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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.

Recognising contributions to the social sciences

THE Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences is an umbrella organisation for social sciences in the UK (see www.the-academy.org.uk). Since its launch in March 2000 (replacing the Association for Learned Societies in the Social Sciences), the Academy has grown significantly and now represents 348 elected Academicians and 43 learned societies. It aims to 'advance the social sciences in understanding today and shaping tomorrow'.

Academicians are distinguished scholars and practitioners, nominated either by the member organisations or existing Academicians. As a member organisation, the

Society may nominate up to six candidates. Following consultation with all of the subsystems, the Research Board made four successful nominations the 2003 round of elections:

- Professor Andrew Whiten (School of Psychology, University of St Andrews) for his pioneering work in developmental and evolutionary psychology, focusing on social cognition;
- Professor Mark Williams (Department of Psychiatry, University of Oxford) for his work on the application of psychological science to the improvement of quality of life, especially of those suffering from mood disorders;

- Professor Nicholas Emler (Department of Psychology, University of Surrey) for major contributions through his research on adolescent development, delinquency, leadership, informal social control processes and interpersonal perception; and
- Professor Robin Dunbar (Evolutionary Psychology Research Group, School of Biological Sciences, University of Liverpool) for his research on the evolutionary origins of social behaviour and social structures.

The board congratulates all four successful nominees. (See the box opposite for more

BPS staff vote for union

THE Society's staff have voted in favour of a deal to give trade union recognition rights to Amicus.

Since September 2002 the Society's honorary officers had been seeking the views of members of staff about how they would like to be represented. This process led to a poll of staff in June last year in which most people indicated a preference for trade union recognition over the other main option of a joint consultative committee, the arrangement that had previously been in place. Following this, the Board of Trustees agreed to a formal ballot to decide the one question of whether a voluntary recognition agreement should be made with Amicus, the

union to which a significant number of the staff already belonged. The ballot was operated by ACAS under



the same arrangements as a statutory recognition ballot, in that the requirement was for both a majority of those actually voting and 40 per cent of those eligible to vote to be in favour of recognition.

The ballot took place in early December. Of the 114

eligible staff 57 voted for recognition and 9 against (there was one spoilt paper), which met each of the voting criteria.

The deal was welcomed by Professor Ann Colley, the Society's Honorary General Secretary, who said: 'I'm glad that we are now moving forward. Our staff have had the opportunity to express their preference for moving towards recognition of Amicus. Our preliminary meetings with the union have been constructive and helpful.'

The Society's senior management and Board of Trustees will be entering into discussions with Amicus and staff representatives to develop a detailed recognition agreement.

information on their academic achievements.)

2004 nominations

Sections, Divisions and Special Groups, and individuals members of the Society are invited by the Research Board to suggest nominees for the next round of elections. The Executive Committee of the board will consider all suggestions, and then select the final six to be submitted for consideration by the Academy.

There is no citizenship requirement, but nominees must be resident in the UK. Persons who accept election to the College of Academicians are entitled to add the letters AcSS after their name, receive a parchment, and are entitled to the benefits of membership upon payment of an annual subscription of £160.

For each suggested nomination, a current CV, an indication that the nominated person has agreed to be

nominated, and a justification of why the person has been nominated (making clear how the person has contributed to the social sciences, consistent with the aims of the Academy).

Nominations should be sent in strictest confidence to the Society's scientific officer, Lisa Morrison Coulthard, on lismor@bps.org.uk by 19 March 2004. If you have any queries (e.g. whether a person is already an Academician), contact her on 0116 252 9510.

