

2002 Society awards

Book Award

THIS year's BPS Book Award has been accepted by Ian Deary, Professor of Differential Psychology at the University of Edinburgh. Professor Deary receives the award for his book *Looking Down on Intelligence*, in which he discusses the foundations of differences in human mental ability. Specifically, he looks at the search for the origins of psychometric intelligence differences, in terms of brain-function parameters.

Professor Deary graduated with a BSc in psychology from the University of Edinburgh in 1980. He followed this with an MBChB (also from Edinburgh) in 1983, and gained his PhD in 1992 with a thesis on auditory inspection time and intelligence. Since moving into academic psychology full time, his main research interest has been human intelligence, especially the origins of intelligence differences, and the effects of ageing and medical conditions. He has been a Member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists since 1991, was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 1996, and recently received a Royal Society-Wolfson Research Merit Award for his work on human cognition.

Professor Deary has produced more than 200 refereed journal articles, three authored books, and three edited books. He is currently leading a research team studying cognitive ageing by following up the Scottish Mental Surveys of 1932 and 1947. Members of his research team are also studying the cognitive effects of hypoglycaemia and diabetes, the influence of childhood IQ on later health, and the effects of cardiovascular disease on cognitive ageing.

Professor Robert Plomin of the Institute of Psychiatry comments that *Looking Down on Intelligence* tries to find the 'cognitive underpinnings of intelligence'. 'But more than that,' he continues, 'it knocks the pins out from the underpinnings by questioning the reductionistic rationale of most research in the field.' Professor Nat Brody of Wesleyan University Connecticut sees the book as further evidence that Professor Deary is a leader in his field: 'No one else has contributed as much as he to an understanding of the theoretical foundations of intelligence. The book is an indispensable guide to what has been achieved and what needs to be done.'

Spearman Medal

DR THALIA Eley (Institute of Psychiatry, London) has won this year's Spearman Medal, awarded for an outstanding contribution to psychology in the first 10 years since becoming eligible for graduate membership.

Dr Eley is commended in the nomination for her award, for her 'substantial research contribution that goes well beyond merely demonstrating genetic influence in the area of

childhood psychopathology'. Her work has integrated developmental psychopathology and genetics, particularly in the area of childhood anxiety and depression; she has published papers showing the genetic overlap between anxiety and depression in children, and is currently involved in twin studies, aimed at identifying cognitive mechanisms that underpin genetic influence on anxiety symptoms.

Dr Eley has also been highly praised for her role as Research Fellow in the Medical Research Council's Social, Genetic and Developmental Psychiatry Research Centre at the Institute of Psychiatry, which aims to unite researchers from such diverse backgrounds as epidemiology, molecular and quantitative genetics, and clinical research. She is described by Professor Robert Plomin, the Centre's Deputy Director, as 'the glue holding together several collaborative research grants, because she alone has expertise in all these areas'. Professor Plomin adds: 'Dr Eley is one of the best young psychologists I have seen in my 30 years in

academia. Her expertise is truly unique and bodes well for her continued success in this interdisciplinary research.'

After graduating from Trinity College, Cambridge with a BA (Hons) in psychology in 1992, Dr Eley gained her PhD at the University of London's Institute of Child Health, where she looked at emotional symptoms in childhood and adolescence. On completion of her PhD in 1996, she undertook postdoctoral research at the Institute of Psychiatry into twins' early development. She was made an honorary lecturer at the Institute in 1998, and has also received early promotion to the status of senior lecturer.

Presidents' Award

PROFESSOR Graham Hitch (University of York) is the winner of this year's Presidents' Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychological Knowledge.

Professor Hitch is well known for his research into working memory with Professor Alan Baddeley. Their 1974 paper, proposing a model of working memory, was named as one of the 100 most influential works in cognitive science in the 20th century by the University of Minnesota. Since then Professor Hitch has looked at the wider applications of working memory, within such areas as developmental psychology, as well as ways in which working memory could be explored beyond a laboratory setting, such as its role in mental arithmetic.

Professor Hitch gained his BA in natural sciences from Cambridge University, followed by an MSc at Sussex University, and a PhD in experimental psychology, also at Cambridge. He went on to lecture at the Universities of Sussex, Stirling, Cambridge and Manchester, and, from 1998 to 2000, was head of department at Lancaster University. Since 2000 he has been at the University of York.

