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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

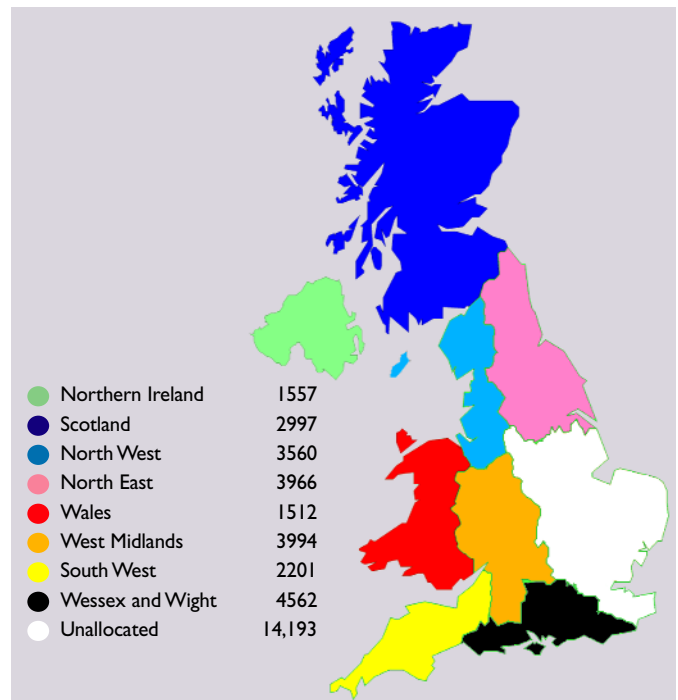
News about Society matters and brief items for News of members are welcome. Please send to *The Psychologist* at the Society's office, or to psychologist@bps.org.uk. Subsystem notices: notices received from elected officers of subsystems of official meetings, events, conferences of Divisions, Sections, Branches and Special Groups of the Society are inserted free of charge. Items should be sent to susepp@bps.org.uk.

Filling the gaps

ARE you a psychologist living in an area that isn't covered by one of the existing Branches of the Society? Have you ever wanted the same opportunities for CPD that are available to some of your fellow members through their own Branches? Do you ever feel isolated and distanced from other psychologists? Well, we'd like to see the Society's Branches network available to all of our members.

Soon all of you could have the opportunity to take a more active role in your local communities; taking part in special events exclusive to your Branch, which can in turn be used as a vehicle for your own continuing professional development. Several existing Branches organise Branch-specific Divisional events where a number of members from the same geographical area, affiliated with the same Divisions, will get together to discuss relevant local issues. Many Branches also take an active role in local politics, and sharing views and opinions with local MPs. The Society's Branches network offers all members the chance to become part of a local psychological community and brings members together in ways that other Society subsystems cannot.

The Society's Branches Forum has become more active in recent years, and has spent much time reviewing the existing Branches network and the areas of the country that are not covered. Out of a total Society membership in the UK of 38,542, our existing Branches network covers only 24,349 of these; about 37 per cent of members do not have



the opportunity to become a member of a Branch. As you can see from the map, this percentage is made up of a large section of the Midlands and southeast England, including London. The Forum has been particularly keen for

some time to establish a London Branch. The idea is still being developed and, if successful, could be regarded as a potential catalyst for the further development of the network to encompass the whole of the country.

Do you think the expansion of the Branches network is a good idea?

Would you be willing to take an active role in the planning or running of a newly established Branch in your area?

Are you an existing Branch member who believes that you and your fellow Branch members would be able to pass on advice and support to new Branches?

We would like to hear from you – whether you are a member from an area that is not yet covered by the network, or a member with Branch experience who is willing to help with the supporting of any new Branches. You can e-mail any comments relating to the expansion of the Branches network to us at subsystems@bps.org.uk. Make sure you let us know your name, membership number, where you are based and any of your comments on the proposed expansion of Branch coverage. If you have any questions or queries that you wish to ask us, we will make every effort to answer them.

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Senior Research Examiner and Research Examiners

The Board of Examiners in Forensic Psychology is looking for a Senior Research Examiner and Research Examiners for the Society's Diploma in Forensic Psychology Stage 1 Part B. We would particularly like to hear from Chartered Forensic Psychologists who have experience of examining research papers.

