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The Society has offices in Belfast, Cardiff, Glasgow and London, as well as the main office in Leicester. All enquiries should be addressed to the Leicester office (see contents page for address).

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.

Honorary Fellowships

A HUSBAND and wife team – who have been pioneers in the fields of learning disability and human resilience – have been awarded Honorary Fellowships by the Society.

Alan and Anne Clarke were bestowed with the honour at the Society's Annual Conference, along with Professor Hannah Steinberg, a psychologist who helped lay the foundations for the study of how psychoactive drugs act on the mind.

Mr and Mrs Clarke spent a large part of their careers in Hull, with Alan spending 30 years at the city's university, although they began their partnership more than 50 years ago, having met as undergraduates and worked on their PhDs together.

It was frowned upon for married couples to take up academic posts in the same institution, so they moved to the Manor Hospital in Epsom where they helped many people with learning difficulties who

had been compulsorily detained because of their perceived 'intellectual inadequacies'.

They showed that frequently these people did not have innate shortcomings; instead their intellect had been affected by dire childhoods. With stimulation, support and activity, many made startling improvements and many went on to find employment.

In 1962 the Clarks moved to Hull, where Alan took up the Chair of Psychology before going on to become pro-vice-chancellor. Ann was awarded a Personal Chair, the first woman to be so awarded in the university, in 1985 in the Department of Education. They are both still Emeritus Professors at the University of Hull.

Through their research and publications, they brought a shift in the way learning disability was viewed, making it less of a medical condition. They also challenged the view that a person's future is determined by their early years

in their book *Early Experience: Myth and Evidence*.

Alan was often the 'public face' of the partnership but those who know them have no doubt they are a team. Their final book *Human Resilience: A Fifty-year Quest* came out in 2003.

Professor Steinberg began her career at what is now University College London. Her earliest experiments were with laughing gas, and she discovered the substance impaired mental abilities – but had the same effect on improving memory as sleep.

She went on to research what happens when drugs are combined, and discovered that using a drug with a traditionally 'opposite' effect could enhance another when given in the right dose or combination.

In recent years she studied how endorphins can raise mood and helped to set up the Society's Sport and Exercise Section. Her work helped elevate this subsystem to a Division and thus a recognised training route for psychologists.

She began her career with a first class honours degree in psychology at University College in 1948, followed by her PhD in 1953. In 1992 she became Emeritus Professor at University College and embarked on a new career at Middlesex University, where much of her work on sport and exercise research was carried out. She has published or edited some 200 research papers, reports and book chapters.

She became a member of the Society in 1954 and took on a host of roles, including editor of the in-house magazine *The Bulletin* and Honorary Secretary of the Sport and Exercise Section.

NHS PSYCHOLOGY POSTS

A letter drafted on behalf of the Society's Professional Practice Board has been widely disseminated, with the aim of clarifying the naming of psychology posts advertised in the NHS, encouraging thinking about competencies, and reducing the scope for discrimination on the basis of ignorance of the competencies of others. The letter's authors – Martin Crawshaw (Chair, Professional Practice Board) and Peter Kinderman (Chair, Standing Committee for Psychologists in Health and Social Care) – argue that, given, the overlap in the skills of psychologists representing the different applied Divisions of the Society, posts in the NHS and other areas of health and social care 'should be advertised appropriately. This may best be achieved through phrases such as "Clinical or Counselling Psychologist" or "Forensic and/or Clinical Psychologist" or "Health or Clinical Psychologist". The use of competencies will differentiate between those posts which may be more appropriate for one branch of the profession rather than another, without excluding potential candidates on the basis of an adjectival title.'

A full copy of the letter can be found at www.bps.org.uk/ppb.

Book Award 2007

THIS year's British Psychological Society Book Award has been given to Dr Andy Field from the University of Sussex for his new edition of *Discovering Statistics Using SPSS*.

The 816-page book has a five-star rating on many internet bookshops and was described by Professor Graham Davey as 'the only statistics text in which you can learn about complex things like multiple regression and logistic regression while at the same time answering bizarre questions such as: When people attend rock festivals does their smell get worse?'

The book, published by Sage in March 2005, is said to provide everything students need to understand, use and report statistics at every level and comes with a CD-ROM. It revises the successful first edition (2000) with new material on statistics and analysis, more student-friendly features, such as a glossary, a larger format and online support for lecturers and students.

A review in the *British Journal of Educational Psychology* also called the publication 'extremely enjoyable' and referred to Andy's style as 'refreshingly light and encouraging, not the hallowed ground and hushed tones I have come to expect from many statistic texts'.

Dr Field said: 'When I wrote the first edition all I really wanted to do was write the kind of stats book that I would enjoy reading. I just thought if I had a reference book that had a few examples in it that amused me, then it

would make life easier when I needed to look something up.

