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President's message

ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

Activity increases

Membership

EHPS continues to expand in numbers and activities. At our EC Strategy meeting in London in January, we learnt that EHPS membership has grown by over 40% in the last year. The more members we have, the more we can do!

Specialist groups and meetings

More people are becoming involved in forming Interest Groups, and organising satellite workshops at our annual conference. In addition to the Occupational Health interest group established last year, we have agreed to support a Qualitative Research Interest Group, convened by Jonathan Smith, Irina Todorova and Rebecca Jacoby. We have also agreed to support a post-conference workshop on self-regulation theory, convened by Stan Maes, which may lead to an Interest Group. In addition to the CREATE and SYNERGY workshops, a team of five led by Cecile Janssens is preparing half-day pre-conference workshops.

Our journals

The new Editorial team of *Health Psychology Review* has had its first, productive meeting and plans for its launch are progressing well. Following the call for nominations for Editor of *Psychology and Health*, I am delighted to announce the result of the selection by the former Editor, a representative of EHPS and of the publishers, Taylor & Francis. Professor Lucy Yardley and Dr Rona Moss-Morris from the University of Southampton, UK, have been appointed as Co-Editors for the next term. We are extremely fortunate to have attracted such a strong team to take forward the excellent work of Dr Paul Norman.

Honouring members

As well as facilitating members to become involved in the Society, it is important to recognise the contribution and achievements of those who have been active over many years. The last Members Meeting asked Marie Johnston to convene a

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Working Party of four Past Presidents to consider this. They have produced a draft document outlining three possible models for honouring members. We would like your views in advance of the next Members Meeting; a consultation of members is planned for May.

EHPS Conference, Warsaw, 30th August to 2nd September 2006

Over 500 submissions have been received from, not only all parts of Europe, but also the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand to our next conference, "Social change and new challenges for health psychology".

Outstanding researchers and speakers will be giving keynote addresses: 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.

Make sure you register in time for the reduced "Early bird" deadline, May 28th.

CREATE and SYNERGY workshops

Both workshops promise high quality scientific interchange and development. The CREATE workshop for early career scientists, "Stress, coping, and social support", will be facilitated by Prof. Dr. Ralf Schwarzer, Dr Aleksandra Luszczynska and Professor Krys Kaniasty. The SYNERGY workshop, for advanced career scientists, "Behavioural Interventions: Bridging the Gap between Theory, Evidence and Intervention Research" will be facilitated by Professors Susan Michie, Paschal Sheeran & Alexander Rothman (application deadline March 31st).

Grants are available to encourage talented researchers and graduate students who don't have access to funding to attend the EHPS conference and/or Create or Synergy workshops (see website for details - <http://www.ehps.net>).

Elections – the Society's future

The future growth and impact of the EHPS will depend on new energy and talent in the leadership positions of the Society. Please consider nominating for the EC positions in the forthcoming elections. The sign of a healthy, democratic organisation is to have more than one person coming forward for each position, so that elections can be conducted as well as called!

I look forward to seeing many of you in Warsaw and, meanwhile, please contact me if you have any comments or suggestions about our work for the Society.

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