Trainees must submit two components of research and at least one will be empirical in nature.

The posts attract 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 is available from Jean Arnold (0116 252 9518 or jeaarn@bps.org.uk) at the BPS Leicester office.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Ian McEwan, Area Principal Psychologist in Dumfries, is working as a guidance counsellor/psychologist on exchange for the year 2005 in Queensland, Australia.

Professor Leo B. Hendry, Emeritus Professor, University of Aberdeen, has taken up a part-time post as Professor of Psychology at the University of Glamorgan, Wales.

Dr Sarbjit S. Johal has taken up a health/clinical psychologist post with Taranaki District Health Board in New Plymouth, New Zealand.

Professor Georgios Piperopoulos, Chairman of the Department of Business Administration, University of Macedonia, Salonica Greece was appointed by the Greek Secretary of Health as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the newly created National Observatory for handicapped persons of Greece for a three-year term commencing January 2005.

SELECTED NEWS FROM THE BOARDS

Board of Trustees (14 January 2005)

- *Branches.* Branches Forum had accepted the proposed solution regarding Branch subventions for 2005 in that Branches use some of their reserves to contribute to their subventions to fund activities in 2005.
- *Honorary Treasurer.* As a result of interviews, Professor Ken Brown is to be recommended as Honorary Treasurer to the Annual General Meeting.
- *Chair of the Research Board.* Professor Martin Conway is to be recommended as the next chair of the Research Board 2006–2009.
- *Board membership.* The chairs of boards are to ensure that vacancies for ordinary members of the boards are filled via co-options. The timing of the 'Call for Nominations for Ordinary Members of the Boards' would be changed so as to avoid December holidays.
- *Educational psychologists.* A letter had been sent over the President's name to the Ruth Kelly, Secretary of State for Education and Skills to request an urgent meeting to discuss short-term arrangements to ensure the continuing supply of qualified educational psychologists, pending the completion of work on the new entry training route for the profession.
- *Charity Commission.* New guidance on paying Trustees had been issued from the Charity Commission and would be considered at the next meeting.
- *Conduct committee.* Decisions will be published on the website, and over time the site will include all decisions made since the Society began to hold open hearings in 2000. The Investigatory Committee and Ethics Committee will be identifying themes for 'Ethics Columns' with the view to the first column being published in the April issue of *The Psychologist*.
- *Statutory regulation.* A risk analysis of the impact on staff will be considered by the Risk Audit and Management Committee at its next meeting.
- *Subscriptions.* Members will be asked to vote on a proposal to vest the Trustees with the power to increase member subscriptions.
- *Publications and communications.* A review report on the work of the Publications and Communications Board and Directorate was accepted. Similar reports are to be produced for all of the boards and will be used for Trustee and new chairs of boards induction.

A full report is available via the members' section of the website at www.bps.org.uk.

DEADLINE

Copy deadline for Society contributions is **1 April** for the May issue

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Ordinary Member

The Board of Examiners in Forensic Psychology consists of individuals who represent the broad training and applied community of forensic psychologists. It meets to approve the award of the Diploma/Certificate in Forensic Psychology for candidates and to deal with procedural issues.

The Board would welcome statements of interest from Chartered Forensic Psychologists who would be willing to serve as an ordinary member of the Board. The appointment is made for a three-year term and the Board meets twice yearly. This position does not attract payment although, in accordance with the Society's policy, travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed.

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES listed by deadline

1 March 2005

Cure Autism Now Foundation. Treatment Related Study Awards. To develop effective therapies to treat both core and domain specific features of autism. Tel: 00 1 323 549 0500; e-mail: info@cureautismnow.org

ESRC/ MRC. Interdisciplinary Research Studentships. Contact: Katie Powell. E-mail: katie.powell@esrc.ac.uk; website: www.esrc.ac.uk

ESRC/ MRC Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Fellowships. Contact: Katie Powell. E-mail: katie.powell@esrc.ac.uk; website: www.esrc.ac.uk

Experimental Psychology Society. Grants for Study Visits. For postgraduate and postdoctoral research in experimental psychology. Contact: Professor Gerry Altmann. E-mail: g.altmann@psych.ork.ac.uk

National Alliance Research Schizophrenia & Depression. Independent Investigator Award. Tel: 00 1 516 829 5576; e-mail: info@narsad.org