SOCIAL SCIENCE ACADEMICIANS – SUCCESSFUL BPS NOMINATIONS

Professor Andrew Whiten's research into the understanding of social or 'Machiavellian' intelligence, theory of mind and social learning and culture has been published in four books and in numerous articles, with wide impact in the social and natural sciences. The breadth of his contribution embraces field research on African monkeys and apes, as well as more controlled behavioural experiments with children and non-human primates. His work has received recognition from the international academic community through the award of the prestigious 2001 Jean-Marie Delwart International Scientific Prize from the Académie Royale des Sciences de Belgique. During 2003 he gave invited public lectures at venues as diverse as the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC, the CosmaCaixa Science Museum in Madrid and the Wildlife Conservation Society of New York. He has been recognised by the UK social science community through elected fellowships of the British Academy, the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and the BPS. In 1999 Professor Whiten was the first psychologist to receive a British Academy Research Readership; he currently holds a Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship, pursuing comparative studies on 'social learning and the transmission of culture'. For more information see psyst-andrews.ac.uk/people/lect/aw2.shtml

There are few scientists able to claim that they have been instrumental in introducing a new and powerful therapy regimen to the UK, but **Professor Mark Williams** has done so on two occasions. In the 1980s he was a key figure in the introduction of Beck's cognitive therapy for depression, and in the past few years he has been the focus of the development in the UK of Kabat-Zinn's mindfulness-based stress reduction. Professor Williams also played a key role in the development of the profession of clinical psychology when he masterminded the creation and accreditation of the UK's first practitioner doctorate in the subject, at the University of Wales Bangor. Whilst there he also served as Pro Vice Chancellor for Research, orchestrating a successful submission to the 2001 RAE. For more information see cebmh.warne.ox.ac.uk/csr/

Professor Nicholas Emler's work has led to his appointment on the Executive Committee for the Centre for Social Justice Research and on the Executive Committee of Laboratoire Européen de Psychologie Sociale. He has been the recipient of numerous grants, and his publication profile contains an impressive mix of academic journal articles, books and book chapters. His book *Adolescence and Delinquency: The Collective Management of Reputation* (co-authored with Steve Reicher) was given the Best Book Award 1996 by the Society for Research in Adolescence. Professor Emler is also a Fellow of the British Psychological Society. For more information see www.surrey.ac.uk/psychology/staff/NEmler.htm

Professor Robin Dunbar has studied how evolutionary pressures influence mate choice and kinship relations in humans, by analysing historical records of pre-industrial societies, and by analysing 'lonely hearts' columns in modern newspapers. His work has also connected evolution to cognitive psychology, pointing out the link between the evolution of increased memory capacity on the one hand, and the increasing size of social groups on the other. Professor Dunbar has applied these links by noting that evolved social and cultural structures such as laws and religions may result from these psychological changes. Professor Dunbar's work is characterised by original and insightful thought, but also by its high accessibility and readability. As a result, several of his works have disseminated evolutionary psychology much wider than the academic world. He is also a Fellow of the British Academy. For more information see www.liv.ac.uk/www/evolpsy/rimd.htm

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Professor Muhammad R. Ali has retired from the Department of Psychology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, after 36 years. He also worked sometime at the psychology departments of the University of Zambia and Kuwait University. He may be contacted on deltanet@citechco.net.

Dr Ho Law has left the Home Office, where he was a senior scientist, to start a new role as an independent consultant. He is based in Peterborough.

DEATH

Ann Taylor Davies, formerly a senior lecturer in psychology at Leicester University, and sometime head of department, died on 6 December 2003, aged 66.

SELECTED NEWS FROM THE BOARDS

Psychology Education Board (18 December 2003)

- *E-newsletter*. The board agreed to launch an e-newsletter for academics: keep an eye on www.bps.org.uk/about/subsystems_boards4.cfm for details.
- *Updating teachers*. The report *Market Assessment of Need for Professional Updating Programmes for Teachers of Higher and Advanced Higher in Secondary Schools and Further Education Colleges* from a team at Strathclyde University is to be passed to the Standing Committee on Post-16 Education.
- *Undergraduates*. A group is to be set up to look into the implementation of a new undergraduate award.
- *Teaching award*. The BPS Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Teaching of Psychology is to be more widely marketed in 2004.
- *A-level prize*. The board agreed to the proposal to transfer the A-level prize to PEB from the Research Board.
- *Standing Committee for the Teaching of Psychology to Other Professional Groups*. Dominic Upton has been elected as the new Chair.
- *Board of Examiners for the Qualifying Examination*. PEB will review quality assurance mechanisms.

