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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.

Professional psychology award 2004

PROFESSOR David Bartram has accepted this year's Award for Distinguished Contributions to Professional Psychology. Currently Research Director for SHL Group plc, Professor Bartram is a Chartered Occupational Psychologist and a Fellow of the BPS and of the Ergonomics Society. He specialises in psychometrics and computer-based assessment in the occupational, work and organisational sector. During his career he has designed and implemented a range of commercially successful assessment products. These include the computer-based MICROPAT pilot selection test system currently used by British Airways and Cathay Pacific Airways, and a range of assessment software products and paper-and-pencil tests used in over 30 countries. His ongoing research work within SHL is focused on competency modelling, leadership and the application of new technology to testing.

Prior to joining SHL in 1998, he held two posts at the University of Hull: Dean of the Faculty of Science and the Environment, and Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychology. He was also a founder member and director of three UK-based industrial and organisational psychology consultancy companies: Newland Park Associates Ltd, Bartdale Ltd and HADC Ltd.

Professor Bartram has worked with the Further Education Development Agency, the UK Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and has been a member of various UK Department for Education and Employment advisory groups concerned with assessment. He has also been a consultant with a range of



national and international organisations both in the UK and abroad, including the Cabinet Office. He served as President of the International Test Commission from 2000 to 2002.

He is the author of several hundred journal articles, technical reports, books and book chapters, but has also found the time to play a key role within the BPS. He has been responsible for the design, development and implementation of the Level A and Level B Standards for Occupational Test Use, and the associated qualification system and verification procedures. He is joint author of the BPS Level A Open Learning Programme and was senior editor of the BPS Level A and Level B Test Reviews prior to his appointment with SHL.

He led the BPS Occupational Standards Project for a number of years and was instrumental in the adoption of

a standards-based approach to professional competence by the Society. More recently, he has supported the consultancy team who have been working with the BPS on implementation of the standards. He was also the 'architect' of the new BPS Psychological Testing Centre in the UK.

On accepting the accolade, Professor Bartram said: 'I am delighted to receive this award and feel very honoured. The achievements associated with the work I have done for the Society over the past years relating to test standards and occupational standards would have been quite impossible without the work of many other people, both within the BPS and outside. I am particularly proud of the international recognition and status that colleagues and I have been able to establish for the BPS in the arena of occupational testing and test use. This has directly informed the advances made by the European and other international bodies concerned with testing and best practice. I'd like to think that this award reflects as much on all the members of the Steering Committee on Test Standards, the various verifier groups and the Psychological Testing Centre office staff, past and present, as it does on me.'

NEW ENTRY TRAINING ROUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN ENGLAND

A second report commissioned by the Department for Education and Skills on behalf of the Educational Psychology Training and Development Sub-Group is available via the BPS website (tinyurl.com/2cy78)

The BPS Division of Education and Child Psychology (DECP) welcomes comments and suggestions on the recommended proposals. The subgroup plans to meet again in the autumn when it is hoped there will be greater clarity concerning ministerial funding priorities. The DECP representative on the subgroup is Alan Reynolds, past chair DECP and the BPS representative is Jane Tuner (please contact via the BPS Leicester office).

Fellowship citations

Professor Richard Velleman

THE SOCIETY is pleased to confer the honour of Fellow on Professor Richard Velleman, whose qualifications for this achievement are substantial and arise from his distinguished clinical and research career to date. He is regarded as one of the leading clinical psychology consultants in addictions in the UK and increasingly, at an international level. Professor Velleman is Professor of Mental Health Research at the University of Bath, where he directs the Mental Health Research and Development Unit and is also Director of Development and Research within the Avon and Wiltshire



Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust. In the latter role, he has developed high-quality substance misuse and other related services as well as enabling a large number of his colleagues to develop their research skills and generate numerous publications on clinical topics.

Professor Velleman's most prolific work has been and continues to be in the area of alcohol and drug misuse and its effects on families. As an indicator of its importance in improving community health status, he has received considerable funding support and has also undertaken many international research studies, most notably in Australia, Mexico and Italy. He has presented his research findings and his theoretical perspective on coping with adversity at venues throughout the world.

For his wide-ranging and influential academic and clinical activities, the Fellowship Committee was pleased to recommend Professor Velleman for Fellowship status within the Society.

Professor Ernesto Spinelli

ERNESTO Spinelli has been awarded a Fellowship of the Society in recognition of his contribution to phenomenological and existential approaches to psychotherapy, and to the development of counselling psychology in Britain.

