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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.

RAE 2008 panel configurations

FOR the Research Assessment Exercise 2008 psychology has been allocated to a subpanel of Panel K (with education and sports science) and will be treated separately from clinical psychology, which has been allocated to a subpanel of Panel B (with psychiatry and neuroscience). This decision could have serious consequences for psychology departments, as this new grouping places a divide between the core clinical research activities of some of the country's strongest departments and the subpanel representing psychology in general. Institutions will not know to which subpanel their departments of psychology should make their submissions, or whether to

split them. Depending on how submissions are made, the national picture for research in what is now one of the largest university disciplines will be seriously distorted.

Moreover, the grouping of the psychology subpanel with education and sports science (rather than with the biological and medical sciences in Panel D, as it was in the original consultation) has caused considerable anxiety. As none of the representative bodies for psychology (including the BPS, the Experimental Psychology Society and the Association of Heads of Psychology Departments) requested such a move, a letter from the Joint Committee of the BPS, the EPS and the AHPD expressing strong concern regarding the decision was sent to the RAE

team asking for an explanation. In previous RAEs psychology has rightly been situated in the umbrella panel covering the biological and medical sciences.

Reassurance has also been sought from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) that the proposed separation of the psychology subpanel from biological sciences is not intended to have direct consequences for the subsequent relative resourcing of these disciplines. HEFCE responded saying that the split followed discussions with relevant stakeholders, including the research councils. This, they said, convinced them of 'the benefits of grouping Psychology with other subjects in the social sciences while the specific provision for Clinical Psychology, grouped with Psychiatry and Neuroscience, provided for work concentrated towards the "hard science" end of Psychology research'.

POWS postgraduate prize

GILL Craig was awarded the Psychology of Women Section Postgraduate Prize at the 2004 POWS Conference in Brighton, where she presented her paper 'Mother knows best: Gastrostomy tube feeding and disabled children'.

The thesis, completed while working at the Institute of Child Health (University College London) and Great

Ormond Street Hospital for Children, described how both mother and child are 'othered' through feeding technologies and practices, and made suggestions for how the clinical services can support parents making the difficult decision to have a feeding tube surgically inserted in their child.

□ *For more information e-mail Gill Craig (gill.craig@uclh.org).*

HISTORY OF PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH SEMINARS

A series of research seminars will take place this autumn at the History of Psychology Centre in the BPS London office. The seminars are co-sponsored by the Centre and the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine. The series of six evening seminars starts on 20 October and runs until 1 December. Admission is free.

□ *Contact Graham Richards (graric@bps.org.uk) for more details or to book places.*

JOHN C. KENNA 1913-2004

The death has been announced of John C. Kenna, which occurred on 9 July after a long period of declining health. Among his services to the Society was the establishment of the Society Archive in 1956 and its subsequent development. He was the Society's first Honorary Archivist. We hope to publish a fuller appreciation of his life and work in a future issue. Anyone with personal memories of him is invited to send them to the Director of the BPS History of Psychology Centre on graric@bps.org.uk.

The Society's Strategic Plan 2004–2009

WE have pleasure in presenting the Society's new Strategic Plan. These objectives will move the Society decisively towards achieving its mission statement, which is as follows:

The Society is the authoritative voice of UK psychology, advancing and diffusing the discipline to promote understanding and well being, reaching all parts of the community. The Society supports rigorous research, education and professional training, promoting the highest standards of effective, efficient and ethical practice of its members. It is forward thinking and socially responsible, ensuring that decision makers are briefed on the psychological

aspects of emergent issues. The Society attracts staff of the highest calibre, develops potential, and strives for equality and diversity at all levels.

The Plan is the result of a hard look at the organisation to identify deficiencies and areas of essential new growth and development. We must thank all the individuals, committees and boards who replied so positively and helpfully to the two rounds of consultation.

The key to the success of the Plan is implementation, and that is our next step. Discussions at various levels will lead to a series of operational plans, which will be 'SMART' in nature (i.e. Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Resourced, and

Time-bound). We expect that all the Society's subsystems will assess the Plan to see what they can do to lead us towards the achievement of our new strategic objectives.

The Trustees and the Representative Council will be setting up a joint monitoring committee, advised by our staff. Its task will be to report back on how we are doing to achieve the Plan and to suggest new specific objectives each year.