'I have done a huge update for the second edition – 300 pages compared to the 50 pages that the publishers actually wanted me to write – and seeing some people appreciated the style of the first edition I

took it as a green light to include even more stupid examples, more smut and more bad taste. In short, lots more sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. I was hugely anxious that I'd stuffed it all up by changing it!'



Andy Field

Dr Field has already been recognised for making statistics accessible with a teaching award from his university in 2001, and the Society's teaching award in 2005. He has taught aspects of and research methodology and statistics (along with clinical psychology) since starting his DPhil in psychology at the University of Sussex.

After completing his DPhil he became a Research Fellow and Post-doctoral Research Fellow at the University of Sussex. In 1997 he became a statistician at Princess Royal Hospital before becoming a lecturer at the University of London in 1998. In 2000 he moved back to Sussex as lecturer. He took up his current post as Reader in 2006.

Accepting the accolade, Dr Field said: 'I thought the BPS only awarded this prize to proper books, so I'm delighted that they have lowered their standards for a year. It is an enormous privilege to get an award for the piece of work that is closest to my heart. It's hugely motivating for writing the third edition, which I'm about to start doing.'

FROM THE POLICY SUPPORT UNIT

www.bps.org.uk/consult

Important PSU news this month concerns the launch of our redesigned web pages (see above for address). Key changes include:

- better search facilities, allowing for consultations to be searched according to keyword and/or consulting body as well as by status (active/completed), year and region;
- the option to read or download consultation papers;
- the facility for us to include reports from consulting bodies about the outcomes of consultations allowing members to see the impact made by the Society's responses.

The Society responded to 36 external consultations in the first quarter of 2007. In April, the proposals put forward in a number of consultations prompted concern among members.

In their response to the Review of the Teaching Funding Method carried out by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), the Joint Council for Psychology in Higher Education (JCPHE) criticised the TRAC(T) methodology used for benchmarking the costs of teaching for its failure to accurately, or usefully, identify 'true' or appropriate costs of teaching. JCPHE recommended that a greater emphasis be placed on the maintenance of high standards – the value of teaching – and the calibration of costs to achieve these standards rather than vice versa.

The Northern Ireland Branch expressed disappointment at the Department of Education for Northern Ireland's failure to build cross-community contacts more forcefully into its Policy for Sustainable Schools.

A response prepared by members of the Psychology of Women Section, the Division of Counselling Psychology and the Division of Forensic Psychology to a second Northern Ireland consultation, Hidden Crimes Secret Pain (put forward by the Department for Health, Social Services and Personal Safety), emphasised the need for the issue of abuse and physical safety to be located as a community, rather than an individual, concern. It also highlighted the importance of critically reflecting on the content and implementation method of initiatives for sexual violence prevention to ensure that problematic ideas, practices and stereotypes concerning sexual violence are not inadvertently reinforced.

The National Occupational Standards (NOS) Steering Committee and the Division of Clinical Psychology's Professional Standards Unit drew attention to three major flaws in ENTO's consultation on NOS for Counselling. First, a serious conceptual problem at the heart of the draft standards which failed to make clear whether they were intended to cover just counselling or the whole of psychological therapies; second, a lack of clear structure or model underlying the standards, resulting in all standards seeming to have equal importance; and third, an inappropriate attempt to present a set of generic standards assumed to cover the whole range of activity across all client groups.

□ Contact the Policy Support Unit on 0116 252 9926, psu@bps.org.uk.

DEADLINE

Deadline for Society contributions is **29 June** for the August issue

SUBSYSTEM NOTICES

PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN SECTION

Annual Conference 2007

18–20 July 2007, Cumberland Lodge, Windsor

Keynote speakers include feminist academics from the UK and abroad, including Professor Lynne Segal (Birkbeck College, London), Professor Paula Nicolson (Royal Holloway, University of London), Professor Janice Haaken (Portland State University, Oregon, USA), Professor Leonore Tiefer (New York University, School of Medicine)

The annual conference covers a wide range of issues including: gender, mental health, women's health, feminist theory, masculinity, sexuality, qualitative methodologies, disability, ethnicity, and racism. Contributions include papers,

symposia, posters and workshops. The conference themes for this year are: 'Memory', 'History' and 'Celebrating feminisms'.

For further information and details about registration see www.bps.org.uk/powsconf2007 or call Mandy Lindsay at the Conference Office (0116 252 9555, powsconference@bps.org.uk).

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

DCP Annual Conference

Congress Centre, London, 13–14 December 2007

Keynote speakers: Professor David Alexander, Director, Aberdeen Centre for Trauma Research; Professor Simon Baron-Cohen, Director, Autism Research Centre; Baroness Susan Greenfield CBE,

University of Oxford; Professor G. Alan Marlatt, Director, Addictive Behaviours Research Centre.

