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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*

## SOCIETY

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).

## Fellowship citation

*Dr Precilla Yee Lan Choi*

**D**R Precilla Yee Lan Choi has achieved a deserved reputation for her work in two innovative fields of psychology – the relationship between biology and behaviour, and the social construction of femininity.

In the first of these, she has carried out research into the psychological effects of androgenic-anabolic steroid misuse (for example, her work with Harrison G. Pope investigating the link between violence to women and the illicit use of AAS). Dr Choi's expertise has led to her invited membership of the Advisory Board of the US National Steroid Research Center.

In the second area of research, she has utilised the theoretical perspective of feminist psychology to study women's motivation for



participating in sport and exercise, especially how conventional ideas of femininity influence the reduced participation of girls

and women in sport generally. For this work, Precilla Choi received the British Association for the Advancement of Science Dual Award (Social Science Category) for outstanding research and communication of science to the general public in 2000.

As a result of the outstanding contributions that Dr Choi has made to both the advancement and dissemination of psychological knowledge and practice, the Fellowship Committee is pleased to recommend her for Fellowship status within the Society.

### Postgraduate Study Visits 2004

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### Research Seminars Competition 2004

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### Book Award 2005

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## SELECTED NEWS FROM THE BOARDS

### Research Board (14 April 2004)

- *Biosciences Federation* The Board considered an invitation for the Society to become a member organisation. As the Society's subscription to the Federation would be £34,000, the Board agreed not to recommend the Board of Trustees to join at this time. Membership of the Academy for Social Sciences and the Science Council, already provides the Society with two powerful means of being represented through influential umbrella organisations. It was noted, however, that this recommendation may need to be reviewed nearer the RAE 2008.
- *RAE 2008 consultation* Psychology has been allocated to Panel D together with pre-clinical sciences, biology, and agriculture, veterinary and food sciences. The Board expressed concern about the adequacy of comparing the sources of output and publication rates in this grouping. If psychology is not grouped with appropriate cognate disciplines, the value and standing of psychology research may be misunderstood. Comments to this effect will be included in the Joint Committee on Resources for Higher Education's response to the consultation.
- *Deputy Chair* Professor Nick Emler was appointed as the new Deputy Chair of the Board (jointly with Dr Judi Ellis). Dr Patrick Haggard, the current Deputy Chair, steps down from the Board in June 2004.
- *Prize nominations* The Board agreed to submit nominations for the Aristotle Prize 2004 and the Wilhelm Wundt/William James Prize 2004 (in consultation with the International Committee).
- *Annual Conference* The Board received an oral report from the Chair of the Standing Conference Committee and warmly welcomed the news regarding the rates of student registration for the event. It had previously agreed to subsidise the student registration fee to allow a reduction to £20 per day.
- *Representation on funding bodies* The Board received a draft list of psychologists serving on the research councils and other funding agencies. It was agreed that this should be made available on the BPS website.
- *Ethical standards* The draft Guidelines for Minimum Standards of Ethical Approval in Psychological Research will be published soon, subject to the approval of the Board's Executive Committee.

## Route to forensic chartership to close

**T**HE Division of Forensic Psychology committee agreed that the five-year (supervised practice) route to chartership should close in November 2005. It was considered that this route is no longer appropriate now that there are new regulations for the Diploma in Forensic Psychology. Any psychologist who began their training in forensic psychology before November 1998 is still eligible to apply through this route but

must apply before 1 November 2005. Any applications received after that date will be invalid.

It will not be possible to gain the Society's Certificate in Forensic Psychology after November 2005. Therefore, candidates wishing to sit the examinations must enrol before 1 June 2005.

□ *If you have a query about your route to full DFP membership contact Paul Kelman at the Society's office (paukel@bps.org.uk).*

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR THE DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL AND CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

The Board of Examiners for the Division of Educational and Child Psychology is concerned with the assessment of the Society's new Qualification for Educational Psychology. The Qualification will provide one of the routes to qualification and registration as a Chartered Educational Psychologist and will conform to the new curriculum for three-year training courses in educational psychology. It is due for launch in 2005. The Board is seeking statements of interest in the following positions:

### Ordinary Members for the Board of Examiners for the Division of Educational and Child Psychology

The Board would welcome statements of interest from Chartered Psychologists who are familiar with educational psychology training issues and would be willing to serve as members of the Board.