Royal Society. Conference Grants Scheme. Contact: Fabio Casula. Tel: 020 7451 2559

11 March 2005

APA. Large Research Grants. Tel: 00 1 202 336 5500; e-mail: executiveoffice@apa.org; website: www.apa.org

15 March 2005

APA. Award for Exceptional Contributions to Consulting Organisational Psychology. Candidates must be members of the APA. Tel: 00 1 202 336 5500; e-mail: executiveoffice@apa.org; website: www.apa.org

18 March 2005

Fulbright Commission. Cancer Research Fellowship and Distinguished Scholar Award. Contact: Programme Director. Tel: 020 7404 6994; e-mail: education@fulbright.co.uk; website: www.fulbright.co.uk

open date schemes

See January issue.

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 tinyurl.com/4fmx4

If you are a grant-awarding body, please e-mail Lisa Morrison Coulthard (lismor@bps.org.uk) with details of your scheme for inclusion in this column.

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH

Cultural Diversity Workshop
15 March 2005, Allesley Hotel,
Birmingham Road, Allesley, nr
Coventry, 10am–4pm

If you would like to attend, please contact Lynn Hartshorn, DCP Subsystems Administrator before 4 March 2005 on 0116 252 9529 or contact Cathleen Taylor, DCP Subsystems Secretary on 0116 252 9548.

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – FACULTY FOR EATING DISORDERS

Meeting

Service development and arising issues. Thursday 5 May 2005 in Room DGI 17, Littlemore Hospital, Sandford Road, Littlemore, Oxford.

Speakers: Glenn Waller (St George's Hospital, London); Martin Carroll (Surrey Hants Borders); Christa Schreiber-Kounine (STEPS Bristol); and Alex Willner & Eric Johnson-Sabine (St Anne's Hospital, London).

Free to all FED members. Non-members £10.

Canteen available for lunch.

All enquiries to Nicky Boughton. Tel: 01865 226988; e-mail: nicky.boughton@oxmhrc-tr.nhs.uk

PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN SECTION

Postgraduate Prize 2005

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 make an original contribution to the psychology of women. Submissions must not have been published previously, and should be relevant to 'Gender and Sexualities in Psychology'. This may include one of the following themes:

Health, Relationships, Masculinities.

There are a number of prizes on offer including: A £200 cash prize; a two-year subscription to *POWS Review*; a two-year subscription to *Feminism and Psychology*; the opportunity to present your prize-winning research at the 2005 POWS Conference, where the Postgraduate Prize will be awarded (conference registration fees will be waived. POWS will reimburse your travel expenses within the UK); and publication of your submission in *POWS Review* (subject to the normal peer review process).

Who is eligible?

Current postgraduate students and those who have submitted their

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Standing Committee for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities (SCPEO) has responsibility implementing the Society's equal opportunities policy. Vacancies are pending. Are you:

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

We welcome expressions of interest for all membership grades within the Society.

If you would like more information before completing a statement of interest form, please contact us. We can put you in touch with current committee members who are happy to answer questions and share their experience of SCPEO activities.

Information packs including statement of interest forms are available from Felicity Hector on 0116 252 9507 or felhec@bps.org.uk.

Deadline for returning statements of interest is Friday 15 April 2005.

Appointments to this committee are made by the Board of Trustees.

MEETING DATES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 1 April 2005

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Friday 18 March 2005 (Leicester)

Friday 6 May 2005 (London)

Friday 24 June 2005 (Leicester)

Friday 16 September 2005 (Leicester)

Thursday 27 October 2005 (London)

Friday 9 December 2005 (London)

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday 7 May 2005

Friday 28 October 2005

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

Tuesday 5 April 2005

Tuesday 7 June 2005

Friday 9 September 2005

Tuesday 15 November 2005

RESEARCH BOARD

Wednesday 30 March 2005 (followed by Spearman Medal Committee)

Thursday 23 June 2005 (followed by

Presidents' Award Committee)

Friday 21 October 2005 (followed by

Visiting Psychologists Committee)

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING BOARD

Friday 17 June 2005

Friday 16 September 2005 (to be rescheduled)