Call for submissions open.

Registration open.

See www.dpcconference.co.uk; e-mail: dpcconf@bps.org.uk; or tel: 0116 252 9555.

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SECTION

54th Social Psychology Section Conference 'Groups, Politics and Organizations'

5–7 September 2007, Department of Psychology, University of Kent
Kent 2007 will offer an opportunity for social psychologists to present their diverse theoretical and methodological approaches to 'Groups, Politics & Organizations'. The conference will provide a platform to link theoretical and applied social psychology.

Keynote speakers: Marilyn Brewer, Ohio State University; Robin Martin, Aston Business School

Further details from the conference website: www.socialpsychology.org.uk.

SPECIAL GROUP IN COACHING PSYCHOLOGY

2007 Event Programme

21 June, one day, BPS London office: 'Solution focused coaching in coaching psychology: Solutions focus is what it says on the tin', facilitated by Carey Glass CPsychol.

30 July, half-day, The Scots Club, Edinburgh: 'Using cognitive, imaginal and relaxation techniques in health coaching: A skills-based workshop', facilitated by Professor Stephen Palmer CPsychol, CSci.

11 September, one day, BPS London office: 'Researching Personal Coaching Relationships: Analysis of Qualitative Data' facilitated by Dr Lisa Matthewman CPsychol and 'An Introduction to Using Appreciative

Enquiry in Coaching Psychology', facilitated by Indrani Choudhury CPsychol.

For registration information and further details about these events see the 'News Page' of the SGCP website: www.sgcp.org.uk. For booking information contact Tracy White: tracy@virtuallyorganised.com.

3rd Annual Coaching Psychology Conference

17–18 December 2007, City University, London

A 'not to be missed event', offering an exciting and topical conference examining the latest theory and practice in coaching psychology with keynote papers, full-day masterclasses, research and case study presentations, skills-based sessions and round-table discussions. The programme will be delivered by national and international leaders in the field. Keynote speakers will include: Dr Tony Grant, Dr Carol Kaufmann and Sir John Whitmore.

Further details of the SGCP 2007 Event Programme will soon be announced on the 'News Page' of the SGCP website.

PSYCHOBIOLOGY SECTION

Psychobiology Section Annual Scientific Meeting 2007

3–5 September 2007, Low Wood Hotel, Windermere

For more details visit www.bps.org.uk/psybio/psybio_home.cfm.

DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

DHP Annual Conference 2007

12–14 September, Institute of Work, Health & Organisations, University of Nottingham

Abstract submissions are welcomed by 7 June 2007.

This year's keynote speakers are:

Welcoming A-level students

STUDENTS studying for A-level and Scottish Higher psychology are now welcome to join the Society, receiving a range of benefits for just £20.

The benefits of student membership include receiving *The Psychologist* each month and becoming members of the Student Members Group (SMG). The SMG has its own quarterly publication, *Psych-Talk*, which is targeted specifically at students and contains useful careers features. Students members automatically become members of their local Branch and get reduced rates for a range of Society events. They can also subscribe to journals at a discounted rate and have access to Europe's largest psychology library, housed in the University of London.

Membership of the Society was previously only open to undergraduate psychology students or those undertaking conversion courses.

The annual subscription fee is just £20 for those who do not earn a taxable salary. Application forms are available at www.bps.org.uk/student.

YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU

Vacancy

Person specification

Information (closing date)

Professional Conduct Board – Members

Applicants must be Fellows or Associate Fellows of the Society and must have a clear disciplinary history. Previous involvement with the Society in a senior capacity, for example as the Chair of a Board, would be an advantage

Regulatory Affairs Team – 0116 254 9568, conduct@bps.org.uk (1 July)
See advert on p.338 of this issue.

Professor Alan Christensen, University of Iowa; Professor Mark Conner, University of Leeds; Professor Susan Michie, University College London; Professor Jane Ogden, University of Surrey.

A draft programme, registration form and accommodation details are available from the conference website or e-mail dhpconference@bps.org.uk. For lower rates, register before 31 July 2007. Student bursaries are available; send applications to Dr Daryl O'Connor, Chair of the DHP. See conference website.

DCP – FACULTY FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (CYP)

Annual Conference 2007
17–18 September 2007, Trinity & All Saints, Horsforth, Leeds

Speakers already confirmed: Dan Hughes, David Trickey, Lynette Rentouil, Tim Cate, David Lucey, Crispin Day & Hannah Connell

Programme highlights include: Legal issues, Trauma, Workforce developments and attachment, New Ways of Working, Pain management, and many more.