Putting it to the test

A report from **JIM BOYLE**, Chair, Educational Testing Sub-Group, Steering Committee on Test Standards

THE BPS Steering Committee on Test Standards (SCTS) has already developed and introduced standards for testing in occupational settings – the Level A and Level B Certificates of Competence in Occupational Testing – to encourage responsible test use by psychologists and non-

psychologists alike. Next month, at the Society's Annual Conference in London, the SCTS will launch the Level A Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing. It is envisaged that the Certificate will help to raise standards of test use and promote a wider knowledge of psychology among test users in education.

There are 71 core competences, which must all be demonstrated to achieve the Certificate. These cover psychometrics, general theories of testing and psychological attributes, test administration, reporting and feedback. They are arranged in seven units:

1. Defining the assessment needs
2. The basic principles of scaling and standardisation
3. The importance of reliability and validity
4. Deciding whether a particular test should or should not be used as part of an assessment process
5. Administering tests to one or more children/young people and dealing with scoring procedures
6. Making appropriate use of test results
7. Maintaining security and confidentiality.

The competences were drawn up by a working party that included representatives from the Division of Educational and Child Psychology, the Scottish Division of Educational Psychology, educational psychology training programmes, the Association of Educational Psychologists, and major test publishers, as well as those involved in developing the Level A occupational testing competences. There was also consultation with the DfES, the Scottish Executive Education Department, and Ofsted.

The Level A Certificate does not imply that the holder can use all types of assessment. A more advanced level is being developed for tests that require a more detailed knowledge of test construction, underlying theory and interpretation, such as individual tests of cognitive

abilities (e.g. the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children) or personality tests (e.g. the 16PF Adolescent Personality Questionnaire).

Qualified educational psychologists will be able to apply for a 'Statement of Competence' without undergoing a formal assessment, by means of a time-limited 'grandparenting' scheme. Although educational psychologists will not require the Certificate or Statement in order to carry out tests, as they are qualified to practise by virtue of successfully completing a postgraduate training course in educational psychology, it is hoped that the competences will be incorporated in the core curriculum for the new educational psychology doctoral programmes, which are due to commence in 2005.

A plan has been prepared to market the Level A competences to a wide range of test users in education, such as special educational needs coordinators.

□ For more information and for details about how to apply to become an assessor, see www.psychtesting.org.uk/public/whatsnew.asp.

Award for Promoting Equality of Opportunity 2004

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Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Teaching of Psychology 2004

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Fellowship citation

Dr Joanne Smith

DR Joanne Smith was recently awarded a Fellowship from the Society in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the development and evaluation of psychosocial interventions for people with psychosis and their families. Since qualifying in clinical psychology in 1984, Dr Smith has worked mostly in the field of severe mental illness.

When she started work in this area, psychosis was a relatively neglected field for clinical psychologists and the biomedical model was the dominant approach. Dr Smith was one of the early pioneers, contributing to the development of a psychosocial model and of innovative psychological interventions for people with psychosis and their families. Jo Smith is now recognised as one of the leading practitioners in psychosis and has made major contributions to the development of psychologically based treatment strategies for people with schizophrenia.

In particular, she has furthered the psychological understanding of the processes



associated with fluctuations in psychotic symptoms. She is also highly regarded for her educational interventions for people with psychosis and their families, providing them with useful and intelligible information about the disorder and the role of self-management. Dr Smith is also a gifted communicator and is in much demand as a speaker and workshop presenter.

On top of these achievements, Dr Smith has been influential in policy making and the provision of service frameworks for people with psychosis. Her work has been incorporated into the National Service Framework for Mental Health Services in England.

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Sexual Dysfunction Study Day in association with the Sexual Health and HIV Faculty.

Wednesday 28 April 2004, Hilton London Paddington, 146 Praed Street, London W2 1EE

Conference day including workshops, for GU physicians and nurses, GPs, general practice nurses, sexual therapists and clinical psychologists. Topics will be discussed in lectures and workshops.