**For further information and a statement of interest form please contact Denise Keen, Assistant Examinations and Awards Officer on 0116 252 9512 or denkee@bps.org.uk.**

## DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY ASSESSORS REQUIRED

The Division of Occupational Psychology's Board of Examiners is seeking to recruit Chartered Occupational Psychologists to join the team responsible for assessing the work of practitioners in training wishing to become full members of the Division. Successful applicants will have:

- at least five years' experience as a Chartered Occupational Psychologist;
- experience in assessing evidence; and
- experience of assessing the work of trainee occupational psychologists, which will be especially valuable.

Training and support will be provided to successful applicants.

**Applications should be made in writing, via e-mail, enclosing a short CV detailing relevant experience, to Denise Keen (denkee@bps.org.uk).**

*The Society is working towards equal opportunities.*

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### listed by deadline

#### 18 June 2004

Cancer Research UK. Project Grant. Contact: Dr Sarah Pierce/ Ian McArdle. Tel: 020 7242 0200; e-mail: project@cancer.org.uk; website: www.cancer.org.uk

#### 30 June 2004

European Association of Experimental Social Psychology. Postdoctoral Seedcorn Research Grants. Contact: Sibylle Classen; e-mail: sibylle@eaesp.org

#### 1 July 2004

BUPA Foundation. Health at Work Award and Communication Award. Contact: Lee Saunders. Tel: 020 7656 2591; e-mail: saundersl@bupa.com

#### 2 July 2004

ESRC. New Security Challenges Programme. Contact: Gary Williams. Tel: 01793 413058; e-mail: gary.Williams@esrc.ac.uk; website: www.esrc.ac.uk

#### 9 July 2004

Stroke Association. Research Awards. Contact: 020 7566 0300; e-mail: wedwards@stroke.org.uk

Alzheimers Society. Project Grants. Contact: tel: 020 7306 0606; e-mail: enquiries@alzheimers.org.uk

Wellcome Trust – Biomedical Sciences. Advanced Fellowships. Contact: 020 7611 8888; e-mail: contact@wellcome.ac.uk

#### 19 July 2004

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

#### 26 July 2004

National Alliance Research Schizophrenia and Depression. Young Investigator Award 2005. Contact: 00 1 516 829 5576; e-mail: info@narsad.org

#### 30 July 2004

Research Into Ageing. Small Incontinence Research Award. Contact: 020 7278 1114; e-mail: info@helptheaged.org.uk

#### 1 August 2004

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation. Research Grants. Contact: Program Officer. Tel: 00 1 212 644 4907

Wellcome Trust. Biomedical Ethics Project Grants and Research Leave Awards. Contact: Grants Section, Biomedical Ethics. Tel: 020 7611 8231; e-mail: biomedicalethics@wellcome.ac.uk; website: www.wellcome.ac.uk

#### 5 August 2004

Society for Reproductive and Infant Psychology. Student Bursaries. Contact: Dr Janet Hirst. Tel: 0113 343 1281; e-mail: j.hirst@leeds.ac.uk

#### 15 August 2004

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Pilot Grants. Contact: 00 1 212 363 3500; e-mail: inquiry@afsp.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](http://www.bps.org.uk/careers/funding.cfm)**

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

## COMMITTEE ON TRAINING IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Committee on Training in Clinical Psychology would welcome statements of interest from Chartered Clinical Psychologists who are familiar with clinical psychology training issues, either from an academic or a practitioner perspective, and would be willing to serve on this committee.

The committee is concerned with promoting and ensuring high standards of training in professional practice in clinical psychology and in the review and monitoring of the standards of training in clinical psychology.

The committee generally meets four times a year at the BPS office in London. Committee members must also be prepared to take part in and convene accreditation visits.

**Statement of interest forms and further information from Lucy Horder at the Leicester office (tel: 0116 252 9596; e-mail: [luchor@bps.org.uk](mailto:luchor@bps.org.uk)).**

## SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

### DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

#### Annual Conference

8–10 September 2004, Queen Margaret's University College, Edinburgh

*Call for abstracts.* Abstract submissions for late posters are welcomed by **11 June 2004**.

A draft programme, registration form, abstracts, accommodation and travel details are available from [dhpconf2004.qmuc.ac.uk](http://dhpconf2004.qmuc.ac.uk).

