

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Dr Brian Bates has been appointed Visiting Professor of Psychology at the University of Brighton. He is continuing with his roles in Social Psychology, and as Director of the Shamanic Consciousness Project, at the University of Sussex.

Professor Paul A. Singh Ghuman was appointed Head of the Department of Education at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth in October for four years.

Susan Lee-Kelland of LKA Consultants has opened a centre in Warlingham, Surrey, to provide training for teachers and parents in the field of special educational needs.

DEATH

Geoffrey Pilkington, formerly a senior lecturer at the University of Sheffield, died in October at the age of 73 after a short illness.

Teaching and Learning Research Programme

As part of the 'partnership for impact' between the BPS and the ESRC, Assistant

Director JOHN KANEFKY updates us on Phase III of the TLRP.

PHASE III of the ESRC programme will focus on post-compulsory education. The core objective of undertaking research in support of raising learners' achievements will be unchanged. Research as a partnership between policy makers, practitioners and researchers will also be a continuing theme. It is expected that a wide range of project sizes will be welcomed: current funding is £11 million, but this may increase.

Consultation

During 2001 we consulted widely on the research

priorities for Phase III and commissioned a review of current research and practice in post-compulsory education and lifelong learning. There was a good deal of congruence between questionnaire responses and issues emerging from seminars, with the following topics raised most frequently for the research agenda:

- improving capacity to teach basic, key and transferable skills;
- enhancing the use of ICT, e-learning and multimedia approaches to teaching;
- motivation, especially for disadvantaged and disengaged learners;

- 'what works' regarding teaching methods and learner support;
- training, including work-based learning, training cultures and the skills base of trainers;
- transitions between types and phases of learning, including school to FE/HE and to work, and in adult learning;
- learning processes, including learning styles and learner identity and autonomy;
- the relationship between formal and informal learning at all ages, particularly the integration, validation and recognition of informal learning; and
- the effects of accountability systems (especially assessment).

In focus groups, learners and potential learners identified *their* research agenda as

Fellowship citation

Dr Richard Shepherd

FOLLOWING his PhD at Southampton University and a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Surrey, Dr Richard Shepherd went on to a distinguished career with the Institute of Food Research spanning 16 years. During that time he achieved a successful balance of research both contributing to the understanding of food choice and consumer behaviours and advancing the theoretical approach to attitudes and decision making.

Based on his work at the Institute of Food Research, he developed influential relationships with outside bodies, including BBSRC, ESRC, MAFF, the Department for Health, consumer organisations and the food industry. He

masterminded the development, and became programme manager, of a major research programme on the social psychology of food choice – the ESRC Eating, Food and Health LINK programme. He has published widely in journals relevant to human food choice and consumer behaviour, and government departments, industry and consumer representatives frequently seek his advice on these topics. He is clearly highly respected and very influential in this area.

At the same time Dr Shepherd has made significant innovative contributions to the advancement of psychological knowledge. In particular he has investigated the concepts involved in the theory of

planned behaviour, studying the relationships between perceived behavioural control and self-efficacy and exploring extensions to the model, for example incorporating moral obligation as an additional explanatory construct.

This balance between advancing theory in social psychology and applying these models to problems of social significance places him in a key position to address current issues, such as genetically modified foods. It is fitting then that Dr Shepherd should combine his roles as social psychologist and applied food and consumer behaviour researcher to become Director of the University of Surrey's Centre for Food, Consumer Behaviour and Health in 1998.

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identifying the characteristics of good teaching; how to spread best practice; the design of multi-method/multimedia learning environments; identifying cutting-edge teaching developments; promoting learners' self-image and confidence; and assessment for learning.

The most important theme in all of the consultation was that research to promote inclusion was the key issue. Inclusion involved focusing on the needs of learners 'at risk', the 'casualties of schooling' and those not well served by current provision.

Next steps

We have been incorporating all the advice we have received into a Phase III research specification, which we hope to issue with a call for proposals in December or early January. We will then take this forward into commissioning specific projects. The specification will identify core priorities and set out what will be needed and

when from applicants. It will give as much guidance as possible on the type, size and structure of bids thought most likely to be successful, and will describe how applications will be reviewed and evaluated.

It is expected that outline applications will be sought by March/April 2002, with shortlisting decisions in May. Full applications will be required in the autumn and final funding decisions announced in spring 2003. Individual projects will last up to five years, so the programme will now run to 2008.

We are holding workshops and other meetings in January 2002 to discuss the specification with potential bidders and assist with capacity and partnership building. Dates and locations are at www.ex.ac.uk/ESRC-TLRP/. We will also be offering tailored advice to individual bidding teams.

