

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Anthony Creed has left Sony Electronics to become Manager, User Research for Intuit, San Diego, California.

Robin Goodwin has been promoted to Professor of Social Psychology at Brunel University.

Professor Mark Griffiths of Nottingham Trent University has won the Canadian Responsible Gaming Council's 2003 International Research Excellence Award in recognition of his 'dedication and outstanding contribution in the area of responsible and problem gambling'.

DEATH

Professor Peter McKellar, Emeritus Professor of Psychology at Otago University, died in Dunedin on 10 June 2003, aged 82.

SELECTED NEWS FROM THE BOARDS

Professional Practice Board (12 September)

- *Payments for honorary officers of Divisions.* The board noted proposed guidelines for payments. It was recognised that this is an extremely complex area and, whilst it was agreed in principle that the Society be allowed to fund individuals, as a next stage Divisions were asked to develop detailed criteria for justification of any remuneration.
- *Promoting psychological welfare.* The board noted a paper entitled *Promoting Psychological Welfare* and agreed in principle that the Society should take a more proactive stance on the issue. The document will be circulated to other relevant committees and boards.

- *Deputy Chair.* The board ratified Olivia Craig's position as Deputy Chair with immediate effect.
- *Nominations for Chair.* The deadline for nominations for Professional Practice Board Chair will be 30 January 2004 [see p.573]. The board noted new procedures for the appointment of board chairs, drawn up by the Board of Trustees.
- *Bullying policy.* The board noted a proposal for a bullying policy to potentially cover all BPS activities (i.e. the employer role and the Code of Conduct for members). It was agreed that the document should be forwarded for consideration by the working group reviewing the Code of Conduct and to the Honorary General Secretary.
- *Centre for Outcomes Research and Effectiveness.* Roger Paxton, who liaises between the board and the Society's Centre for Outcomes Research and Effectiveness, presented oral and written reports on its activities. It was agreed that the Society should begin to promote its existence.
- *Draft Mental Incapacity Bill.* Ana Padilla, the Society's parliamentary officer, gave an oral report on activities relating to the draft bill and the reform of the Mental Health Act. It was also noted that the Society had been invited to give oral evidence on 8 October relating to the draft Mental Incapacity Bill.
- *Age discrimination.* The board agreed to make funding available for an initial meeting of a cross-divisional group to draw up a detailed remit for a proposed working party to look at age discrimination issues in the workplace.
- *Child protection.* The board noted that the Child Protection Working Party position paper is now in its final version and is available from the website or the

Leicester office. Work will shortly begin on Phase II of the Working Party remit to broaden out the Clinical Practice Guidelines on Child Abuse.

- *Offender profiling.* The board agreed to postpone the working party owing to lack of interest.

For more information on any of these items, contact the board administrator Christina Docchar on chrdoc@bps.org.uk. Also see www.bps.org.uk/about/subsystems_boards1.cfm

Publications and Communications Board (11 September)

- *Membership.* New members of the board are: Hazel Stevenson and Eugene Burke (Deputy Chairs), Peter Wright (PEB representative), Louise Glover (SMG representative.), Rebecca Lawthorn (co-opted). It was noted that there is still no representative from MPTB.
- *Strategic plan.* The draft Trustees document outlining strategic goals for the next five years was referred to the committees and groups that report to the board for additions/suggestions. The deadline for responses is the end of October.
- *Corporate redesign.* It was noted that the stakeholder consultative survey had been completed and that the design brief had now been sent out to a number of external design houses.
- *Research Digest.* The board warmly welcomed the first issue of this new electronic digest aimed at school and undergraduate students and thanked the editor for getting the new free service out in such a short period of time.
- *Chelsea Flower Show 2005.* The board agreed to set up a group to further investigate a proposal that the Society should have a garden at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2005.

MEETING DATES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday 16 April 2004

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Friday 28 November 2003
Friday 16 January 2004

Friday 13 February 2004 (pre-Council)
Friday 5 March 2004
Friday 7 May 2004 (pre-Council)
Friday 11 June 2004

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
Saturday 14 February 2004
Saturday 8 May 2004

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD
Saturday 22 November 2003
Saturday 7 February 2004
Friday 2 April 2004
Friday 4 June 2004

RESEARCH BOARD
Saturday 31 January 2004 (followed by Book Award Committee)
Wednesday 14 April 2004 (followed by Spearman Medal Committee)

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD
Friday 7 November 2003
Friday 20 February 2004

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD
Friday 12 December 2003
Friday 16 April 2004

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BOARD
Saturday 13 March 2004 (OGM)

PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD
Thursday 18 December 2003

Thursday 11 March 2004
Thursday 27 May 2004

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE
Friday 30 January 2004
Thursday 20 May 2004

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE
Thursday 13 November 2003
Thursday 22 January 2004
Thursday 4 March 2004
Thursday 29 April 2004

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
Thursday 6 November 2003
Thursday 15 January 2004
Thursday 26 February 2004
Thursday 29 April 2004

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE
January 2004 – tbc
Friday 14 May 2004

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
Monday 19 January 2004
Monday 29 March 2004

ETHICS COMMITTEE
Wednesday 26 November 2003

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
Wednesday 10 December 2003
Wednesday 3 March 2004

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.
London Lectures –
Monday 1 December 2003
Wednesday 1 December 2004
Annual Conference –
15–17 April 2004

AWARD FOR PROMOTING EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

The Standing Committee for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities has decided that it will not be making an award in 2003.

