

# Editorial

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*Dear Readers,*

Welcome to the conference issue of the European Health Psychologist (EHP), which most of you will be reading in Bordeaux, France during the 27th European Health Psychology Conference. This year's conference focuses on Well-being, Quality of Life & Caregiving; a topic in the heart of contemporary debates in medical, social, and professional fields. Besides the general interest of this theme, it is also very representative

of some major issues in health psychology (e.g., adjustment to chronic diseases).

We are particularly pleased with the contribution of three keynote speakers in this issue. First, Professor Mark Connor (University of Leeds, UK) provides insight into the role of (anticipated) affect in health behaviours. Second, Professor Crystal L. Park (University of Connecticut, US) discusses a framework for understanding meaning, spirituality, and stress-related growth in health psychology. Last, Professor Stan Maes (Leiden University, The Netherlands) pleads that the relevance of the concept of quality of (working) life can be

increased by a sound theoretical background and the development of valid and reliable measures. These contributions clearly reflect the diversity of work in health psychology and are highly relevant to the conference theme.

We would also like to mention that we intend to step down as editors by the end of 2013. Dr. Anthony Montgomery (University of Macedonia, Greece) will be one of the new editors. Additionally, Dr. Richard Cooke will leave the EHP—we would like to thank him for his two years as a co-editor. We will use this year's conference to talk to potential successors, so let us know if you are interested to join the editorial board. Also our editorial manager, Natalie Schüz, will step down. We thank her very much for all the efforts throughout the years; she really has taken the EHP to the next level. We welcome proposals and recommendations for new editors, editorial board members, and an editorial manager.

On behalf of the editorial board of the EHP, we wish you an inspiring conference and marvellous stay in Bordeaux!

**Rik Crutzen and Emely de Vet, Editors**