In 1981 he was appointed to set up and develop an advisory service for students at Richmond College, and offered a pioneering Certificate in Counselling Psychology. His career since then has built on this work. In 1989 he moved to the School of Psychotherapy and Counselling at Regent's College and was appointed Principal Lecturer in 1994. At the college he planned and developed the counselling psychology programme, leading to the BPS Diploma in Counselling Psychology, and



he now holds a personal chair in Psychotherapy, Counselling and Counselling Psychology. At the same time he played an active role in founding the profession of counselling psychology in Britain and was a member of the BPS Special Group (later Division) of Counselling Psychology, of which he was Chair in 1997/8.

Ernesto Spinelli's impact on the practice of counselling

psychology has been informed by his expertise in existential and phenomenological psychology. His first book was *The Interpreted World* (1989), where he presented phenomenological psychology not as an esoteric alternative to tradition, but as a way of thinking and a practice with direct relevance to mainstream psychology, as well as to the practice of psychotherapy. As a result his ideas have had a lasting effect on a variety of readers, students, academics and practising psychotherapists. Professor Spinelli has elaborated on his individual approach in three further books and a second edition of *The Interpreted World*, as well as in many journal articles and conference papers, which have not only made him internationally known, but have enabled him to become a major influence in this field.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Bernice Andrews has been awarded a personal chair in the Department of Psychology at Royal Holloway, University of London. Her new title is Professor of Abnormal Psychology.

Tony Chapman, former BPS President (1988/9), has been appointed Senior Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive of the University of Wales. He continues as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales Institute Cardiff and is a Vice-President of Universities UK.

David Cooke, a clinical and forensic psychologist at the Douglas Inch Centre and Glasgow Caledonian University, has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Dave Peck is retiring from NHS Highland in June but will continue with part-time academic work at Stirling University. He would like to thank all those BPS members with whom he has worked for all the stimulating and rewarding times together; not to mention all the fun!

DEATH

Stanley Nisbet, Professor of Education at Glasgow University from 1951 to 1978, died on 25 February, aged 91.

PAY LESS TAX

The Inland Revenue has agreed to extend tax relief, already available on membership fees, to Division, Section and Special Group fees and Society journal subscriptions. The fees for the Register of Chartered Psychologists and practising certificates are also allowable, under section 343 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003.

To claim tax relief, you should either list these payments in your annual tax return or write to your tax office with details of the total amounts paid and what they were for (for example, you could send a copy of your subscription renewal form) and your membership number. Your tax code will be adjusted accordingly.

OBESITY

Contributions sought for a special feature

We would like to publish a collection of articles on the issue of obesity, and we are experimenting with a new way of getting such features together.

If you are interested in any psychological aspect of obesity we would like to hear from you. Diversity of contributions will be the key. We want to know how different psychologists approach the problem – clinical, health, sports, social, and so on.

We are looking for engaging and informative overviews of published research, but a variety of formats (e.g. interview, 'Head to head' debate, 'Why I study...', action plan) are available in addition to the 'standard' 2000-word article.

All contributions would be reviewed so there is no guarantee of publication. In the first instance, please e-mail the editor on jonsut@bps.org.uk with a brief summary of your proposed contribution. Deadline is 21 June.

See www.bps.org.uk/publications/thepsychologist.cfm for tips on writing for us and plenty of reasons why contributing can be beneficial for you.



SELECTED NEWS FROM THE BOARDS

Board of Trustees (5 March 2004)

- *Investigatory Committee* Chairing of the committee after the AGM will be staggered to allow the new President to gain experience of the work. Professor Zander Wedderburn will continue to chair the committee in the short term. Dr Graham Powell will take over as scheduled in 2005.
- *Relationship of Board of Trustees and Representative Council.* A working group will be formed, comprising two Trustees, two Representative Council members and appropriate staff, to consider the revised responsibilities of both bodies, and review the communication between them as a result of the new structure.
- *Membership survey* A report on the finalised membership survey, prepared by the scientific officer, was received. Suggestions were made for ways of encouraging as many members as possible to complete the survey questionnaire.
- *College of Fellows* The chair of the College of Fellows Steering Group is to be invited to make a presentation to Trustees on the proposal for a College of Fellows.
- *Retiring officers* A letter of thanks from the President will be sent to retiring officers, and an offer of a thank-you letter to their employer if appropriate.
- *Court of the University of Wales Swansea* A member resident in Swansea will be invited to serve as the Society's representative for 2004–2007.
- *Statutory regulation* To ensure a full range of views, a letter will be sent to subsystems inviting contributions to the Society's response to the Department of Health consultation.
- *Expenses for boards and committees* On a trial basis, seven per cent will be added to 2003 figures for the 2004 travel expenses and disbursements budget.
- *Thanks* This was Vice President Professor Graham Davey's last meeting and Professor Zander Wedderburn's last meeting as President. They were each thanked.