For information about student bursaries see the DHP website ([www.health-psychology.org.uk](http://www.health-psychology.org.uk)).

*Full details in March 2004.*

Contact: BPS conference office (0116 252 9555).

### Board of Examiners in Health Psychology – Call for Stage 2 Supervisors

The Board of Examiners in Health Psychology and the Chief Supervisor would like to hear from interested parties who are Chartered Health Psychologists with experience of research supervision at postgraduate level.

*Full details in February 2004.*

Contact: Tony Towell (020 7911 5000 ext 2173).

### DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

**Workshops and masterclasses**  
Workshops will be held in June and July at the BPS London office.

A masterclass 'The Assessment and Development of Leadership' will be held at the Royal Society in London on 13 July.

*Full details in May 2004.*

Contact Helen Diggle (0116 252 9933).

### Postgraduate Occupational Psychology Conference

8–9 September 2004, City University, London

The POP Conference is being relaunched this year and is an excellent opportunity to meet fellow students, practising occupational psychologists and potential employers, whilst also finding out about current research activities of postgraduate students. If you are an MSc or PhD student in the area of occupational

psychology, or have recently completed an MSc in occupational psychology and are interested in a career in this field, or are an undergraduate student considering further study or a career in occupational psychology, then this conference is not to be missed!

*Call for abstracts:* Submission forms for papers and posters are now available on the BPS website ([www.bps.org.uk/events](http://www.bps.org.uk/events)). Deadline for submissions is **16 June 2004**.

For further information, please contact the BPS conference office ([conferences@bps.org.uk](mailto:conferences@bps.org.uk) or 0116 252 9555).

### DCP PSYCHOLOGISTS' SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP WORKING WITH OLDER PEOPLE

#### Annual Conference

'Positive Perspectives on Ageing', 7–9 July 2004, Durham

*Full details in May 2004.*

Contact: Procon (01423 564488).

### DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

#### Post-qualification Training Day 'Neuropsychology and Driving'

Friday 18 June 2004, London Voluntary Sector Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London N7

*Full details in May 2004.*

Contact: Professor Michael Oddy (01444 237287).

### DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

#### Annual Conference

2–5 September 2004, Leeds Metropolitan University, Beckett Park, Headingley, Leeds

*Full details in February 2004.*

Conference registration forms are available on the conference website ([tinyurl.com/36d4m](http://tinyurl.com/36d4m)).

Contact: Dr Margaret Hardman (0113 283 5928).

### NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND BRANCH

#### 'Careers in Psychology' day

This event took place on 19 April. Unfortunately, for various reasons, I was not able to return calls to some people who phoned me about the event and who left messages on my answering

machine. If you are one of these people, please accept my apologies for not getting back to you. I did try. Another careers event is planned for 2005, date and venue yet to be decided. – Hilary Neve (tel: 0161 437 6443; e-mail: hilary\_neve@totalise.co.uk).

#### Open seminar 'Psychology and September 11' by Christine La Cerva

With the MMU Research Institute and the PsyPAG conference, Monday 26 July, 3.30pm–5pm, Room 104, Manton Building, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester Road.

For further details, please contact Ming Wai Wan, Branch Secretary. E-mail m.w.wan@man.ac.uk.

#### PSYCHOTHERAPY SECTION

##### Annual Conference 'The Construction of Childhood and the Destruction of Children'

5 June 2004 at The Tavistock Clinic, 20 Belsize Lane, London NW3

Topics include: The construction of childhood – Gerrilyn Smith, clinical psychologist and child abuse

consultant; Cybernetic children – Grace Jackson MD, ex-psychiatrist, US; Histories of cruelty – Jonathan Calder, freelance journalist and historian; Discussion, chaired by Craig Newnes, 'What are the implications for child and family therapy?'

Further details: Cassie Cooper, 12 Coniston Court, High Street, Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex HA1 3LP (cassie\_cooper@hotmail.com).

#### PSYCHOLOGY POSTGRADUATE AFFAIRS GROUP (PSYPAG)

##### Annual Conference

26–28 July 2004, Manchester Metropolitan University

Keynote speakers: Alan Baddeley: 'Working memory'; Erica Burman: 'Psychology practice in cultural context'; Mike Berry: 'Forensic psychology'; Kathy Doherty and Suzanne Zeedyk: 'Sexual violence'.

Travel and accommodation bursaries are available.

