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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. 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.

Presidents' Award 2004

PROFESSOR Tony Manstead (Cardiff University) and Professor Steven Tipper (University of Wales, Bangor) have jointly been awarded the 2004 Presidents' Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychological Knowledge, a mid-career recognition of the achievements of psychologists who are currently engaged in research of outstanding quality.

Professor Manstead is best known for his work on the social and cognitive aspects of emotion and his research into attitudes and behaviour. Professor Tipper's contributions have been in the area of cognitive psychology, specifically concerning the negative priming effect.

In nominating Professor Manstead, Professor Russell Spears (also of Cardiff University) highlighted the fact that his friend, collaborator and colleague has been one of the key figures in 'socialising' the study of emotion, as well as having a significant influence on research on the relation between attitudes and behaviour.

Professor Spears added: 'Professor Manstead has made major contributions to not one but two key topics. However, to focus solely on his primary research activity would also be to underestimate the nature and extent of his contribution to our field. His influence can also be gauged from the graduate students he has supervised, many of whom have remained in the field and become influential in their own right. He has also been highly influential in fostering top-quality research through his editorial work.'

Professor Manstead gained a BSc joint honours in sociology and psychology from the



Tony Manstead



Steven Tipper

University of Bristol in July 1971 and a DPhil in social psychology at the University of Sussex in July 1978.

In his 30-year career he worked for two years at the University of Sussex, and then spent 16 years at the University of Manchester, more than 10 years at the University of Amsterdam and two years at the University of Cambridge. He has also taken up visiting posts at the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Bologna. He began his current post as Professor of Psychology at Cardiff University at the beginning of this year. He has published articles and chapters in more than 130 publications and produced 10 books.

Accepting the accolade, Professor Manstead said: 'I am delighted to accept this award

and see it as one that that has been earned as much by the colleagues and students with whom I have been lucky enough to work as by myself.'

Professor Tipper was nominated by Dr Oliver Turnbull, who said the award winner's ability to base his research on 'real-world' issues was a hallmark of his approach to science. Professor Tipper was also praised for the inspiration he has provided to his PhD students as well as fellow colleagues. Dr Turnbull added: 'His contribution to the field, both direct and indirect, has been enormous – with influential and far-reaching consequences for psychology and psychologists both within Britain and internationally.'

Professor Tipper gained a BSc in behavioural sciences from Huddersfield Polytechnic in 1980, going on to complete an MSc in experimental psychology at Sussex University in 1981 and a DPhil at Oxford University in 1984.

During his career he has worked at the University of Oxford, Mount Allison and McMaster Universities in Canada and the University of Wales. He is currently Director of the Centre for Clinical and Cognitive Neuroscience at the University of Wales, Bangor.

Professor Tipper has also been cited in more than 3000 publications, and his work includes several papers that are regarded as citation 'classics'. Accepting the award, he said: 'I am very happy to receive the award but feel that much of the credit should go to my hard-working and talented students and research assistants.'

Professor Manstead and Professor Tipper will each deliver an award lecture at the 2005 Annual Conference.

CPD – The Society's new approach

CPD is vital to personal development and important in demonstrating the public accountability of the profession. This was evidenced when members voted to make CPD mandatory in 2000. Most psychologists undertake ongoing CPD as a normal part of professional life, but mandatory CPD requires them to show this by maintaining and submitting a formal record.

From September 2005 onwards, all chartered psychologists holding a practising certificate will be asked to submit an annual record of CPD to the Society to link with the renewal of their certificate. Letters and

information leaflets are being sent out to members holding a practising certificate, and information will be available via the BPS website (www.bps.org.uk). An online system for planning and recording CPD has been developed in response to feedback received from members taking part in the CPD pilot study. The CPD Online Planning and Recording System provides a paperless and simple way for members to compile and maintain up to five years of CPD records in a confidential area of the website. We hope that members will find this a useful tool in managing their professional development.

Plans are being made to

hold a series of introductory workshops at Branch venues and further details are available on the website or by contacting the local Branch.

A telephone and e-mail helpline will also be available to answer members' queries on CPD (0116 252 9916 and cpd@bps.org.uk).

The Standing Committee for Continuing Professional Development would like to thank all members who have contributed to this project through providing comments, responding to consultations, and participating in the pilot study and in the usability testing of the online system. We look forward to receiving your feedback to inform the continuing evolution of the CPD scheme.

*Amanda Harris, Chair,
SCCPD*

DO ANY OF THESE SOUND FAMILIAR?

'The Society is too hard on members when a complaint is made'

'The Society should do more to protect the public'

'The Society drags out complaints for too long'

If you are interested in these issues, why not get involved in the Society's complaints-handling process and play your part in protecting the public and the profession?

If you are a Divisional member and a Fellow or Associate Fellow of the Society, with substantial experience of practice, and can spare a few hours a month, the regulatory affairs team of the Society would like to hear from you.