For further information contact Dr David Goldmeier: Tel: 020 7886 6622; fax: 020 7886 6700; e-mail: david.goldmeier@st-marys.nhs.uk

DIVISION OF TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the DTRP will be held during the BPS Annual Conference at Imperial College, South

Kensington, London on Friday 16 April 2004 starting at 12 noon. (Details of building and room are still to be announced.)

All teachers and researchers in psychology are welcome to attend (although only DTRP members may vote). Do come along if you can. Remember, your views can inform and influence the work of the Division. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the AGM's formal business.

For further details please contact: Effie Maclellan, DTRP Secretary (e.maclellan@strath.ac.uk).

DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

Post-qualification training day 'Social Cognition and Neuropsychology'

Friday 30 April 2004, 9.30am for 10am start at the London Voluntary Sector Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Standing Committee for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities (SCPEO) is responsible for implementing the Society's equal opportunities policy.

Vacancies are pending. Are you

- passionate about equal opportunities?
- able to attend five meetings a year?
- interested in furthering the aims of the committee?

If so, please contact Felicity Hector on 0116 252 9507 or felhec@bps.org.uk for a post description and a statement of interest form. You will need two referees and all members need Board of Trustees approval. Deadline for returning statements of interest: Monday 5 April.

MEETING DATES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 16 April 2004

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Friday 5 March 2004
Friday 7 May 2004 (pre-Council)
Friday 11 June 2004

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday 8 May 2004

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

Friday 2 April 2004
Friday 4 June 2004

RESEARCH BOARD

Wednesday 14 April 2004 (followed by Spearman Medal Committee)
Friday 25 June 2004 (followed by Presidents' Award Committee)

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

Friday 18 June 2004

PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD

Thursday 11 March 2004
Thursday 27 May 2004

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Friday 16 April 2004
Thursday 10 June 2004

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BOARD

Saturday 13 March 2004 (OGM)

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Thursday 20 May 2004

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 29 April 2004
Thursday 10 June 2004

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 4 March 2004
Thursday 29 April 2004
Thursday 24 June 2004

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday 14 April 2004
Monday 7 June 2004

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 14 May 2004

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Thursday 18 March 2004
Friday 21 May 2004
Thursday 15 July 2004

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Monday 8 March 2004
Monday 21 June 2004

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.

Annual Conference – 15–17 April 2004
London Lectures – Wednesday 1 December 2004

Topics to include: Theory of mind, pragmatic interpretation and the frontal lobes (Dr Shelley Channon); Emotional processing, frontal lobes and ageing (Dr Louise Phillips); Self-monitoring and cognitive distortions in schizophrenia (Dr Sarah Blakemore); Understanding and treating autism (Professor Pat Howlin); How psychopaths think and behave (Dr Peter Scragg).

For further information contact: Professor Michael Oddy, Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust, 32 Market Place, Burgess Hill RH15 9NP. Tel: 01444 237287; fax: 01444 244978; e-mail: birt@disabilities-trust.org.uk.

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Workshops and masterclasses

The following workshops will be held at the London office in John Street. Workshops will run from 9.30am until 4.30pm with registration from 9.15am

25 March 2004

Profiling organisational culture and climate for success. Facilitator: Dr Paul Brewerton

6 April 2004

Counselling: A skills workshop for psychologists. Facilitator: Jenny Summerfield

7 April 2004

Developing your coaching skills.

Facilitator: Jenny Summerfield

28 April 2004

Job analysis for dummies.

Facilitators: Louise Cartwright and Barry Barrington

The following masterclass will be held at the Royal Society in London and will run from 11am until 4.30pm. Registration from 10.30am

25 May 2004

High performance and psychologically rewarding workplaces. Facilitator: Ivan Robertson

Further details of these are available from Helen Diggle, DOP Workshop Administrator at the BPS Leicester office. Tel 0116 252 9933; e-mail heldig@bps.ork.uk.