Friday 4 November 2005

PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD

Thursday 10 March 2005

Thursday 30 June 2005

Thursday 29 September 2005

Wednesday 30 November 2005

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Thursday 31 March 2005

Friday 8 July 2005

Friday 30 September 2005

Thursday 8 December 2005

FELLOWSHIPS COMMITTEE

Thursday 19 May 2005

Friday 30 September 2005

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BOARD

Tuesday 15 March 2005 (OGM)

Tuesday 18 October 2005 (AGM)

GRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Thursday 3 March 2005

Wednesday 27 April 2005

Thursday 23 June 2005

Thursday 8 September 2005

Thursday 10 November 2005

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday 14 April 2005

Thursday 9 June 2005

Thursday 1 September 2005

Thursday 3 November 2005

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday 17 March 2005

Monday 6 June 2005

Thursday 22 September 2005

THE PSYCHOLOGIST POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday 13 May 2005

Friday 28 October 2005

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Thursday 10 March 2005

Thursday 9 June 2005

Wednesday 20 July 2005

Wednesday 28 September 2005

Thursday 1 December 2005

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Wednesday 2 March 2005

Tuesday 21 June 2005

Thursday 15 September 2005

Thursday 8 December 2005

FUTURE SOCIETY CONFERENCES, ETC.

Annual Conference –

30 March–2 April 2005

thesis or dissertation within the last 12 months. Submissions are welcomed from students researching all areas of psychology, health and social science.

How to enter

(1) You need to submit a short abstract (max 250 words) or your article by 15 April 2005. (2) Feedback on your abstract will be given by 2 May. (3) Subject to acceptance of the abstract, the deadline for submission of the full article will be the 20 May. Please submit four copies of the abstract and (if and once accepted) four copies of the article. All abstracts and completed articles will be reviewed by three members of POWS, as well as from one expert in your research area. (4) The winner of the prize will be notified by 13 June and the prize will be awarded at the POWS Conference 6–8 July.

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 about the POWS Prize 2005.

Annual Conference

STOP PRESS... Put this date in your diary – POWS Conference 2005: 6–8 July, Huddersfield.

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – FACULTY OF ADDICTION

'Working with hepatitis C: Varying perspectives on testing, prevention and treatment issues'

CPD event, Thursday 17 March 2005 at the BPS office, 33 John Street, London.

If you would like to attend, please contact Lynn Hartshorn, DCP Subsystems Administrator before 4 March 2005 on 0116 252 9529 or contact Cathleen Taylor, DCP

Subsystems Secretary on 0116 252 9548.

DIVISION FOR TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held during the BPS Quinquennial Conference at the University of Manchester. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 30 March 2005 starting at 12.30pm, in the Renold Building in Meeting Room G2.

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.

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

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – FACULTY OF SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV

Spring Conference – 25 April 2005

A one-day symposium with conference summaries, presentations and discussions to be held at the Woolfson Lecture Theatre at St Mary's Hospital, London.

Feedback from AIDS Impact

Conference, Cape Town, 2005, and HIV Treatment Dilemmas

Fees are £40 for Faculty members, £50 for non-members, and £15 for trainees.

For further details please contact Liz Shaw on 020 8442 6464 or e-mail: Elizabeth.Shaw@beh-mht.nhs.uk.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

Programme of events 2005

11 March

Exploring the Application of Qualitative Approaches in Psychology – Room G48, School of Psychology, Queen's University Belfast. 9.30am–4.30pm

8–10 April

All Ireland Student Congress, Queen's University Belfast

22–24 April

Annual Conference, Comfort Hotel, Portrush, Co Antrim

For registration forms/further information on the above events please contact Anne Kerr on 028 9097 4129 or n.ireland@bps.org.uk.

SPECIAL GROUP IN COACHING PSYCHOLOGY

Important notice

Founder membership of the Special Group in Coaching Psychology continues to be available to all BPS members until 31 March 2005.

Join as a founder member and let us support your continuing

Award for Promoting Equality of Opportunity – Call for nominations

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Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Psychology – Call for nominations

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Vacation Scholarship Award – Proposals invited

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professional development in coaching psychology and related fields.

See the BPS Website (www.bps.org.uk) to download a form for founder membership or contact the BPS Subsystems Department on 0116 254 9568 or e-mail: subsystems@bps.org.uk.

