

EHPS 2012

# "Meet the Expert" 2012 at the 26th Annual Conference of the EHPS in Prague

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We are excited to announce this year's "Meet the Expert" sessions at the Health Psychology Conference in Prague.

These pre-conference sessions provide a great opportunity to promote research facilitation and interaction. We are hoping to approach especially young researchers and early career scientists to grab this unique chance to discuss and get advice on their research ideas from experts in the field in a friendly and relaxed environment.

This year's group of experts are established research leaders with numerous scientific publications and an outstanding record as academic teachers in health psychology. The following four experts have kindly agreed to facilitate this event: Profs., **Carol D. Ryff** (USA), **Kavita Vedhara** (UK), **Charles Abraham** (UK), and **Johan K. L. Denollet** (Netherlands). Their specific areas of interest are the following:

### Professor Carol D. Ryff (University Wisconsin-Madison, USA)

- psychological well-being and its multidimensional assessment
- mechanisms and pathways through which well-being may confer against illness and disease
- variation of psychological well-being by age, gender, socioeconomic status, ethnic/minority status, and cultural context as well as by the experiences, challenges, and transitions individuals confront as they age

### Professor Kavita Vedhara (University of Nottingham, UK)

- experimental and applied research into the

- diverse ways psychological factors influence health and disease outcomes
- development of psychological interventions
- psychoneuroimmunology and chronic disease

### Professor Charles Abraham (Peninsula College of Medicine & Dentistry, UK)

- development and evaluation of behaviour change interventions
- modelling motivational and volitional processes that regulate action
- health-related behaviours, for example preventive actions, patient help-seeking, or patient assessment

### Professor Johan K. L. Denollet (Tilburg University, the Netherlands)

- psychological factors and the development and progression of cardiovascular diseases
- observational studies in medical settings, intervention research in cardiology, psychoneuroimmunological research
- validation of patient reported outcome measures

### The above key scientists are willing to pass on their knowledge and experience and will try to:

- assist young researchers plan a research project.
- provide young scientists with information and resources relevant to the needs of their current research work. Participants may be provided with useful materials and tools, as well as advice concerning the overcoming of specific obstacles they may be facing.

- provide young researchers with ideas about collaborations and networking opportunities.
- provide guidance for publishing in scientific journals.

The consultation sessions will be 30-minutes long and either one-on-one or in small groups. They take place in the afternoon of the first conference day, **Tuesday, 21st August, 2012** at Diplomat Hotel (Conference venue) Prague, Czech Republic. Participants are asked to send in some information about themselves and their study and prepare some questions in advance. This would help the experts prepare for and make best use of the sessions.

Feedback from last years showed that these sessions substantially exceed participants' expectations. They found the sessions to be extremely useful, of high quality and ideal length.

Feedback from previous meet the expert sessions:

*"Absolutely great talk with an amazing atmosphere ..."*

*"...extremely valuable opportunity for young researchers... hope it goes on with more and more experts continuing to donate their valuable time to such a worthwhile course ..."*

*"My expert was very generous and helped me plan my research"*

*"Although it was a group session, I had the time to answer all the questions I had, and it was nice to meet others with common interests."*

### **Registration deadline: 29th June 2012**

For the application form see:

[www.ehps2012prague.com/meet-the-expert-2012.htm](http://www.ehps2012prague.com/meet-the-expert-2012.htm)

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We invite applicants from a wide range of countries and research backgrounds. Priority will be given to EHPS members and student members. We will inform you of the outcome by 20th July.

*On behalf of the EHPS Executive Committee,  
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Organizing Team* ■