So, for now, please read the Plan and see how you can help to implement and achieve our objectives. All comments, suggestions and ideas are welcome, to president@bps.org.uk – it is your Society.

*Ken Brown, President
Graham Powell, President Elect*

STRATEGIC PLAN A-Z

BEING AN EFFECTIVE ORGANISATION

- A** To improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the governance/management interface.
- B** To develop the transparency of the way the Society operates.
- C** To develop and better use the full range of Society resources (e.g. physical property, intellectual property, members, staff skills, financial reserves).
- D** To improve the support to and development of the Society's staff.
- E** To decide on the balance between the appropriate autonomy of subsystems and their corporate responsibility to the wider Society.

SCIENCE AND PRACTICE

- F** To do more to promote and facilitate the development of psychological science.
- G** To improve the proactive dissemination of psychological science into practice (e.g. policy and legislation, public education, professional support and development).
- H** To better promote and develop the effectiveness and usefulness of psychologists, across the career span (e.g. CPD activities, member services, conferences and journals, regional support networks).
- I** To ensure that the Society speaks with a more consistent and coherent voice in representing the science and practice of psychology.

MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS

- J** To achieve and maintain statutory regulation in a manner benefiting the public, the profession and the Society.
- K** To ensure all membership grades, and routes to those grades, are available in such a way as to ensure maximum inclusion of the psychological community.
- L** To decide whether the Society should pursue awarding body status.

MEMBER SERVICES

- M** To develop the Society as the point of contact for members on all matters

pertaining to psychology.

- N** To develop enhanced and new membership services based on a thorough assessment of the needs of the membership.

EDUCATION

- O** To influence national and international policies that affect psychology education.
- P** To improve support services for all psychology students.
- Q** To improve resources and standards in the teaching of psychology at all levels, and in particular the teaching of psychology in related disciplines.

FINANCE/PROPERTY

- R** To improve the Society's financial information systems.
- S** To develop the Society's commercial activities.
- T** To ensure all subsystem accounts meet audit and financial security requirements.
- U** To define a property policy that is based on the Society's operational needs, not on income generation.

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- V** To improve the coordinated dissemination of the discipline to both internal and external audiences.
- W** To raise the profile of psychology in the wider community.
- X** To provide relevant psychological expertise, based on evidence, on social and political issues.

ETHICS

- Y** To develop improved ethical standards and their application to all areas of the Society.
- Z** To strengthen the application of the core principles of equality and diversity throughout the Society.

For background and the full version of the Strategic Plan see www.bps.org.uk.

DOCTORAL RESEARCH STUDENT BURSARY COMPETITION

The Society's International Committee is pleased to announce that it is providing three bursaries to facilitate the presentation of scientific papers or posters at the 9th European Congress of Psychology to be held in Granada, Spain, 3–8 July 2005. Further information on the Congress is available at (www.ecp2005.com).

The bursaries will consist of a grant of £300 per student which will be sufficient to reimburse the registration fee and will make a contribution towards the cost of travel and accommodation whilst attending the Congress.

Criteria for the award:

- Applicants must be a postgraduate student registered for a research degree at a United Kingdom university.
- Applicants must have submitted a paper or poster (either sole or multiple author) to the 9th European Congress of Psychology.
- The winners must provide a report on the Congress.
- Applicants must submit a short CV together with an abstract of their proposed scientific paper or poster for consideration by a judging panel of representatives from the Society's International Committee.
- All entries must be received at the Leicester office by 1 November 2004.

For further information, including an application form, contact George Delafield at the Society's office (e-mail: geodel@bps.org.uk).

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Gail Bailey, an associate tutor at Cardiff University and members' representative on the editorial board of *Educational Psychology in Practice*, has been awarded the Wales New Deal Award 2004. The award recognises an exceptional contribution to the New Deal for Disabled People. Gail, who was diagnosed with a severe, degenerative sight problem in 2000, makes use of new technology to overcome barriers in the workplace.

Dr Jonathan Hill, formerly a lecturer in occupational psychology at the University of Leicester, has been appointed Research Director in the London offices of Kenexa Ltd, a talent acquisition and development consultancy.

