get involved in the DSEP

Call for Nominations to be elected to the DSEP Committee will be forthcoming with elections scheduled to take place prior to the AGM in March 2007.

#### HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

##### Annual Conference 2007

3–5 April, 2007, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford

The Section welcomes papers from psychologists with interests in any area of history or philosophy of psychology.

Please send abstracts of up to 250 words to: Dr Alan Collins, Chair of the Section, [a.collins@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:a.collins@lancaster.ac.uk) before 5th January 2007.

The British Psychological Society  
Northern Ireland Branch  
and

The Psychological Society of Ireland

Are pleased to announce our forthcoming  
Forensic Psychology Conference

**'The Assessment and Management  
of Personality Disordered Offenders'**  
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th December 2006  
Wellington Park Hotel, Malone Road, Belfast

Keynote Speakers will include:

**Professor David Cooke**, Douglas Inch Centre &  
Glasgow Caledonian University  
**Professor Stephen Hart**, Simon Fraser University,  
British Columbia, Canada  
**Dr Caroline Logan**, Mersey Care NHS Trust

Also

A Public Lecture

By **Professor Stephen Hart**  
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia,  
Canada

**'Assessing Risk for Violence: Promise & Perils'**  
at The Wellington Park Hotel  
On Monday 4th December 2006 at 6.00pm

The Public Lecture is free of charge.  
Full Conference Registration Pack can be downloaded  
from [www.nibps.org.uk](http://www.nibps.org.uk)