□ *Contact the Teaching and Learning Research Programme on 01392 264845, or e-mail J.W.Kanefsky@ex.ac.uk.*

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

DIVISION OF COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY

Annual Conference 2002
17–19 May, The Grand Hotel, Torquay

Invited speakers:
Christine Padesky
Stephen Palmer
Dorothy Rowe
Noreen Tehrani

Further information and details from BPS conference office. Tel: 0116 252 9555.

SCOTTISH BRANCH

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Friday 22 February 2002 at the Lister Postgraduate Institute, 11 Hill Square, Edinburgh. The Chair, Deputy Chair, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer are elected annually. Nominations for the election of office bearers and ordinary membership of the Branch committee should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, Kate Skellington, to be received by 4 January 2002. Details of the scientific programme to accompany the AGM will appear in *The*

Psychologist in January.

Further details and nomination forms are available from Kate Skellington (Honorary Secretary), Department of Psychology, Glasgow Caledonian University, Cowcaddens Road, Glasgow G4 0BA. Tel: 0141 331 3445; e-mail: k.skellington@gcal.ac.uk.

DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL AND CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Thursday 10 January 2002, during the Division's Annual Conference at the Royal Bath Hotel, Bournemouth (exact time to be notified later).

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

Nomination forms will be sent out to all Division members.

WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH

'Discourse analysis: Real-world applications'

Saturday 8 December 2001 at the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham

Discourse analysis is both a method of qualitative data analysis and an approach to understanding the social world. It can be used to understand data that are grounded in the 'real' worlds of speakers, such as clients, patients, employees, service users, employers, co-workers or other research participants.

As discourse analysis is a relatively recent addition to undergraduate curricula at most universities, this day offers an opportunity for branch members unfamiliar with the technique to see examples of its usage in applied settings. The day also introduces some key theoretical underpinnings to the discourse analytic approach.

Introduction by Carol Percy, Aston University. Speakers include: Sally Wiggins, Loughborough University – 'Food health and mealtime interaction'

INVITATIONS TO TENDER

Chief Supervisor and Registrar, Board of Examiners in Health Psychology

The Society has instituted Stage 1 and Stage 2 qualifications in health psychology, which new entrants to the profession must pass to become eligible for registration as a Chartered Health Psychologist. The Stage 2 qualification primarily involves undertaking structured supervised practice. The Chief Supervisor will not be responsible for supervising individual trainees but will have responsibility for overseeing the supervision process and approving supervisors and supervision plans. This post has been combined with the post of Registrar, which involves approving the registration of candidates for the Stage 1 and Stage 2 qualifications and dealing with procedural matters.

Chief Supervisor, Diploma in Forensic Psychology

The Society has instituted a Diploma in Forensic Psychology, which new entrants to the profession must pass to become eligible for registration as a Chartered Forensic Psychologist. Part of this Diploma involves undertaking structured supervised practice. The Chief Supervisor will not be responsible for supervising individual trainees but will have responsibility for overseeing the supervision process and approving supervisors and supervision plans.

The Boards of Examiners would welcome statements of interest from experienced Chartered Health Psychologists and Chartered Forensic Psychologists as appropriate who are familiar with the relevant training issues. It is expected that fulfilment of the duties will require a significant amount of time, currently estimated at four sessions a week for the health psychology appointment and three sessions a week for the forensic post, where a session is half a day. For this reason the appointments are to be made on a stipendiary basis.

Statements of interest in submitting a tender, accompanied by a CV, should be received by **31 January 2002**. All candidates who are deemed to be appropriately qualified to hold the office of Chief Supervisor will then be invited to submit a tender.

For further information and a statement of interest form please contact Jean Duckworth on 0116 252 9518 or jeaduc@bps.org.uk.

Chris Hackley, University of Birmingham – 'Discourse analysis and psychiatric medication'
Steve Webster, HM Prison Service – 'Understanding offenders' empathy deficits using grounded theory'.

For further details of the event contact Carol Percy, Tel: 0121 359 3611 ext 4921; e-mail c.a.percy@aston.ac.uk.

Media training

The Branch will be holding a full-day media event on Friday 8 February 2002 at Hornton Grange, University of Birmingham.

For further details contact Elizabeth Hensel, Tel: 0121 449 5858.

DGP SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP IN ELDERLY PEOPLE

Conference 2002 – Call for papers

King Alfred's College, Winchester 10–12 July 2002

The national conference (2 days) is preceded by a day of full- and half-day workshops. Various academic streams are currently being considered. Papers and poster presentations relating to psychological work with older adults are welcomed, particularly in the following areas: developments in neuropsychology; European issues, attachment; CAT and older adults; psychotherapeutic interventions for people with dementia; research practice links; and 'ourselves as others see us'.