Professor Hitch has been a Chartered Member of the Society since 1989, and in 1993 he was awarded the BPS Cognitive Psychology Award, jointly with Dr Neil Burgess, for his 1992 paper 'Toward a network model of the articulatory loop'.

John Towse of the University of Lancaster psychology department, who nominated Professor Hitch for the award, said: 'Unceremoniously, and without particularly bringing attention to himself, Graham Hitch has been changing the theoretical landscape of cognitive psychology. He combines a breadth of interest, a tremendous ability to pick the right experiments to make a point, and a self-critical approach to his work. He has made a real and enduring contribution to the different areas that he has become involved in. He deserves to be recognised for this.'

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

SCOTTISH BRANCH

AGM and call for nominations.

The 2003 AGM will be held on Friday 7 February at the Lister Postgraduate Institute, 11 Hill Square, Edinburgh.

Nominations are sought for new members to join the committee.

Elections will take place at the AGM. The deadline for nominations for both office bearers and for ordinary membership of the committee is **10 January 2003**.

Further information and nomination forms are available from Kate Skellington Orr (Honorary Secretary), Scottish Executive Social Research Group, Criminal Justice Branch, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH4 0BA. Tel: 0131 244 4046; e-mail: Katelane.Skellington@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Faculty of Children and Young People Conference 2003 – Call for papers

This year's conference will emphasise the link between academic child psychology and clinical work with children and young people. We welcome submissions on any work relevant to child clinical psychology, but we particularly want to encourage submissions that explore the links between theory and practice. We

are very keen for the conference to include some presentations by colleagues working in the field of developmental/academic child psychology.

For an information pack please contact Jean Isherwood (Administrator for the Faculty), preferably by e-mail (Jean.Isherwood@Communicare.nhs.uk) or by phone (01254 686733) between 2pm and 4.30pm.

Notice of proposed workforce planning and clinical psychology training conferences

6–7 February 2003, Novotel Manchester West Hotel, Manchester. Cost: tbc

Day 1: The overall purpose is to explore views and develop a policy statement on the future clinical psychology work roles and the clinical psychology workforce that will meet the needs of the NHS Plan and National Service Frameworks. The outline programme will include exploring the findings of the recent NHS census of psychologists, and engaging attendees in formulating a common framework for dealing with workforce planning, responding to the various NSFs and liaising with the DoH.

Proposed key presenters: Anne Richardson, Ian Gray, Tony Lavender, Roger Paxton, Graham Turpin.

Audience: Faculties/SIGs, Branches, Courses/Trainers.

Day 2: This will be combined with

MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS BOARD

COMMITTEE FOR SCRUTINY OF INDIVIDUAL CLINICAL QUALIFICATIONS

The Committee for Scrutiny of Individual Clinical Qualifications would welcome statements of interest from Chartered Clinical Psychologists who are familiar with clinical psychology training issues and would be willing to serve on this committee.

The committee scrutinises applications for the Society's Statement of Equivalence in Clinical Psychology from people who do not have a UK qualification in clinical psychology. For example, applicants may possess an overseas qualification in clinical psychology that does not fully meet UK training requirements, a qualification in another branch of applied psychology, or a research-based qualification in clinical psychology. The committee generally meets six times a year by teleconference and a further four times a year at face-to-face meetings in London.

For further information or to request a statement of interest form please contact Alex Johnson at the Society's Leicester office. Tel: 0116 252 9509; e-mail: alejoh@bps.org.uk.

Day 1 above to examine fully the implications of the new CTCP criteria for DCP Faculties/SIGs and courses. People will be invited to stay on from Day 1 to consider different training models that might help support the new accreditation criteria. Such discussions should produce good practice guidelines as to how the new criteria should be implemented.

Proposed key presenters: Sue Llewelyn, Malcolm Adams.

Audience: Faculties/SIGs, Branches,

Courses/Trainers.

If you have any comments or queries, please contact Lesley Dexter (lesdex@bps.org.uk), Roger Paxton (Roger.Paxton@nmht.nhs.uk) or Graham Turpin (g.turpin@shef.ac.uk).