SPORT AND EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Satellite workshop 'Psychology of sports coaching'

Wednesday 14 April, organised as part of the 2004 BPS Annual Conference.

To register go to tinyurl.com/2xvjg, which takes you to the details about the workshop, and click on the 'registration form' link and follow the instructions.

Also, there is a Sport and Exercise Psychology Section symposium 'Feeling good about sport and exercise?' on Thursday 15 April. This symposium will cover a range of topics that explore how involvement in sport and exercise impacts on the psychological and general well-being of people involved.

To attend this symposium you will need to register at the conference, which can also be done at the website.

DCP FACULTY FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES

'Advancing Practice' Annual Faculty Residential Conference 17-19 May 2004, Quality Inn Hotel, Glasgow

For further details, please contact Sunny Kalsy at the BPS Faculty for Learning Disabilities, Psychology Services, 66 Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield B74 2PH. E-mail: FFDConference@hotmail.com.

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

51st Social Psychology Section Conference

1-3 September 2004, School of Psychology, University of Liverpool

The conference will place a particular emphasis on the discipline's capability for addressing, understanding and dealing with social political issues in the 21st century.

Submissions invited – deadline **30 April 2004**. Deadline for posters – **31 July 2004**.

Send to Dr Clifford Stott, School of Psychology, University of Liverpool, Eleanor Rathbone Building, Bedford Street South, Liverpool L69 7ZA. Or to submissions@liverpool2004.info. Further details available from the conference website at www.liverpool2004.info.

DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

Annual Conference

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

Keynote speakers: Professors Ed Diener, University of Illinois; Jim

Prochaska, University of Rhode Island; Lucy Yardley, University of Southampton. Registration forms and provisional programmes will be available in May 2004.

Abstract submissions for late posters are welcome by **11 June 2004**.

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

For details about student bursaries see the DHP website (www.health-psychology.org.uk).

Registration forms can be requested from the Leicester office. Tel: 0116 252 9555; fax: 0116 255 7123; e-mail: conferences@bps.org.uk. Rates are lower if you register before 31 July or become a DHP member (see DHP website: www.health-psychology.org.uk).

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.

Informal enquires can be made to Tony Towell (020 7911 5000 ext 2173, towella@wmin.ac.uk).

DHP e-mail list

The Board of Examiners and the DHP committee would like to maintain a complete database of members' e-mail addresses to improve our communication with members. To add yours to the database please send an e-mail to denkee@bps.org.uk with 'DHP E-mail List' in the subject line.

DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Annual Conference

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

Full details in February 2004.

Call for abstracts

Abstracts for paper and poster presentations, symposia and workshops on all aspects of developmental psychology are invited. Details and forms for submitting abstracts are on the conference website. Completed submission forms should be sent as

Membership and Professional Training Board BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Board of Examiners for the Division of Clinical Psychology is concerned with the assessment of the Society's Statement of Equivalence in Clinical Psychology. The board is seeking statements of interest in the following positions:

Examiners for the Board of Examiners in Clinical Psychology

The board would welcome statements of interest from Chartered Clinical Psychologists who have been qualified for at least five years. Examiners will be required to mark essays, reports of clinical activity, small-scale research projects and dissertations submitted from all specialties. In addition, oral examinations for the Statement of Equivalence are held in Leicester twice a year, and examiners will also be required to mark some work during the year, which is not subject to oral examination.

This work can provide good networking opportunities as well as contributions to the profession. The Statement of Equivalence is currently undergoing some interesting changes including new regulations in line with the competencies model of training.

These positions attract payment with travel and subsistence expenses also reimbursed in accordance with the Society's policy.

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. Statements of interest should be returned by Friday 16 April 2004.

e-mail attachments to Margaret Hardman devcon@leedsmet.ac.uk). Deadline for submission of all abstracts: **Friday 30 April 2004**.

Conference registration forms are available on the conference website (tinyurl.com/36d4m), and the provisional programme will be posted there in July 2004.