Registration will be available in the new year.

For further details contact Rik Cheston, PSIGE Conference Planning Committee, Charter House, Seymour Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8LS.

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Affiliate Support Group Annual Conference 3–5 January 2002

The ASG will be running a Chartership workshop at the DOP conference on Saturday 5 January from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Topics will include general Chartership issues and the important changes to Appendix E of the Chartership Guidelines. Members of the Board of Examiners will be present to field questions.

All affiliates, e-group members and supervisors are welcome.

For further information and to register your interest please contact: asgcommittee@aol.com.

DIVISION FOR TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Call for nominations

The DTRP is currently looking for new members to join its committee, and there are several posts vacant, following those currently in these posts standing down after having served three years. The DTRP is still a relatively new Division but is involved in a number of new initiatives concerning teaching and research. The committee is inviting nominations for Chair, Secretary and Vice Chair (Teaching) and also for ordinary members.

Descriptions of the duties required in the posts are available from Pam Newlands and further information can also be obtained from David Booth, Chair of the Division (d.booth@bham.ac.uk).

Nominations for any of these posts should be made to Pam Newlands, Psychology Department, Glasgow Caledonian University, Cowcaddens Road, Glasgow G4 0BA. Tel: 0141 331 8610. E-mail: p.newlands@gcal.ac.uk. Deadline for nomination: 7 January 2002.

MATHEMATICAL STATISTICAL AND COMPUTING SECTION

Scientific meeting and AGM

(The scientific meeting is free and everyone is welcome to attend)

To be held at the BPS London offices: 33 John St, London, WC1N 2AT on 8 December 2001.

Ranald Macdonald, Julie Chambers, Robert Durham & Kevin Power: 'EM imputation of missing data in two long-term follow-up studies'

Raphael Gillett: 'Estimators of effect-size in a randomised factorial design for use in meta-analysis'

Richard A. Heath: 'Analysing response time data using alpha-stable distributions'

Beata Kozak, Jeremy Miles & Jan Strelau: 'Genetic and environmental variance and covariance of coping strategies: A Cholesky decomposition using a sample of Polish twins'

Guest lecture – Paul Barrett: 'The relevance of a standard measurement unit to understanding cause within human psychology'

Enquiries regarding the programme should be directed to the programme convenor: Ranald Macdonald, Dept. of Psychology, University of Stirling, Stirling FK9 4LA.

E-mail r.macdonald@stir.ac.uk.

MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS BOARD

Board of Examiners for the Diploma in Counselling

The Board of Examiners for the Diploma in Counselling Psychology is concerned with the assessment of the Society's Diploma in Counselling Psychology, which provides one of the routes to qualification and registration as a Chartered Counselling Psychologist. The Board is seeking statements of interest in the following positions.

Chair of the Board of Examiners for the Diploma in Counselling Psychology

The Board would welcome statements of interest from Chartered Counselling Psychologists who are familiar with counselling psychology training issues and would be willing to serve as Chair of the Board. The appointment is made for a three-year term. This position does not attract payment, although, in accordance with the Society's policy, travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed. The Board generally meets four times a year. The Chair is also expected to represent the Board of Examiners on the Membership and Qualifications Board which meets four or five times a year. Meetings of both Boards are held in London.

For further information please contact Helen Clark, Examinations and Awards Officer, on 0116 252 9558 or helcla@bps.org.uk.

Examiners for the Diploma in Counselling Psychology

The Board would welcome statements of interest from Chartered Counselling Psychologists who would be willing to act as examiners for the Society's Diploma in Counselling Psychology. The Society makes payments to examiners in accordance with an approved schedule of fees.

For further information please contact Marion Newton, the Examinations Secretary, on 0116 252 9512 or marnew@bps.org.uk.

For a statement of interest form in relation to either of the above positions please contact Jean Duckworth on 0116 252 9518 or jeaduc@bps.org.uk.