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

Annual Conference

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

Full details in March 2004.

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.

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Workshops and masterclasses

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

5 May 2004

How to assess and develop emotional intelligence. Facilitators: Margaret Chapman and Mark Slaski

2 June 2004

Group and individual facilitation skills for psychologists. Facilitator: Michaela McGinley

23 June 2004

The refresher course on repertory grids. Facilitator: Professor Devi Jankowicz

7 July 2004

Making it as a consultant.

Facilitators: Shirley Dalziel and Peter Goodge

28 July 2004

Training the basic skills of leadership. Facilitator: Emeritus Professor Gerry Randell

The following masterclasses 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

13 July 2004

The assessment and development of leadership. Facilitator: Beverley Alimo-Metcalfe

Further details of these are available from Helen Diggle, DOP Masterclass and Workshop Administrator at the BPS Leicester office. Tel: 0116 252 9933; e-mail:

dopworkshops@bps.org.uk. Full details and booking facilities for all masterclasses and workshops are also available on the BPS website.

DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Annual Conference 2004

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).

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: Liz Baikie, Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh (0131 537 5096; Elizabeth.Baikie@luht.scot.nhs.uk).

DCP PSYCHOLOGISTS' SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP WORKING WITH OLDER PEOPLE

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

Keynote speakers: Professor Ivy Blackburn and Professor Tom Kirkwood.

For an application form, please visit our website at www.psig.org.uk or contact The PSIGE Conference

Secretariat, Procon, Tattersall House, East Parade, Harrogate HG1 5LT. Tel: 01423 564488; fax 01423 701433.

PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN SECTION

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 7 July 2004 at 6pm at the Royal Albion Hotel, Old Steine, Brighton, East Sussex.

Please contact Kathy Doherty, Section Chair (e-mail: K.H.Doherty@shu.ac.uk; tel: 0114 225 2253) or Sally Johnson, Honorary Secretary (e-mail: sallyjohnson@northampton.ac.uk; tel: 01604 892392).

CONSCIOUSNESS & EXPERIENTIAL SECTION

8th Annual Conference 'Science, Self and Meaning'

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

Key speakers include: Jaak Panksepp (USA); Galen Strawson (UK & USA); Ciarán Benson (Eire).

Full details on the CEP website: www.warwick.ac.uk/cep.

Submissions: Richard Stevens, Open University (e-mail: rj.stevens@open.ac.uk; tel: 01908

Award for Distinguished Contributions to Professional Psychology

– Call for nominations

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Award for Promoting Equality of Opportunity

– Call for nominations

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654515/654499). Conference registration: Guy Saunders, University of the West of England (e-mail: Guy.Saunders@uwe.ac.uk; tel: 0117 344 4522). Other correspondence and related matters, Deborah Biggerstaff, Conference Chair (e-mail: D.L.Biggerstaff@warwick.ac.uk and Deborah.Biggerstaff@wbs.ac.uk; tel: 024 7652 8206).

DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

Post-qualification training day Neuropsychology and Driving

Friday 18 June 2004, 9.30am for 10am start at the London Voluntary Sector Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY CHIEF ASSESSOR AND ASSESSORS FOR THE DIPLOMA IN FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY STAGE 2

We are looking for a Chief Assessor and Assessors and would particularly like to hear from Chartered Forensic Psychologists who have experience of supervision and assessment.

For the Chief Assessor post, experience of the practice and management of assessment procedures would be an advantage. Duties include:

- being responsible for the efficient running of the assessment process;
- chairing and managing the panel of Assessors;
- arbitrating in disputes arising from the assessment process;
- supporting and advising the Assessors;
- monitoring the progress and content of the assessment process;
- reporting to the Board on the results of the assessment; and
- consulting with the Board, or any of its members, on any of the above matters as appropriate.

The assessment process of the Diploma is expected to commence later this year, so the Assessors and Chief Assessor will need to work together to assess the work submitted and develop the precedents for assessment of work.

The posts attract an annual retainer and a fee for each candidate assessed. Successful applicants will also have an opportunity to contribute to the standards required of new entrants to the profession.

Further information and a statement of interest form are available from Jean Arnold (0116 252 9518 or jearn@bps.org.uk) at the BPS Leicester office.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR THE POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

is seeking statements of interest for the post of

EXAMINER FOR THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR THE POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Board of Examiners for the Postgraduate Certificate in Occupational Psychology is concerned with the assessment of the Society's Postgraduate Certificate in Occupational Psychology, which provides one of the routes to qualification and registration as a Chartered Psychologist.

