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President's message

Dear Colleagues,

This year in Galway

With 631 delegates, the Annual Conference in Galway, Ireland was our biggest conference with EHPS as sole organiser. It attracted delegates from all over the world, including the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Taiwan, Tanzania and South Africa. The scientific programme and the warmth of welcome lived up to our high expectations, thanks to outstanding organisation by both the Scientific Committee (chaired by Prof. Hannah McGee) and the Galway conference team (led by Prof. Ruth Curtis). I would like to extend a big thank-you to all concerned.

EHPS Publications: Health Psychology Review

Following the continued success of *Psychology and Health* (Impact Factor now 1.7), the EHPS Publications sub-committee has worked with Taylor and Francis, our publishing partners, to develop a second journal, *Health Psychology Review*. This will be the first Review journal in health psychology, and will complement *Psychology and Health* with in-depth, cutting-edge reviews of relevant topics. We are delighted to announce the appointment of a scientifically strong and editorially experienced leadership for the journal: Prof Joop van der Pligt as Editor and Profs. Denise de Ridder, Alexander Rothman and Brian Oldenburg as Associate Editors. In consultation with the Executive Committee, they are putting together a team of editorial consultants with high international scientific standing, broad geographical representation and coverage of public health, clinical, theoretical and methodological issues. The first issue will be launched in 2007.

European Health Psychologist

This year also saw the re-vamping of the EHPS Newsletter into the *European Health Psychologist*, with the first glossy issue distributed at Galway. It included fascinating reflections on the history of health psychology by Albert Bandura, Howard Leventhal, Michael Murray and Marie Johnston (available on the web). Thanks to the editors, Irina Todorova, Vera Soares and Falko Sniehotta for this important development. They welcome articles on scientific and professional issues, controversies and debates and reports of events and activities.

Psychology and Health

After six years of excellent Editorship, producing consistent increases in number and breadth of contributions and subscriptions, Paul Norman will be stepping

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down as Editor. We are now seeking a new Editor (see p. 11 for the Call for nominations and details of electoral procedure), and welcome your proposals.

Next year in Warsaw

The deservedly high reputation of our annual conferences meant that some of this year's late applicants could not be accommodated. So, the lesson for next year is Book Early! The conference will be held in Warsaw's beautiful University area next to the Old Town in the Centre of the city, from 30th August to 2nd September 2006 (full details on the EHPS website www.ehps.net). "Social Change and New Challenges for Health Psychology" is the conference theme and abstracts can be submitted from 2nd January, with the usual deadline of 14th February. Don't miss it! People will be informed about abstract acceptance by 8th May.

There will be two pre-conference workshops:

CREATE for early career researchers:

The topic is Stress, Coping and Social Support, and it will be led by Ralf Schwarzer (Germany) and Aleksandra Luszczynska (UK).

SYNERGY for advanced researchers.

The topic is "Behavioural Interventions: Bridging the Gap between Theory, Evidence and Intervention Research", and it will be facilitated by Susan Michie and Paschal Sheeran (UK) and Alexander Rothman (USA).

EHPS continues to grow in size as well as activities. The last Members' Meeting heard that membership has grown by 50% last year, although it is still very low in many European countries. The more members we have, the more events and services we can provide to you. We can send you leaflets and posters to help publicise the Society. Joining EHPS is now very easy via the web, so please encourage your colleagues to join.

We have had a very successful year, due to the hard work put in by a wide range of members, on the EC, the sub-committees and beyond. Thank you. Best wishes for the coming festive season and for a happy and successful 2006,

Susan Michie, President EHPS

EHPS Conference 2006 – Warsaw, Poland

On behalf of the Organising and Scientific Programme committees of the 20th European Health Psychology Society (EHPS) Conference 2006, the Polish Psychological Association (Health Psychology Section) and Warsaw University, I have great pleasure in welcoming you to Warsaw in Poland! For the first time the EHPS Conference will take place in Eastern Europe, which has undergone major political, economic and social transformations within the last years. That is why we have chosen the theme *Social Change and New Challenges for Health Psychology*.

Outstanding researchers and speakers have accepted our invitation to deliver keynote addresses including Prof. Stevan E. Hobfoll, Kent State University, Prof. Derek Johnston, University of Aberdeen, Prof. Maria Kopp, Semmelweis University, Prof. Ralf Schwarzer, Freie Universität Berlin, Prof. Paschal Sheeran, University of Sheffield, and Prof. Andrzej Elias, Warsaw School of Social Psychology. We have no doubt that the scientific program will be an exciting one and in tandem with it will be the opportunity to experience the social side of life in Warsaw!

With best wishes, Kaz Wrzesniewski, Chair of the Organising Committee



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