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President's Message

Dear EHPS Colleagues,

Since the conference in Lisbon, the Executive Committee (EC) has been focused on preparing and conducting the elections for the new EC for the 2002-2004 term. An outline of the procedures for conducting the elections, as well as the current EHPS articles and regulations which inform that procedure were sent to all current members. At this moment, we are in the process of voting for the nominees for ordinary members of the EC (the deadline is January 10).

Electing new officers is an important part of the life of a democratic society which ensures adequate representation of its membership as well as a healthy renewal of leadership. I am pleased that several EHPS members took the time and personal investment in the society to support nominations and to accept being nominated for positions in the EC and would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their investment in the future of EHPS. The EC is especially grateful to Jan Vinck and France Kittel for being the scrutineers for the election post.

I would also like to encourage members to express their intention by voting on these elections by the January 10 deadline.

Our conference in Lisbon offered an opportunity for discussion of important EHPS issues at the several business meetings, which were held: the EC meetings, the Members' meeting and the National Delegate's meeting. In general, I feel that EHPS is at a very good place at this time. The current financial stability gives us the resources to create better conditions to manage and enhance the membership and treasurer roles, such as considering the possibility of establishing an office with secretarial support, as well as supporting new initiatives, such as the organization of specialized workshops. Thanks to the good work of our Membership Officer, we have consolidated our membership base. We hope that improvements in communication with membership and new developments will stimulate further membership in the next few years. Our Journal is going strong and continues to be an important incentive for membership. Our EHPS Newsletter is receiving a "new face" with the good work of our Newsletter Editor, providing more helpful information about national initiatives and more links to Health Psychology events and publications.

A key aspect for the future of EHPS is the involvement of students and young researchers. CREATE has been an exciting initiative which has successfully attracted these key groups to EHPS and has fostered an invaluable interchange at this level. We need to find “creative” ways to involve more students and young researchers in EHPS and provide support for those who are most disadvantaged to be able to participate.

In the upcoming year, with the help of the new EC, I hope to give continuity to the work of the EHPS task force, which was created with the goal of rethinking EHPS objectives and functioning. EHPS is now a highly respected and mature organization and, as an organization, will strive to maintain quality services to its members and will periodically examine its direction and methods. I would like to invite all EHPS members to E-mail me, or other members of the EC, with their thoughts on the future development of EHPS.

One exciting initiative for next year is the annual EHPS conference on the island of Kos, Greece. Tanya has done an excellent work of preparing this event and I would encourage members to access the most current information on the conference at the EHPS web page or at www.psychology-health.gr

In this festive Season I would like to wish you all Peace and Fulfillment in the New Year.

Teresa McIntyre
EHPS President

EHPS Conferences



www.psychology-health.gr

Keynote speakers confirmed so far:

Janice Kiecolt-Glaser (USA)

Bernard Rime (Belgium)

John Weinman (UK)

Deadline for submission of abstracts:

February 14th, 2003

Deadline for reduced registration fees:

June 10th, 2003

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Dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to announce the next Conference of our Society. The EHPS and the Hellenic Institute of Psychology and Health would like to invite you to

The 17th Conference of The European Health Psychology Society

The Conference will take place in the island of Kos, Greece, September 24-27, 2003. The theme of the Conference is

Gender, Culture and Health

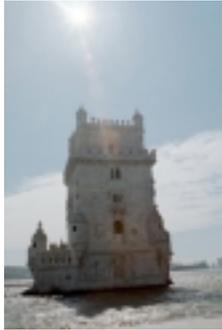
highlighting the importance of gender and culturally sensitive issues in relation to both research and health policies. Any contribution related to the following domains are welcome: General Concepts and Methodology, Biological Foundations of Behavior and Psychological Processes, Health Behavior and Health Promotion, Illness Behavior and Related Interactions, Psychology and Health Care, Practical and Professional Issues.

The venue is the Kos International Convention Center, located at Kipriotis Village. Kos is the birthplace of Hippocrates. The conference program will include a reenactment of the Hippocratic Oath at the ancient Temple of Asclepius.

We look forward to another stimulating conference and to your participation!