Faculty of Addiction AGM and Study Day

11 December 2002, BPS Office, 33 John Street, London WC1

AGM: 12.30pm to 2pm

Study Day: 2pm to 4pm

Speakers: Professor Chris Brewin

MEETING DATES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 14 March 2003

COUNCIL

Saturday 15 February 2003

Saturday 10 May 2003

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday 17 January 2003

Friday 14 February 2003 (pre-Council)

Friday 7 March 2003

Friday 9 May 2003 (pre-Council)

Friday 13 June 2003

Friday 5 September 2003

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

Saturday 8 February 2003

Friday 4 April 2003

Friday 6 June 2003

Friday 12 September 2003

RESEARCH BOARD

Saturday 1 February 2003 (followed by Book Award Committee)

Wednesday 12 March 2003 (followed by Spearman Medal Committee)

Friday 27 June 2003 (followed by Presidents' Award Committee)

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

Friday 21 February 2003

Friday 20 June 2003

Friday 19 September 2003

PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD

Thursday 19 December 2002

Friday 21 February 2003

Friday 11 April 2003

Friday 6 June 2003

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Friday 13 December 2002

Friday 14 March 2003

Thursday 12 June 2003

Thursday 11 September 2003

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Friday 14 February 2003

Thursday 22 May 2003

DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Tuesday 4 March 2003

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 23 January 2003

Thursday 6 March 2003

Thursday 1 May 2003

Thursday 26 June 2003

Thursday 11 September 2003

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 16 January 2003

Thursday 20 February 2003

Thursday 24 April 2003

Thursday 5 June 2003

Thursday 4 September 2003

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR

THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Friday 10 January 2003

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 24 January 2003

Friday 16 May 2003

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Monday 9 December 2002

Wednesday 5 March 2003

Tuesday 24 June 2003

Thursday 18 September 2003

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.

London Lectures –

Monday 9 December 2002

Friday 5 December 2003

Annual Conference –

13–15 March 2003

(Research and treatment issues in PTSD); Professor Ian Robbins (PTSD and substance misuse) For further details please contact Benson Ikuesan (Honorary Secretary) on 01206 287250 or e-mail Benson.Ikuesan@nemht.nhs.uk.

National assessors guidance document – Recruitment and Selection to Senior and Consultant Psychologist Posts in Health and Social Care

The long-awaited national assessors guidance document is now available. The document consists of three sections: guidance to psychology managers; guidance on the use of

national assessors; and appendixes (Department of Health circulars, extracts from advance letters, sample job descriptions, etc.).

Hardcopies are to be circulated to all national assessors, clinical psychology doctorate training courses, psychology service managers, and trust HR directors. If you would like a hardcopy, please contact the Society's Subsystems Services (e-mail: subsystems@bps.org.uk; tel: 0116 254 9568). Alternatively, the document can be downloaded from the BPS website at www.bps.org.uk/documents/Rep16.pdf.

**WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH
Psychology an integral part of primary care?**

Thursday 6 February 2003, 12 noon until 4.30pm.

Speakers include Peter Spurgeon, Louise Wallace, Gwen Hollis and Jonathan Cole.

Details from Elizabeth Hensel (tel: 0121 449 5858; e-mail: liz.hensel@blueyonder.co.uk).

**PSYCHOTHERAPY SECTION
AGM and call for nominations**

The AGM will be held at 10am on Saturday 8 February 2003 at the Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place, London W1 (close to Regent Street). Please note the change of time of the AGM.

The AGM will be followed by a

scientific meeting, starting at 11am, titled 'Exploring the therapeutic relationship: Challenges and innovations'

Nominations are invited for the election of the Chair Elect and ordinary committee members, to be sent to the Honorary Secretary at the Society's Leicester office no later than **15 December 2002**. Nominations require a proposer and seconder, who must be members of the Section, and the consent of the nominee to accept office, if elected, must be obtained in writing on the form.