MEETING DATES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 15 March 2002

COUNCIL

Saturday 16 February 2002

Saturday 11 May 2002

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday 18 January 2002

Friday 15 February 2002 (pre-Council)

Friday 8 March 2002

Friday 10 May 2002 (pre-Council)

Friday 14 June 2002

Friday 6 September 2002

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Saturday 23 February 2002

Friday 5 April 2002

Friday 7 June 2002

Friday 13 September 2002

SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS BOARD

Saturday 2 February 2002 (followed by Book Award Committee)

Wednesday 13 March 2002 (followed by Spearman Medal Committee)

Friday 28 June 2002 (followed by Presidents' Award Committee)

MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS BOARD

Friday 1 March 2002

Friday 21 June 2002

Friday 20 September

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Monday 17 December 2001

Thursday 14 March 2002

Monday 10 June 2002

Monday 9 September 2002

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Friday 1 February 2002

Thursday 23 May 2002

Friday 4 October 2002

DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Tuesday 5 March 2002

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 24 January 2002

Thursday 7 March 2002

Thursday 18 April 2002

Thursday 13 June 2002

Thursday 12 September 2002

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 17 January 2002

Thursday 21 February 2002

Thursday 25 April 2002

Thursday 6 June 2002

Thursday 5 September 2002

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday 10 January 2002

Friday 22 March 2002

Friday 14 June 2002

Monday 9 September 2002

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 18 January 2002

Friday 17 May 2002

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Monday 10 December 2001

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC

Annual Conference

13-16 March 2002

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

listed by deadline

17 December 2001

Medical Research Council. Career development awards and senior clinical fellowships. Tel: 020 7636 5422; e-mail: fellows@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk; website: www.mrc.ac.uk

31 December 2001

Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues. Gordon Allport Intergroup Relations Prize. Contact: SPSSI Central Office, PO Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248, USA. E-mail: spssi@spssi.org

1 January 2002 (provisional)

Medical Research Council. Pre-doctoral fellowships. Contact: 020 7636 5422; e-mail: fellows@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk; website: www.mrc.ac.uk

8 January 2002

Royal Society. Research fellowships. Contact: Research Appointments Dept. Tel: 020 7451 2547; e-mail: ukresearch.appointments@royalsoc.ac.uk; website: www.royalsoc.ac.uk

9 January 2002

Leverhulme Trust. Study abroad studentships. Contact: Jean Cater. Tel: 020 7822 6952; e-mail: jcater@leverhulme.org.uk; website: www.leverhulme.org.uk/saf.html

11 January 2002

ESRC. Postdoctoral fellowships. Contact: Jenny Shaw or Zoe Grimwood. E-mail: jenny.shaw@esrc.ac.uk or zoe.grimwood@esrc.ac.uk; website: www.esrc.ac.uk

28 January 2002

Medical Research Council. Research training fellowships. Contact: 020 7636 5422; website: www.mrc.ac.uk

31 January 2002

Cancer Research Campaign. Clinical research training fellowships. Contact: Phillippa Fiszson, Education Department. E-mail: pfiszson@crc.org.uk; website: www.crc.org.uk

1 February 2002

Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation. Wingate Scholarships. Contact: Faith Clark, Administrator. Tel: 020 7438 9513.

NERC. New investigators scheme, for curiosity-motivated basic, strategic or applied research. Contact: 01793 411500; website: www.nerc.ac.uk

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Investigator initiated applications. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockml.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

National Institute of Mental Health. Women's mental health and gender differences research. Contact: NIMH Public Enquiries. Tel: 00 1 301 443 4513

National Institute on Aging. Higher order cognitive functioning and ageing projects and programmes. Contact: Tel: 00 1 301 496 1752.

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Advancement of behavioural therapies for alcoholism treatment. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockml.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

National Institutes for Health. Joint proposals: Age related changes in reading and oral comprehension projects and programmes; Basic and translational research in emotion projects and programmes; Basic and applied research related to ADHD; Research on autism and autistic spectrum disorder. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockml.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

National Institute of Mental Health. Integrating behavioural sciences and mental health projects and programmes. Contact: Dr Peter Muehrer. Tel: 00 1 301 443 4708; e-mail: pmueher@nih.gov

11 February 2002

BBSRC. New investigators scheme, and research programme grants. Contact: 01793 413200; website: www.bbsrc.ac.uk

28 February 2002

British Academy. Small research grants and overseas/British conference grants. Contact: Research Grants Department. Tel: 020 7969 5217; e-mail: grants@britac.ac.uk; website: www.britac.ac.uk

5 March 2002

National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression. Independent investigator award for scientific research into severe mental disorders, primarily schizophrenia and depression. Contact: Audra Moran. Tel: 00 1 516 829 0091; website: www.whsource.com/narsad.html

15 March 2002

James S. McDonnell Foundation. 21st century research awards on research bridging mind, brain and behaviour. Contact: Cheryl Washington, Grants Manager. Tel: 00 1 314 721 1532; e-mail: info@jsmf.org; website: www.jsmf.org

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