The 16th Conference of The European Health Psychology Society

Lisbon, Portugal, 2-5 October, 2002



It has been two months since the last Conference of the EHPS, an appropriate time to look back with fulfillment on the meaningful exchanges and experiences. We can reflect on the multiple presentations, events and interactions with new and old friends during the 16th Conference of the EHPS in October, 2002. The Conference took place in the historic and exquisitely beautiful city of Lisbon, Portugal, the venue being Forum Lisboa for most of the activities. As in previous years, The EHPS Conference was held in parallel with the meeting of the Health Psychology society of our hosts, Sociedade Portuguesa de Psicologia da Saúde. The Opening Ceremony included presentations and welcoming remarks by the Conference President Isabel Leal and by the EHPS President Ad Kaptein. For the Opening Reception we were invited to the Câmara Municipal de Lisboa, the path to it winding through luscious botanical gardens.



The Conference days resonated with the theme of “Health Through the Life Cycle: A Life-Span Perspective”, and were intense with presentations, keynote lectures, members’ meetings and social activities. Keynote lectures were presented by Elaine Leventhal: “Health and Illness Across the Lifespan: How Our Body Speaks to Us Throughout the Years”; Hans Ormel: “Emotional Disorders and Disability: A Life-Span Perspective”; Alexandre Quintanilha: “The Perception of Risk in the Life Sciences”, Cristiano Violani: “Paradox and Antinomy in Non-pharmacological Treatment of Insomnia”; Susan Michie: “Genes and Health: Should we Predict?” and Juhani Julkunen: “Coronary Prone Behaviour and Personality from a Life-Span Perspective”.



The scientific program consisted of a variety of formats, including oral and poster presentations, round tables and workshops. Round Table discussions took place around the topics of “Private Minds and Public Lives: The Social Context of Health Communication”; and on “Women’s Health Across the Life Cycle”. Workshops discussed Qualitative Data Analysis; Promoting Health Changes in Physical Activity and Nutrition; Repercussions of Prenatal Diagnosis in the Family; and The Illness/Non-illness Paradigm. Symposia were convened on the themes of: Nutrition Education, Perceptions of Risk; Public Health Psychology; Self-regulation, Health and Illness; Medically Unexplained Symptoms Across the Life Span and Caring for the Frail and Older Person.



Several Society meetings took place in Lisbon. During the Meeting of the EHPS National Delegates participants discussed and expanded on the document “Roles and Tasks of the National Delegates”. They have also formed an electronic discussion list through which they exchange information. They have prepared reports for the activities related to Health Psychology in 18 of the member countries. Highlights from these reports will be published in upcoming newsletter issues and are also available through the EHPS web site. At the EHPS Members’ meeting a report on the Journal “Psychology and Health” was presented by Paul Norman and a report on the activities of CREATE was presented by Lucie Byrne. Versions of these reports appear in the current newsletter issue, and additional information will be included in following issues.

And while saying good bye to friends in Lisbon, our Greek colleagues enticed us to visit the Island of Kos next September, by showing us a video of dynamic Greek dances and celebrations, contrasting with the serenity of beaches and sapphire waters. While tasting pastries of fillo and nuts, as well as ouzo, our future hosts assured us that there would also be a scientific program at Kos...

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EHPS Newsletter Editor

Report on the Journal "Psychology and Health"

Summary Report of Journal Operations for 2001:

Submissions:		Articles:	
New Submissions:	114	Articles Published:	48
No. Accepted:	31	Book Reviews:	2
No. Pending:	9	Total Pages:	725
% Accepted:	27	Median Lag (mo.)	7
Source (%)		Source (%)	
Europe	66	Europe	62
North America	22	North America	28
Australasia	8	Australasia	14
Elsewhere	4	Elsewhere	0

Commentary:

During 2001, there were 114 new submissions to the journal. Of these, 31 have been accepted for publication, an acceptance rate of 27%, although there are still 9 submissions that are pending awaiting a decision. The final acceptance rate could therefore rise to 35%. The majority of submissions came from Europe (66%) and North America (22%). Within Europe, the largest number of submissions came from the UK (40%).