Paper 1 – Human–Machine Interaction

Paper 2 – Design of Environments and Work: Health and Safety

Paper 3 – Personnel Selection and Assessment

Paper 4 – Performance Appraisal and Career Development

Paper 5 – Counselling and Personal Development

Paper 6 – Training (identification of need, training design and evaluation)

Paper 7 – Employee Relations and Motivation

Paper 8 – Organisational Development and Change

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

Organiser: Dr Stuart Anderson, Sussex Rehabilitation Centre
 Speakers to include: Professor Frank McKenna (University of Reading) – 'Human error and accident involvement: What can we learn from "normal" accidents?'; Dr Lily Read (Department for Transport) – 'Cognitive impairment and fitness to drive'; Professor Nadina Lincoln (University of Nottingham) – 'Who and when to refer to a specialist Driving Assessment Centre'; Dr Pat McKenna (Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust) – 'Performance on cognitive tests and on-road in the South Wales Driving Assessment Centre, Rookwood'; Dr Helen Middleton

(University of Sunderland) – 'Developing a pan European functional assessment of fitness to drive for the elderly'; Dr Carol Hawley (University of Warwick) – 'Return to driving after brain injury'; Drs Emmanuel Akinwuntan (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium) – 'Assessment and training of driving after a neurological impairment'.

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

MEETING DATES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 Wednesday 30 March 2005

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 Friday 7 May 2004 (pre-Council)
 Friday 11 June 2004
 Friday 3 September 2004
 Friday 15 October 2004 (pre-Council)
 Friday 26 November 2004
 Friday 14 January 2005

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
 Saturday 8 May 2004
 Saturday 16 October 2004

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD
 Friday 2 April 2004
 Friday 4 June 2004
 Friday 10 September 2004
 Tuesday 23 November 2004

RESEARCH BOARD
 Friday 25 June 2004 (followed by Presidents' Award Committee)
 Friday 29 October 2004 (followed by Visiting Psychologists Committee)
 Friday 28 January 2005 (followed by Book Award Committee)

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD
 Friday 18 June 2004
 Friday 17 September 2004
 Friday 5 November 2004

PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD
 Thursday 27 May 2004
 Thursday 7 October 2004
 Thursday 16 December 2004

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD
 Thursday 10 June 2004
 Thursday 9 September 2004
 Friday 10 December 2004

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE
 Thursday 20 May 2004
 Friday 1 October 2004

Friday 28 January 2005
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BOARD
 Friday 22 October 2004 (AGM)

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE
 Thursday 24 June 2004
 Thursday 9 September 2004
 Thursday 11 November 2004
 Thursday 20 January 2005

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
 Thursday 10 June 2004
 Thursday 2 September 2004
 Thursday 4 November 2004
 Thursday 13 January 2005

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
 Monday 7 June 2004
 Thursday 23 September 2004
 Monday 17 January 2005

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE
 Friday 14 May 2004
 Friday 22 October 2004
 Friday 21 January 2005

ETHICS COMMITTEE
 Friday 21 May 2004
 Thursday 15 July 2004
 Thursday 30 September 2004
 Thursday 25 November 2004
 Saturday 22 January 2005

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
 Monday 21 June 2004
 Thursday 16 September 2004
 Friday 10 December 2004

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.
 London Lectures –
 Wednesday 1 December 2004
 Annual Conference –
 30 March–2 April 2005

BPS RESEARCH BOARD POSTDOCTORAL REPRESENTATIVE

The Research Board is seeking to appoint a postdoctoral representative to replace Dr Sarah Norgate who steps down in October 2004. The appointment is for a one-year term (renewable for an additional two years). The Board is responsible for influencing funding for the support and encouragement of psychological research; providing guidance on general research issues; promoting research (both discipline-based and multidisciplinary) by the dissemination of results through conferences, seminars and other means; defining standards for the training of postgraduate students in research methods; and working to maximise the availability of funds to support psychological research. Professor Dominic Abrams (University of Kent) is the current Chair.

There is currently one vacancy for a postdoctoral representative on the Board. We are therefore seeking statements of interest from members of the Society that have been recently appointed postdoctoral researchers or as lecturers. The appointee will also be invited to serve on the selection committee for the Research Seminars Scheme and Postgraduate Study Visits Scheme, as well as the committee for the Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research Contributions to Psychology. These schemes are geared towards supporting and encouraging postgraduate research and research networks, as well as recognising high-calibre published work.

Statements of interest are invited from all grades and sectors of the Society's membership. Commitment, knowledge and the ability to communicate effectively are also desirable.

Statement of interest forms and further details can be obtained from Lisa Morrison Coulthard (Scientific Officer) on e-mail: lismor@bps.org.uk; tel: 0116 2529510. The deadline is 14 June 2004.