For further information, see [psypag.co.uk](http://psypag.co.uk).

#### PSYCHOBIOLOGY SECTION

##### Notice of Annual Scientific Meeting and call for abstracts

1–3 September 2004, Low Wood, Lake Windermere, Cumbria ([www.elh.co.uk/hotels/lowwood.htm](http://www.elh.co.uk/hotels/lowwood.htm))

Guest Speaker: Dr Peter Rogers, University of Bristol.

Deadline for abstract submissions: **30 July 2004.**

Pre-conference workshop on 1 September: 'How to measure stress, mind–body interactions' run by Professors Clow and Hucklebridge (University of Westminster) and Dr Wetherell (MRC, HSRC, Bristol).

##### Undergraduate Project Prize

This competition is open to all UK final-year undergraduates. A prize of £50 will be awarded for the best project in the field of psychobiology. Submissions are invited from all areas of psychobiology. The winner will be invited to present their findings at Psychobiology Section Annual Scientific Meeting. Deadline for submissions: **9 July 2004.**

Further details on the Section website ([tinyurl.com/ywafrr](http://tinyurl.com/ywafrr)).

#### CONSCIOUSNESS & EXPERIENTIAL SECTION

##### 8th Annual Conference 'Science, Self and Meaning'

17–19 September, St Anne's College, Oxford

See the CEP website: [www.warwick.ac.uk/cep](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/cep).

Full details in *May 2004*.

Contact: Deborah Biggerstaff (024 7652 8206).

#### DIVISION OF SPORT & EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY

##### Section becomes a Division

The former Sport and Exercise Psychology Section is now a Division!

The 39th Annual General Meeting of the British Psychological Society announced the results of the postal ballot of members for the resolution 'that the Sport and Exercise Psychology Section be redesignated as the Division of Sport and Exercise Psychology'. The vote was: for 2517; against 284. Work is currently being undertaken to identify Full and General founding members.

## STATEMENT OF EQUIVALENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY REPORT

Twenty-seven candidates were awarded the Statement of Equivalence in Clinical Psychology (SoE) between Spring 2003 and Autumn 2003.

The regulations for the Statement of Equivalence are being revised to take account of the new models of training and evaluation introduced last year by the Committee on Training in Clinical Psychology. These are currently awaiting ratification.

An external validation project found that SoE standards of marking are equivalent to those of doctoral programmes. The project's recommendation for an external examiner to be appointed to complement the role of the Chief Examiner is being actioned.

For the full report, visit the BPS website ([tinyurl.com/2ftda](http://tinyurl.com/2ftda)) or telephone Denise Keen at the BPS office to request a copy.

*Dr Fiona Kennedy, Chief Examiner  
Statement of Equivalence in Clinical Psychology*

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**Dr Sarah Norgate**, a Research Fellow at the Open University has been awarded a 2004 Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowship under the category of 'Paediatric Services' for an international project on the care of babies and young children with eye cancer, to be undertaken in France, Canada and the USA.

**Dr John L. Taylor** was recently appointed Professor of Developmental Disability Psychology at the Centre for Clinical Psychology & Healthcare Research, Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne. He continues in his posts of Head of Psychological Therapies & Research and Consultant Clinical Psychologist with Northgate & Prudhoe NHS Trust.

## MEETING DATES

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 30 March 2005

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Friday 11 June 2004

Friday 3 September 2004

#### REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday 16 October 2004

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

Friday 4 June 2004

Friday 10 September 2004

#### RESEARCH BOARD

Friday 25 June 2004 (followed by Presidents' Award Committee)

#### MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

Friday 18 June 2004

Friday 17 September 2004

#### PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD

Thursday 7 October 2004

#### PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Monday 7 June 2004

Thursday 9 September 2004

#### PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BOARD

Friday 22 October 2004 (AGM)

#### FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Friday 1 October 2004

#### GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 24 June 2004

Thursday 9 September 2004

#### ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 10 June 2004

Thursday 2 September 2004

#### STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Monday 7 June 2004

Thursday 23 September 2004

#### THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 14 May 2004

#### ETHICS COMMITTEE

Thursday 15 July 2004

Thursday 30 September 2004

#### INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Monday 21 June 2004

Thursday 16 September 2004

#### FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.

London Lectures – Wednesday 1 December 2004

Annual Conference – 30 March–2 April 2005