Further information from Dr Margaret Hardman through the conference e-mail address at devcon@leedsmet.ac.uk or at the School of Health & Human Sciences, Faculty of Health & Environment, Leeds Metropolitan University, City Campus, Leeds LS1 3HE. Tel: 0113 283 5928.

SCOTTISH BRANCH

One-day seminar 'Ethical Issues in Practice and Research in Psychology'

Friday 14 May 2004 at the Lister Postgraduate Institute, 11 Hill Square, Edinburgh

Full details in January 2004.

Contact: Lizz Baikie (0131 537 5096; Elizabeth.Baikie@luht.scot.nhs.uk).

2004 Undergraduate Student Conference

17 March 2004, 11am-5pm, University of Strathclyde

Full details in January 2004.

Contact: Anthony Sneider (0141 211 3901; gcl358@clinmed.gla.ac.uk).

NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND BRANCH

'Careers in Psychology' Day

Monday, 19 April 2004, 10am to 4.30pm, Lecture Theatre 1, Manton Building, Mabel Tylecote Campus, Manchester Metropolitan University, Oxford Road,

Manchester. Price: £10

Enquiries: Hilary Neve (tel: 0161 437 6443, e-mail;

hilary_neve@totalise.co.uk) or Dr Shirley Pressler (tel: 01695 584085, e-mail: pressles@edgehill.ac.uk).

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

'The statutory regulation of applied psychologists'

A talk by Professor Geoff Lindsay. Wednesday 3 March 2004, 2.30pm-4.00pm, Room G48, Ground Floor (Malone Road Entrance), School of Psychology, Queens University Belfast

2004 NIBPS Annual Conference

23-25 April 2004, Comfort Hotel, Portrush, Co Antrim

Further details from Anne Kerr (tel: 028 9027 4129) or e-mail n.Ireland@bps.org.uk to register.

PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN SECTION

Postgraduate Prize 2004

To be awarded for a 3000-word article based on a piece of original postgraduate research. The article must be clearly related to the work carried out as part of a postgraduate thesis or dissertation, and discuss some original findings. Submissions must not have been published previously, and should be relevant to one of the following themes:

- Sexuality and health
- Feminism and fashion
- Otherness: 'race', disability, difference

You could win a £200 cash; two years' subscription to the leading

THE PSYCHOLOGIST FOR BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED MEMBERS

The Psychologist is currently available to members online at the Society's website (www.bps.org.uk). Pages can be downloaded and enlarged onscreen. Text-only formats of *The Psychologist* can also be made available for blind and partially sighted members of the Society, either on computer disk or by e-mail. Planned improvements to the BPS website include compliance with accessibility guidelines. The BPS Psychology Testing Centre Online has made a start here with its website (www.psychtesting.org.uk) being awarded the RNIB's 'See it Right' accessibility mark.

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive text-only formats of *The Psychologist* 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).

Pat Frankish, Chair,

Standing Committee for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities

international journal *Feminism and Psychology*; the opportunity to present your prize-winning research at the 2004 POWS Conference in Brighton, (7-9 July) where the Postgraduate Prize will be awarded (conference registration fees will be waived); and publication of your submission in *POWS Review* (subject to the normal peer review process).

Current UK-based postgraduate students and those who have submitted their thesis or dissertation within the last 12 months are eligible. Submissions are welcomed from students researching all areas of psychology, fashion, nursing and midwifery.

Submit a short abstract (max 250 words) or your article by 15 April 2004. Feedback on your abstract will be given by 1 May. Subject to acceptance of the abstract, the deadline for submission of the full article will be 20 May. Please submit four copies of the abstract and (if accepted) four copies of the article. All abstracts and completed articles will be reviewed by three members of the POWS committee, as well as from one external expert in your research area. The winner of the prize will be notified by 12 June.

Submissions should be e-mailed as attached Word documents, or posted with disk copy to: Lisa Marzano, Middlesex University, Queensway, Enfield EN3 4SA. Tel: 020 8411 6861; e-mail: l.marzano@mdx.ac.uk. Please contact Lisa if you have any questions.

DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **26 March** for the May issue