The Psychotherapy Section committee meets about six times a year in London. It administers the affairs of the Psychotherapy Section and to promote thought and debate about psychotherapeutic matters

DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **20 December** for the February issue

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
listed by deadline**

16 December 2002

Social Science Research Council. Sexuality research fellowships, postdoctoral fellowships and dissertation fellowships. Tel: 00 1 212 377 2700; e-mail: info@ssrc.org; website: www.ssrc.org

6 January 2003

Wellcome Trust. International research fellowship. Contact: Rebecca Christou, Grants Information Officer. Tel: 020 7611 8888; website: www.wellcome.ac.uk

9 January 2002

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

10 January 2003

MRC. Career Development Award. Tel: 020 7636 5422; website: www.mrc.ac.uk
Royal Society. Research fellowships. Contact: Research Appointments Department. Tel: 020 7451 2545; e-mail: ukresearch.appointments@royalsoc.ac.uk; website: www.royalsoc.ac.uk/funding/

15 January 2003

Sense of Smell Institute. Research grants for research on olfaction. Website: www.senseofsmell.org/funding/grants.asp

20 January 2003

BBSRC. New investigators scheme and research programme grants. Contact: Grants and Awards Administrator. Tel: 01793 413200; website: www.bbsrc.ac.uk

1 February 2003

Harry Frank Guggenheim. Dissertation fellowships. Tel: 00 1 212 644 4907; website: www.hfg.org

Wingate Foundation: Scholarships. Contact: Faith Clark. Tel: 020 7438 9513.

National Institutes for Health. Joint proposals: Age-related changes in reading and oral comprehension projects and programmes. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

US Agency on Healthcare Research. Research grants: Alcohol-related problems. Contact: Harold Perl. Tel: 00 1 301 443 0786; e-mail: perl@nih.gov; website: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide.html>

US National Cancer Institute. Research grants: Cancer prevention, screening and care. Contact: Martin Brown. E-mail: mb53o@nih.gov; website: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide.html>

National Institutes for Health. Joint proposals: Basic and translational research in emotion projects and programmes. Contact: Extramural Outreach and

Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

US Social Science Research Council. Research grants: Causes of violent conflict. Tel: 00 1 202 332 5572; e-mail: gsc@ssrc.org; website: www.ssrc.org

National Institutes for Health. Joint proposals: Occupational safety and health. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

NERC: New Investigators Competition. Contact: Dr J. Baker. Tel: 01793 411564; website: www.nerc.ac.uk

National Institute of Mental Health. Integrating Behavioural Science and Mental Health. Contact: Dr Peter Muehrer. Tel: 00 1 301 443 4708; e-mail: pmueher@nih.gov

National Institutes for Health. Joint proposals: 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@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

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

National Institutes for Health. Joint proposals: Basic and applied research related to ADHD. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

8 February 2003

MRC. Pre-doctoral fellowships. Contact: Studentships Section. Tel: 020 7636 5422; e-mail: students@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk; website: www.mrc.ac.uk
Leverhulme Trust. Emeritus fellowships. Tel: 020 7822 5220; website: www.leverhulme.org.uk

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Alcohol Education and Research Council. Research grants. Contact: Leonard Hay. Tel: 020 7271 8379/8337; e-mail: len.hay@aerc.sec.demon.co.uk; website: www.aerc.org.uk

open date schemes

See January and May issues.

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 (lismor@bps.org.uk) with details of your scheme for inclusion in this column.

through its own publication and the organisation of several substantial conferences a year. Several vacancies exist on the committee for 2003/4. The committee will be happy to consider proposing and seconding self-nominees for committee membership. In such cases the nomination form should be accompanied by a brief CV and a statement of the nominee's interests regarding his or her potential membership of the committee.

Nomination forms will be circulated separately to members of the Psychotherapy Section.

DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

Annual Conference, 3–5 September 2003 – Call for abstracts

Submissions of symposia, roundtables, workshops, papers and posters covering the full range of health psychology are warmly invited for the next annual conference to be held at Staffordshire University. The keynote speakers are Professors Martin Fishbein, University of Pennsylvania, USA; Marian Pitts, La Trobe University, Australia; and John Weinman, Kings College London.

From December 2002 details and submission information are available from the conference website www.staffs.ac.uk/DHP2003 or by post from the BPS conference office in Leicester. E-mail: conferences@bps.org.uk; tel: +44 116 254 9568; fax: +44 116 255 7123.