Branching out

THE Publications and Communications Board has set up a formal link between the Society's Branches and the relevant branches of the British Association for the Advancement of Science (BA). This will facilitate psychologists speaking at BA branch events. Each participating Society Branch has been given a small amount of financial help to cover costs. Pam Maras, Chair of

the Publications and Communications Board, said: 'Our objective is to ensure dissemination of the discipline to other audiences. This scheme will allow psychologists to talk to the

BA audience, which includes all the other scientific disciplines as well as the general public. I would like to thank the Society Branches for their enthusiastic response to the invitation to participate.'

Annual Conference 2005 Satellite Workshops – Invitation for bids

See p.490

Student Writer Competition – Entry details

See p.528

Fellowship citation

Professor Robert Bor

ROBERT Bor is Head of Psychology in Infection and Immunity and Consultant Clinical Psychologist at the Royal Free Hospital in London. Professor Bor's 'distinctive contribution' to Psychology has been made both in research and in the training of counselling psychologists in the UK.

Within his considerable research portfolio, Professor Bor has spent over a decade investigating risk-taking behaviour among people who have infectious diseases. More recently he has focused on the



application of psychology within aviation and has studied passenger fear and anxiety about flying and helped in the design of a self-help toolkit, as

well as tackling the issues surrounding air rage. Not surprisingly, he has been a frequent speaker at both the US Federal Aviation Administration and the UK Civil Aviation Authority and is one of very few clinical psychologists who are also Fellows of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Within the counselling psychology dimension, the BPS Division of Counselling Psychology recognised Robert Bor's immense contribution to training and to the development of counselling psychology when it awarded him with an outstanding achievement award

for scientific contribution to this area.

Professor Bor has contributed significantly to the advancement of psychological knowledge in all of these fields, through his original research and through a long and impressive list of publications. One of his referees described him as 'undoubtedly a leader in our field and an exemplary role model of a productive and effective practitioner researcher'. To date he has well over 100 articles in refereed journals and a highly respectable number of books to his credit: all of these represent a considerable level of dissemination of both knowledge and practice in a career where his work could be described as both innovative and pioneering.

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

Annual Conference

8–10 September 2004, Queen Margaret University College, Edinburgh. Conference theme: 'Health psychology: A positive perspective'.

A draft programme, registration form, abstracts, presenter information accommodation and travel details are available from dhpconf2004.qmuc.ac.uk.

Full details in March 2004.

Contact: BPS conference office (0116 252 9555).

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.

Full details in May 2004.

Contact: Deborah Biggerstaff (024 7652 8206).

DCP SCOTTISH BRANCH

AGM and Scientific Meeting

Friday 5 November 2004 from 1.30pm, Court and Senate Suite, University of Strathclyde, Richmond Street, Glasgow.

Full details in August 2004.

Contact Kirsty Anderson, Branch Secretary. E-mail: kirsty.anderson@lanpct.nhs.uk.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

Schema Therapy and Chronic Complex Problems

Three-day workshop with Jeffery Young PhD, 20–22 October 2004, Conference Hall, Stranmillis University College Belfast.

Registration forms and further information from Anne Kerr. Tel 028 9027 4129; e-mail n.Ireland@bps.org.uk.

Annual Conference 2005 – Call for papers

22–24 April 2005, The Comfort Hotel, Portrush, Co. Antrim

Abstract deadline via internet: **31 December 2004**

(www.nibps.org.uk).

NOTE: All abstracts must be submitted electronically.

For further information contact

Anne Kerr on 028 9027 4129 or e-mail a.kerr@qub.ac.uk.

Annual General Meeting

8 September, Malone Lodge Hotel, Eglantine Avenue, Belfast 7.30pm followed by refreshments.

For further information e-mail nibpsoffice@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 028 9027 4129.

WESSEX & WIGHT BRANCH

Latest Research in the Psychology of Crime

Friday 24 September 2004 at The Portland Building, University of Portsmouth.

This one-day event is open to psychologists, students and other professional dealing with crime. Talks will include interviewing witnesses and suspects, and psychology in prisons.

Further information at tinyurl.com/3xvzb or contact Claire Nee (Claire.nee@port.ac.uk).

DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

Post-qualification training day 'Capacity and Consent – Legal and Clinical Issues'

Friday 17 September 2004, 9.30am for 10am start at the London Voluntary Sector Resource Centre,

356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA
Full details in July 2004.

For further information contact: Professor Michael Oddy, Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust, 32 Market Place, Burgess Hill RH15 9NP. Tel: 01444 237287; fax: 01444 244 978; e-mail: birt@disabilities-trust.org.uk.

Child Clinical Neuropsychology Course

Part 1: 11–15 October 2004, Part 2: 14–18 March 2005

To be held at Charney Manor, Charney Bassett, Oxfordshire – Residential or day attendance is available.

Open to all child clinical psychologists and educational psychologists working in this area.

For an application form or any enquiries please contact Rita Mechen, Administrator for the Child Clinical Neuropsychology Course. Tel: 01869 600691; e-mail: rtmchn@ntlworld.com.

DIVISION OF TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Reconvened AGM

16 September 2004, 11am, BPS London office, 33 John Street, WCI. All teachers and researchers are welcome to attend although only

DTRP members may vote. Light refreshments will be served.

Nominations are requested for the committee posts of Chair, Vice Chair (Research) and ordinary members.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Division Secretary, Dr Effie Maclellan by e-mail (e.maclellan@strath.ac.uk) or telephone (0141 950 3355). If you are a member of the Division and would like to get more involved in its work, please contact the Secretary.

Psychology Teaching Review – Call for Editor

Psychology Teaching Review is the peer-reviewed scholarly publication of the Division. Nominations for the post of Editor are now being sought. Interested persons might like to discuss the post with the acting editor Professor Lin Norton by telephone (0151 291 3643) or e-mail (nortonl@hope.ac.uk).

Nominations with a completed statement of interest form should be returned to the DTRP Secretary by 6 September 2004.

DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **1 October** for the November issue

NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND BRANCH

'Forensic Psychology and Vulnerability' one-day conference

In conjunction with Manchester Metropolitan University, 13 November 2004 at the Didsbury Campus, Manchester Metropolitan University, 799 Wilmslow Road, Didsbury, Manchester M20 2RR.

Keynote Speaker – Professor Mark Kebbell.

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.

This one-day event is aimed at occupational psychologists, consultants, HR professionals, students and anyone with an interest in applying psychology to business solutions.

Workshops include well-being and performance at work, stress in the workplace, and personality testing.

For further details contact Sarah

Broadhead. Tel: 01244 346397; e-mail: opg@ramseyhall.com.

PSYCHOLOGY OF EDUCATION SECTION

Annual Conference 'Creativity, Thinking and Education'

5–7 November 2004, Wolfson Medical Building, Glasgow University.

Full details in August 2004.

See tinyurl.com/36oyt or contact Richard Remedios. E-mail: Richard.remedios@stir.ac.uk; tel:

WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH

Life Beyond the Degree – Postgraduate Studies and Training

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

Programme of talks from invited speakers across areas of interest that have emerged from feedback at recent events, including OU courses, clinical, occupational, health, counselling, along with an overview on the implications of regulation through the Health Professions Council.

Cost: members (OU/BPS) £20; full-time students £15; others £30 (incl. food).

For further details contact Mary

Niblett. Tel: 0121 477 3834; e-mail: maryniblett@btinternet.com.

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).

Contact: Dr Margaret Hardman (0113 283 5928).

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Workshops and masterclasses

For details of September events see the August 2004 issue.

Contact: Mandy Lindsay, DOP Workshop Administrator at the BPS Leicester office. Tel 0116 252 9555; e-mail dopworkshops@bps.org.uk. Full details and booking facilities for all masterclasses and workshops are also available on the BPS website.

Scottish Working Group Event 'Occupational Psychologists in Scotland: Who's Doing What?'