We need members for the Investigatory Committee, which makes decisions on complaints. We also need members to serve on panels that investigate complaints against members or monitor members who have had disciplinary findings against them. We have a particular shortage of members from the educational, forensic and neuropsychology Divisions.

The majority of meetings are by teleconference, although members may need occasionally to attend committee hearings or meetings, which are usually held in London.

If you are interested in helping the Society please write to Georgina Herbert at the Society's Leicester office, or e-mail conduct@bps.org.uk for an information pack and application form. All applications will be considered by a selection panel.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Dr Demetrios S. Alexopoulos has been elected Professor of Psychology of Individual Differences and Psychometrics in the Department of Primary Education, University of Patras, Greece.

Gesthimani Manya Merodoulaki has resigned from her post as Consultant Counselling Psychologist with Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Trust. She is now the Head of Staff Counselling in Nottinghamshire Forensic Services. She continues to maintain her private practice as a clinical supervisor.

Emeritus Professor Elizabeth Newson (University of Nottingham) has retired from the Early Years Diagnostic Centre. The Centre has been renamed the Elizabeth Newson Centre.

DEATHS

Ian M.L. Hunter, Emeritus Professor of Psychology at Keele University, died in Edinburgh on 30 August, aged 77.

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE TEACHING OF PSYCHOLOGY TO OTHER PROFESSIONS (TOPTOP)

TOPTOP is a new standing committee of the Psychology Education Board that is looking to monitor and develop psychology taught to professions outside the discipline.

The committee is seeking statements of interest in the following positions:

Deputy Chair

Representatives from the

Division of Clinical Psychology

Division of Neuropsychology

Division of Educational and Child Psychology or the Scottish Division of Educational Psychology

Division of Forensic Psychology

Division of Counselling Psychology

Division of Occupational Psychology

Division of Sport and Exercise Psychology

The committee would welcome statements of interest from psychologists who have a background in the specified areas and have experience in developing modules of training. During the developmental stage of this committee only travel and subsistence will be reimbursed in accordance with the Society's policy.

Please contact Kelly Auty at the Society's Leicester office (kelaout@bps.org.uk) for further details and a statement of interest form.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES listed by deadline

15 October 2004

British Academy. Conference grants; large and small research grants; overseas and British conference grants. Tel: 020 7969 5217; e-mail: grants@britac.ac.uk; website: www.britac.ac.uk

Leverhulme Trust. Visiting Professorship for overseas academics. Contact: Jean Cater. E-mail: jcater@leverhulme.org.uk

29 October 2004

Alzheimer's Society. Research Fellowship. Tel: 020 7306 6060; e-mail: enquiries@alzheimers.org.uk; website: www.alzheimers.org.uk

30 October 2004

Fyssen Foundation. International Prize and Research Grants. Tel: 00 33 1 42 97 53 16; e-mail: secretariat@fondation-fyssen.org; website: www.fondation-fyssen.org

31 October 2004

British Society of Animal Science. Alan Roberts Fund for research on animal genetics; RSPCA Award for innovative developments in animal welfare; Sir John Hammond Memorial Award for significant contributions to the science or development of animal production; Murray Black Award for postgraduate students in farm animal science; and the Sir Kenneth Blaxter Scholarship for overseas study tours. Contact: M.A. Steele. E-mail: BSAS@ed.sac.ac.uk; tel: 0131 445 4508; website: www.bsas.org.uk

British Association for Cancer Research. Exchange Fellowships, Meeting Bursaries, Mid-Career Fellowships. E-mail: bacr@icr.ac.uk;

tel: 020 8722 4208

1 November 2004

Changing Faces. Research grant for disfigurement research. Website: www.changingfaces.org.uk

3 November 2004

Royal Society. Research Grants. Contact: Susan Moss. Tel: 020 7451 2500; e-mail: susan.moss@royalsoc.ac.uk

5 November 2004

Alzheimer's Research Trust. Major programme/project grants; graduate student programme; equipment grants; pilot project grants. Contact: Rebecca Wood. Tel: 01223 843899; e-mail: enquiries@alzheimers-research.org.uk

MRC. Collaboration Grants, Research Grants, Capacity Building Areas and Industrial Collaborative Studentships. Tel: 020 7636 5422; website: www.mrc.ac.uk

10 November 2004

Leverhulme Trust. Research Fellowships; Study Abroad Fellowships. Tel: 020 7822 5220; e-mail: enquiries@leverhulme.org.uk; website: www.leverhulme.org.uk

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

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.

DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **29 October** for the December issue

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

Diary dates

October 2 – Managing Behaviour in Early Years Settings. Stranmillis University College, Belfast.

October 20 – Undergraduate Student Careers Day. University of Ulster, Magee College.

December 1 – Public Lecture (Dr Bob Hare). McWilliam Suite, Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast.

Note: This is a change of location – was originally due to be held at Queen's University Belfast.