- *Principles of Publishing.* A document from the Journals Committee was approved and will be added to the journals' 'Notes for contributors'. The paper discusses and gives guidance to authors on some of the ethical issues involved with publishing a scientific research paper.
- *Journals Impact Factors.* A paper from the Journals Committee, which examined the impact factors associated with specific papers in the Society's journals, was discussed. The Journals Committee was asked to further investigate to see if there were any steps which could be taken to increase the impact factors.
- *Royal Society submission.* The board approved a submission to a Royal Society enquiry on the public dissemination of new scientific research.
- *Internal communications.* The board will have this on their agenda for their next meeting. If anyone has any comments/suggestions on this issue the board would be glad to receive them.

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

DGP SCOTTISH BRANCH

Annual General Meeting

Friday 7 November 2003, Queen Margaret University College, Edinburgh.

Details: David Craig 0141 201 2385.

WESSEX & WIGHT BRANCH

Working with Young People: Translating Research into Practice

Wednesday 28 January 2004, University of Sussex, Brighton, 9.30am–4pm..

In collaboration with the Trust for the Study of Adolescence. This conference is aimed at researchers, psychologists, practitioners, students and anyone with an interest in applying psychological research to work with young people.

Contact: Rosie Meek (e-mail: r.meek@sussex.ac.uk; tel: 01273 606755 ext 2395).

PSYCHOLOGY OF EDUCATION SECTION

Annual Conference

7–9 November 2004, Chancellors Conference Centre, University of Manchester.

Further details in June 2003.

DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

Annual General Meeting

Friday 14 November 2003, London Voluntary Resource Centre, Holloway Road, London, 1pm.

Tel: 01392 264661; e-mail: w.h.williams@exeter.ac.uk.

HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

Annual Conference 2004

6–8 April 2004, York St John College. Members and friends of the Section are invited to attend this conference. We particularly welcome submissions from postgraduate students.

Abstracts of papers to be sent to Jim Good (j.m.good@durham.ac.uk). General conference enquiries to be made to Martin Roiser (martin.roiser@tvu.ac.uk).

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Annual Conference

7–9 January 2004

Next year's conference is being held at the Stratford Moat House in the heart of historic Stratford-

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Fifty-one candidates were awarded the Statement of Equivalence in Clinical Psychology (SoE) between spring 2002 and spring 2003. This route to qualified clinical practice means the Society continues to contribute significant numbers to the profession.

Doctoral programmes in clinical psychology have moved to competence-based models of training and evaluation, prompting a revision of the SoE regulations. The Board of Examiners working party led by Malcolm Adams is undertaking this.

Dr Jan Burns has been commissioned by the board to conduct an external validation project and advise on many aspects of the SoE.

For a fuller report, please visit the BPS website.

Dr Fiona Kennedy, Chief Examiner

upon-Avon. Invited speakers are Dennis Baltzley, Head of Leadership Development at Shell Learning, and Denise Rousseau, Professor of Organizational Behavior at Carnegie Mellon University.

Registration forms, directions and a provisional programme for the event are available on the BPS website, www.bps.org.uk.

SCOTTISH BRANCH

Annual General Meeting and Scientific Meeting.

Friday 6 February 2004, Court & Senate Suite, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

Annual Conference

28–30 November 2003, Salutation Hotel, Perth

Theme: 'Advancing psychology'.

Scottish Branch conferences and AGM contact is Kate Skellington Orr (e-mail: kskellingtonorr@mva.co.uk; tel: 0141 225 4414).

PSYCHOTHERAPY SECTION

Research Issues in Psychology

7 February 2004, Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place, London W1

Contact: Cassie Cooper (tel: 020 8423 9386; fax: 020 8423 9386; e-mail: cassie-cooper@hotmail.com).

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Thursday 15 April 2004 during the Society and Division Annual Conference at Imperial College London, when the Annual Report will be presented and appropriate business

transacted. Resolutions to be placed before the meeting and nominations consequent to the call for nominations, which appears below, must be received at the

Society's office by Friday 30th January 2004.

Call for nominations

Nominations are invited for:

- Chair Elect – tenure for one year (see note below)
- Honorary Secretary – tenure for three years
- Honorary Treasurer – tenure for three years
- Honorary Membership Secretary – tenure for three years.

Nominations should be sent to the Honorary Secretary at the Society's office to arrive no later than **Friday 30 January 2004**.

The nominations should be on a form obtainable from the Society's office and require:

1. A proposer and seconder who are full members of the Division;
2. the written consent of the nominee to accept office if elected; and
3. a brief professional/biographical sketch of the nominee.

Note

The Chair Elect serves a total of three years. In the year immediately following election he or she serves as Chair Elect, in the next year as Chair and in the third year as Vice Chair.

Further information concerning the duties of the above posts is available from Lesley Dexter, DCP

Administrator, at the Society's office (tel: 0116 252 9903; e-mail: lesdex@bps.org.uk).

DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **21 November** for the January issue

MEMBERSHIP SERVICE QUALITY SURVEY – PILOT EXERCISE

I would like to sincerely thank all members that responded to the above pilot exercise. During August and September 2003 a pilot version of the survey was sent to 300 randomly selected members. All responses received have been very informative and will greatly assist in the development of the final version of the survey. Following approval from the Board of Trustees, the survey will be circulated to all members of the Society early in 2004.

Lisa Morrison, Scientific Officer