17 September 2004, 1.30 pm–6pm, Quality Station Hotel, Perth.

Speakers on major areas of

MEETING DATES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 30 March 2005

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Friday 3 September 2004
Friday 15 October 2004 (pre-Council)
Friday 26 November 2004
Friday 14 January 2005
Friday 11 February 2005
Friday 4 March 2005
Friday 6 May 2005
Friday 10 June 2005

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday 16 October 2004
Saturday 12 February 2005
Saturday 7 May 2005

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

Friday 10 September 2004
Tuesday 23 November 2004
Friday 4 February 2005
Tuesday 5 April 2005
Tuesday 7 June 2005

RESEARCH BOARD

Friday 29 October 2004 (followed by Visiting Psychologists Committee)
Friday 28 January 2005 (followed by

Book Award Committee)

Wednesday 30 March 2005 (followed by Spearman Medal Committee)
Friday 24 June 2005 (followed by Presidents' Award Committee))

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

Friday 17 September 2004
Friday 5 November 2004
Friday 18 February 2005
Friday 17 June 2005

PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD

Thursday 7 October 2004
Thursday 16 December 2004
Thursday 10 March 2005
Thursday 26 May 2005

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Tuesday 28 September 2004
Friday 10 December 2004
Thursday 31 March 2005
Wednesday 8 June 2005

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Friday 1 October 2004

Friday 28 January 2005

Thursday 19 May 2005

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BOARD

Tuesday 19 October 2004 (AGM)

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 9 September 2004
Thursday 11 November 2004
Thursday 20 January 2005
Thursday 3 March 2005
Wednesday 27 April 2005
Thursday 23 June 2005

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 2 September 2004
Thursday 4 November 2004
Thursday 13 January 2005
Thursday 24 February 2005
Thursday 28 April 2005
Thursday 9 June 2005

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday 23 September 2004
Monday 17 January 2005
Thursday 17 March 2005

Monday 6 June 2005

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 22 October 2004
Friday 21 January 2005
Friday 13 May 2005

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Thursday 30 September 2004
Thursday 25 November 2004
Saturday 22 January 2005
Friday 18 March 2005
Friday 20 May 2005
Thursday 21 July 2005

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Thursday 16 September 2004
Friday 10 December 2004
Wednesday 2 March 2005
Tuesday 21 June 2005

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.

Edinburgh Lectures –
Tuesday 9 November 2004
London Lectures –
Monday 6 December 2004
Annual Conference –
30 March–2 April 2005

occupational psychology in Scotland. Information Exchange and Networking posters.

Further details and booking forms from Professor Chris Brotherton, School of Life Sciences, John Muir Building, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh EH14 4AS. E-mail: C.J.Brotherton@hw.ac.uk.

Postgraduate Occupational Psychology Conference
8–9 September 2004, City University, London

Full details in July 2004.

For further information contact the

BPS conference office – conferences@bps.org.uk or 0116 252 9555.

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.

SELECTED NEWS FROM THE BOARDS

Research Board (25 June 2004)

- *Chair of the Research Board.* Disappointingly, no applications had been received for the next Chair. It was felt that this may be due to the time commitment required to be both Chair and a Trustee of the Society. The Chair agreed to raise this concern with the Board of Trustees. It was agreed to re-advertise the post, and to invite the Experimental Psychology Society (EPS) and the Association of Heads of Psychology Departments (AHPD) to consider suitable nominees.
- *Annual Conference.* Some initial proposals from the Standing Conference Committee for the future of the Annual Conference were considered. A formal document outlining firmer proposals will be discussed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee, with a view to referring the paper to the Board for ratification in October 2004.
- *Lie detectors.* The draft report on the use of the polygraph prepared by the Joint Research Board/ Professional Practice Board working party was considered. The working party is now revising the report on the basis of comments provided by the RB and PPB.
- *Statutory regulation.* The implications of statutory regulation on academics and researchers was discussed at length. Board members expressed extreme concerns about the potential implications of the current proposals. Given the strong consensus over these concerns, it was agreed to draft a letter to the Chair of the Working Party on Statutory Regulation requesting a meeting with representatives of the BPS, EPS and AHPD to discuss the concerns further. It was also hoped that an official of the DoH would be able to attend the meeting.
- *Research Assessment Exercise.* The Board discussed the RAE 2008 and the anticipated call for nominations for the subpanel chairs and panel members. Some consideration was given to potential nominees. It was agreed that the Executive Committee be responsible for preparing the final set of nominations on behalf of the Board, on the receipt of suggestions from members of the Board and subsystems.
- *European funding.* It was agreed to draft a response to the EU 7th Framework consultation in conjunction with the International Committee. A response prepared by Professor Nigel Foreman and Professor Nick Emler has now been submitted.