The event will run by way of a comprehensive timetable of keynote speakers, workshops and seminars.

For further details, please visit our website www.bps.org.uk/cyp2007, e-mail cypconf@bps.org.uk or telephone 0116 252 9555.

WEST MIDLANDS BRANCH

Life Coaching in the Workplace: Passing Fad or Delivering its Promise

Monday 18 June 2007, 9.30am–4pm, Pavilion, Moor Lane, Birmingham B6 7AA

BPS members £90, non-members £110, students £40

For further information contact Debbie Colley, Room G234, UCE

Birmingham Business School, Perry Barr, Birmingham B42 2SU. Tel: 0121 331 5297; fax: 0121 331 6366; e-mail: debbie.colley@uce.ac.uk or clinton.bantock@uce.ac.uk.

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Learning a Living Masterclass and Workshop Programme Highlights for June and July 2007:

Masterclass

31 October – Safety and Organisations

Workshops

14 June – Communicating Change in Organisations

28 June – Designing & Delivering Diversity Training as a Change Intervention

5 July – Organisational Coaching: Advanced Skills Workshop

26 July – Strengths & Psychological Fitness at Work

For further details and the full programme, please visit the website: www.bps.org.uk/events/dopws07 or contact Kerry Wood or Samantha Smith on 0116 252 9555 or e-mail: dopworkshops@bps.org.uk.

Book early to avoid disappointment, as places are limited.

DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY – PSIGE

National PSIGE Conference 2007

'Everybody's Ageing: Challenges and Opportunities', 4–6 July, University of Nottingham Jubilee Campus

Keynote speakers: Professor Germaine Greer: 'A license to grieve'; Professor Mike Nolan: 'Developing better services for older people and their carers: Towards relationship-centred care'

For all information go to www.bps.org.uk/psige2007.

SELECTED NEWS FROM THE BOARDS

Publications & Communications Board (20 March 2007)

- *BPS Blackwell*: The Chair reported on the recent merger of Blackwell and John Wiley. The name of the merged company is to be Wiley Blackwell, and the merged company is very keen to continue the collaboration with the Society. It is not expected that the name BPS Blackwell will change.
- *Public engagement grants*: The deadline for has been moved to 18 July 2007 to give applicants more time to source joint funding and to prepare their case. The criteria for grants have changed considerably, with the emphasis now being on projects that produce sustainable resources. The upper limit on grants has also been removed, within the overall budget of £14,000.
- *Top Santé*: The first supplement – Happy New You – was published with the April edition of the magazine. The Board discussed the supplement at length and came up with a number of suggestions for the editorial team to take back to their next meeting.
- *Redesign of The Psychologist*: The current designer was selected from a field of three to carry out the redesign. Discussions are still under way, with the redesign due to go live in January 2008.
- *Journals*: A model for charging a reduced amount for online only versions of journals is to be looked into by Journals Committee.
- *London office*: Internal marketing has been so successful that there is little spare meeting room capacity for external use; however, marketing efforts continue on what capacity is available.

Professional Practice Board (2–3 April 2007)

- *Expert witnesses and disclosure of psychometric tests*: The PTC Manager reported that there have been some recent developments concerning the case where a Psychologist had acted in accordance with the Society's guidelines regarding the disclosure of test data and materials in an open court. There had been contact with the Society solicitors and a meeting is due to take place shortly with them for guidance.

Harmonisation: A brief report of the meeting had been given to the Trustees.

They had reacted favourably to the areas of existing and increasing harmonisation that had been identified. The idea of a single Board of Examiners/Postgraduate Training Committee possibly being created was well received. The suggestion that there was room for further harmonisation at the level of subsystem strategic planning had also been well received.

NWWAP Joint Working Group: Work on the New Ways of Working for Applied Psychology report was also continuing. The first draft should be completed by the end of March 2007. This will then be worked on by Tony Lavender and Roslyn Hope in April.

Understanding Personality Disorder Conference: The event was linked to the Understanding Personality Disorder report published in 2006. It will take place in Manchester on 8 June, at New Century House. The venue has been booked for 150 attendees.

NWWAP: The launch conference for the New Ways of Working for Applied Psychologists will be held at the Walkers Stadium in Leicester on Friday 20 July 2007. Issues to be covered included: Training models, Improving access to psychological therapies, Leadership, Team working, New roles, Mental health legislation and Career pathways. The conference fee will be £65 (See www.bps.org.uk/ppb).

EQUALITY AWARD DEADLINE EXTENDED

The closing date for nominations for this year's Award for Promoting Equality of Opportunity has been extended to 3 August 2007.

See the advertisement on p.194 of the April issue for more details, or call 0116 254 9569.