December 2 & 3 – Criminal Justice Conference (Keynote Speaker Dr Bob Hare, Canada). Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast.

DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

AGM and call for nominations

The Division of Neuropsychology will have its AGM at 1pm on 19 November at the London Voluntary Resource Centre, Holloway Road, London.

We are seeking people to be nominated for election for the offices of the Committee – Chair, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

We also seek people to be nominated for election to the committee (there will be at least one vacancy on the committee) and for an election of such officers and nominees to be conducted in time for reporting at the AGM in November.

PSYCHOLOGY OF EDUCATION SECTION

AGM and call for nominations

The AGM will be held on 6 November 2004 at 4.30pm in the Wolfson Medical Building, Glasgow University.

Nominations for Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and ordinary committee members are welcome. Members who wish to make a nomination require a proposer and seconder, who must be members of the Section, and the consent of the nominee to accept if elected.

Nominations should be sent to the Secretary, Lynne Rogers, Institute of Education, University of London, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL.

Nomination forms can be obtained from Lynne Rogers at l.rogers@ioe.ac.uk

SCOTTISH DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Annual General Meeting
Thursday 7 October 2004 in the James Watt Centre, Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh.

For further information or to indicate your intention to attend please contact Jennyfer Perkins (jennyfer.perkins@educ.edin.gov.uk)

WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH

Professional development – Is personal therapy a part of it?
20 November 2004 at the Millennium Building,

Wolverhampton University main campus, Stafford Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1SB.

The day starts at 9.30am and features several speakers, including Paul Ziolo (University of Liverpool), Simon Duplock (Regents College, London) and Professor Sue Wheeler (University of Leicester).

Registration is £20 for members and £35 non-members. This includes a buffet lunch. For special dietary needs please advise – it will automatically include vegetarian food.

For further information or to register please contact Erica Wilson (erica_wilson@fish.co.uk).

Life Beyond the Degree – Postgraduate Studies and Training

20 November 2004, 10am–4pm, Birmingham & Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS.

See *September 2004 issue*.

For further details contact Mary Niblett. Tel: 0121 477 3834; e-mail: maryniblett@btinternet.com.

SCOTTISH BRANCH

Annual Conference – Psychology in Today's Society
26–28 November 2004, Fisher's Hotel, Pitlochry

Guest speakers include Professor Ken Brown (President, BPS), Professor David Cook (Glasgow Caledonian University), Professor

Kevin Durkin (University of Strathclyde) and Professor Keith Millar (University of Glasgow).

The deadline for registrations is **31 October 2004**.

For information on registration and venue details, please contact Cynthia McVey (0141 331 8063; c.j.mcvey@gcal.ac.uk). For a copy of the provisional programme, please contact Tony Anderson (0141 548 2583; tony.Anderson@strath.ac.uk).

NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND BRANCH

'Forensic Psychology and Vulnerability' one-day conference

See *September 2004 issue*.

For further information please contact Janine S. Acott, Commercial Office Manager, MMU, Elizabeth Gaskell Campus, Hathersage Road, Manchester M13 0JA. Tel: 0161 247 2535; fax: 0161 247 6359.

Applying Occupational Psychology in a Business Setting – a practical workshop
24 November 2004, 9am–6.30pm, Foundation Centre, Chester Business Park, Chester.

See *September 2004 issue*.

For further details contact Sarah Broadhead. Tel: 01244 346397; e-mail: opg@ramseyhall.com.

PSYCHOTHERAPY SECTION

Scientific Meeting

'Meaning Reconstruction and the Experience of Loss' by Professor Robert A. Neimeyer (University of Memphis, USA).

Saturday 16 October 2004, The Tavistock Clinic, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3 5BA, 9.30am–3pm.

For further information contact Cassie Cooper, 12 Coniston Court, High Street, Harrow on the Hill, Middx HA1 3LP. Tel: 01786 467628.

Book Award 2005 – Call for nominations

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Doctoral Award 2004 – Call for nominations

See p.554

Student Writer Competition 2005 – Call for entries

See p.610

MEETING DATES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 30 March 2005

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Friday 15 October 2004 (pre-Council)

Friday 26 November 2004

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday 16 October 2004

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

Tuesday 23 November 2004

RESEARCH BOARD

Friday 29 October 2004 (followed by Visiting Psychologists Committee)

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

Friday 5 November 2004

PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD

Thursday 7 October 2004
Thursday 16 December 2004

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Friday 10 December 2004

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Friday 1 October 2004

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BOARD

Tuesday 19 October 2004 (AGM)

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 11 November 2004

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 2 September 2004

Thursday 4 November 2004

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday 23 September 2004

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 22 October 2004

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Thursday 30 September 2004

Thursday 25 November 2004

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Friday 10 December 2004

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.

Edinburgh Lectures –
Tuesday 9 November 2004

London Lectures –
Monday 6 December 2004

Annual Conference –
30 March–2 April 2005