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Test Users Conference 2005 'Occupational testing throughout the employee lifecycle'

25–26 May 2005, Peterborough Moat House

The keynote speakers will be: John Mahoney-Phillips (Global Head of Human Capital Performance UBS); Mark Powell (Global Head of Assessment UBS); Stevan Rolls, (National Director of Resourcing, Ernst & Young).

For more details see www.bps.org.uk, conferences and

events, or contact the BPS conference office in Leicester: E-mail: conferences@bps.org.uk; tel: 0116 252 9555; fax: 0116 255 7123.

DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

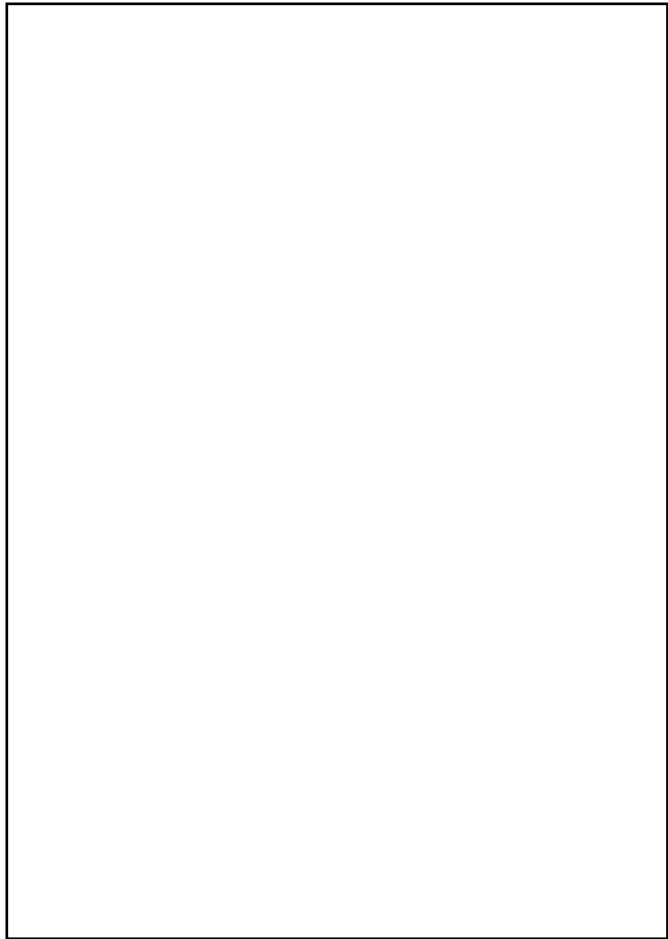
2005 Annual Conference 'Health Psychology Across the Lifespan'

7–9 September, Coventry University

The deadline for abstract submissions for this conference has now passed. However there is a late poster deadline of 3 June 2005 and poster submissions are very welcome.

The keynote speakers will be: Professors Neil Weinstein (Rutgers University), Beth Adler (Napier University) and Paschal Sheeran (University of Sheffield).

For more details see www.dhp2005.org.uk or contact the BPS conference office in Leicester: E-mail: DHP2005@bps.org.uk; tel: 0116 252 9555; fax: 0116 255 7123.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2005

The AGM of the Society will be held on **Friday 1 April 2005 during the Annual Conference** at 6.10pm in the Renold Theatre, The University of Manchester, Renold Building, Sackville Street, Manchester M60 1QD.

The Open Meeting will commence immediately after the AGM. (Please see special notes below.)

Professor Ann Colley, Honorary General Secretary

OPEN MEETING and COMMUNICATING WITH YOU – THE MEMBERS

Members are actively encouraged to attend the Open Meeting. This year it will be held on Friday 1 April 2005 immediately following the AGM (see above).

The Open Meeting is one of the opportunities for members to ask questions, raise issues and stimulate topics for discussion with and for consideration by the Trustees.

Informal notes of last year's meeting are available from the chief executive's office.

In order for the meeting to be structured, please submit your questions in advance. The deadline for questions to be received is 3pm Thursday 31 March 2005. Please send your questions to me by e-mail: aoc@leicester.ac.uk, or in writing, or by completing slips provided around the Annual Conference venue. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the meeting.

Professor Ann Colley, Honorary General Secretary