If you would like to discuss your ideas before submitting contact Dr Hilary Bekker (e-mail: h.l.bekker@leeds.ac.uk; tel: +44 113 343 2726) or Dr Sarah Grogan (e-mail: s.c.grogan@staffs.ac.uk; tel: +44 1782 294271).

The submission deadlines are **14 February 2003** for papers, posters, roundtable discussions, workshops and symposia; **6 June 2003** for late poster submissions only. The Conference Scientific Committee decisions regarding submitted abstracts will be sent to authors in April. Registration forms and provisional programmes will be available in May 2003.

Applications for student bursaries and the Early Career Award will be received by Dr Christopher Armitage, Chair of the DHP Research Committee, from April until 6 June 2003. See the DHP website for more details www.health-psychology.org.uk.

HISTORY and PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Annual Conference 2003

15–17 April, York St John College
The conference venue is within easy reach of York city centre. Members and friends of the Section are warmly invited to attend. Accommodation will be in student halls of residence on campus, and the conference will be reasonably priced. We especially welcome submissions from postgraduate students.

First call for papers and symposia proposals

We welcome proposals for individual papers or symposia dealing with any area of the history, philosophy and theory of psychology. Please send an abstract of your proposed paper of about 150 words in length. In the case of symposia please also include an indicative outline of the range of papers.

Proposals including names of authors and their addresses should be sent to Jim Good, Department of Psychology, Science Laboratories, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE by **14 December 2002**. Further details will be available in due course.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR TEST STANDARDS

A number of members on the Society's Steering Committee for Test Standards (SCTS) will be retiring from the committee in early 2003. Therefore the committee would welcome statements of interest from any members who may wish to serve on this committee for a four-year term. Generally, the committee meets three times a year and is responsible for maintaining testing standards and promoting good practice. The committee would welcome interest from any of the principal areas of expertise in psychological tests (e.g. research in psychometrics, educational, clinical and occupational applications, test development and construction, education and training in test use).

To discuss these appointments further please contact Louise Rigby, manager of the Psychological Testing Centre on 0116 252 9524. For a copy of the terms of reference for the SCTS and a statement of interest form please contact Alex Minshall. E-mail: alemin@bps.org.uk; tel: 0116 252 9530.

THE PSYCHOLOGIST FOR BLIND OR PARTIALLY SIGHTED MEMBERS

The Psychologist is currently available to members online at the Society's website (www.bps.org.uk). Pages may be downloaded and enlarged onscreen. Text-only formats of *The Psychologist* can also be made available for visually impaired members of the Society, either on computer disk or by e-mail. Future developments will include website pages compatible with assisted technology, such as screen readers.

If you are interested in receiving text-only formats on disk or by e-mail, please contact Felicity Hector, Secretary to the Standing Committee for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities (tel: 0116 252 9507). We look forward to hearing from you.

*Pat Frankish, Chair,
Standing Committee for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities*

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – PILOT STUDY

Following the CPD consultation exercise and consequent amendment of the draft CPD guidelines, the Standing Committee for CPD is seeking volunteers to take part in a pilot study. The pilot study will be developmental in nature and its outcomes will be used to help determine future Society CPD practice. It is expected that a sample of around 200 will be selected from the pool of volunteers in order to reflect the diversity of the membership. Volunteers will be asked to provide an overview of their CPD for the previous year; whilst this will not be formally assessed, it will be used to provide information about current practice in order to help develop appropriate support and monitoring mechanisms. Participants will both receive feedback and be asked to provide feedback about their experience of the pilot phase, and the resulting information will be used to develop useful guidance and support for colleagues.

All members holding practising certificates will shortly be receiving a hardcopy of the revised draft CPD guidelines, together with information about the pilot study and an invitation to volunteer. This information will also be available on the Society's website (www.bps.org.uk/cpd/cfm) and prospective volunteers will be able to respond either electronically or by post. The closing date for receipt of expressions of interest from those wishing to participate in the pilot phase is 17 January 2003.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Society's CPD officer, Victoria Burt, at the Leicester office. E-mail: cpd@bps.org.uk; tel: 0116 252 9532.

Amanda Harris, Chair SCCPD