The journal published 48 articles in 2001, including 8 articles in a Special Issue on "Burnout and Health" edited by Wilmar Schaufeli and Esther Greenglass. In addition, 2 book reviews were published. It is planned that a greater number of book reviews will be published in future volumes. The source of published articles (in regular issues) broadly reflected the geographical spread of submissions, with the largest number of articles coming from Europe (62%). Again, within Europe, the largest number of articles came from the UK (24%). There were also articles from North America (28%) and Australasia (14%). Encouragingly, the publication lag from final acceptance of a manuscript to publication in the journal was only 7 months. This is considerably lower than in recent years and compares favourably with other journals in the field. This is the first year that it has been possible to collate the above information, and these figures will provide a benchmark against which to judge journal operations in future years.

Impact Factor:

The impact factor for Psychology & Health in 2001 was .705, which is down on the impact factors for 2000 (.909) and 1999 (1.342). A number of changes have taken place in the journal over the past two years, which will hopefully help to reverse this trend.

New Co-Editors and Editorial Board Members:

Since last year, two new co-editors have been appointed (Arja R. Aro, Finland; Jostein Rise, Norway) along with five new editorial board members (Anna-Mari Aalto, Finland; Nanne de Vries, The Netherlands; Hege R. Eriksen, Norway; Stephan Van den Broucke, Belgium; Bas Verplanken, Norway).

Online Journal:

Psychology & Health is now available online to subscribers to the journal (including EHPS members) via the Taylor & Francis website (www.tandf.co.uk/journals). In addition, Taylor & Francis have a free contents alert service (www.tandf.co.uk/sara).

MEDLINE Application:

Earlier this year, the journal submitted an application to be considered for indexing for Index Medicus/MEDLINE. We will be informed of the result of this application in November.

Appointment of Future Editors:

Draft guidelines for the appointment of future editors of Psychology & Health are presented below. EHPS members are invited to send any comments on these guidelines to Paul Norman.

Guidelines for the Appointment of the Editor of Psychology & Health

Draft version for comment – October 2002

Introduction:

This brief document has been prepared to provide guidelines for the appointment of future Editors of Psychology & Health. It has been prepared in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the European Health Psychology Society. The Editor's term of office runs for four calendar years. The term of the present Editor will expire at the end of 2004.

Nominations for Editor:

The EHPS Executive Committee will appoint a representative to oversee the appointment of the new Editor. A call for nominations will be made at the EHPS members' meeting approximately 18 months before current Editor's term of office expires. This call for nominations will also be repeated in the EHPS Newsletter and the journal. Nominations should be sent to the EHPS representative by 14 February in the final year of the current Editor's term of office. Self-nominations are encouraged, although nominations may also be put forward by EHPS members. Nominees should be members of EHPS. They should send a brief CV outlining academic appointments, publications and previous editorial experience, as well as a short statement on their view of the future direction of the journal

under their term of office.

Appointment of Editor:

The EHPS representative will set up an appointments committee to consider the nominations. This committee will consist of the EHPS representative, the outgoing Editor and a representative from the publishers (Taylor & Francis). (Should the outgoing Editor wish to be considered for an additional term of office, a previous editor of the journal will sit on the appointments committee). The decision of the appointments committee must be unanimous. The appointment of the new Editor will be announced in the EHPS Newsletter and the journal, as well as at the EHPS members' meeting.

Appointment of Co-Editors and Editorial Board:

Upon appointment it is the incoming Editor's responsibility to approach and appoint a team of Co-Editors as well as a Book Review Editor. It is expected that up to 10 Co-Editors will be appointed. These appointments should reflect the breadth of topics and approaches within health psychology. In addition, these appointments should also reflect the geographical spread of submissions to, and publications in, the journal and should therefore include Co-Editors from Europe, North America and Australasia. It is expected that the majority of the Co-Editors will be from Europe. The incoming Editor is also responsible for the appointment of an editorial board. This should not exceed 30 names and, as with the appointment of Co-Editors, should reflect a wide range of expertise within health psychology and geographical locations. The Editor may wish to ask the Co-Editors to put forward names for the editorial board. The incoming Editor should consult with the outgoing Editor and the EHPS representative when making the above appointments.

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October, 2002

Report from CREATE, 2002

CREATE is a subdivision of the European Health Psychology Society (EHPS). Our aim is to provide further training and collaboration for early career health psychologists. In this regard, we have formed an international network of young researchers who provide mutual support and expertise. The network aids in identifying and discussing common research interests and concerns. In order to provide further training and education, CREATE organises an interactive workshop each year.

This year's fourth workshop took place in Lisbon, Portugal between 29th September – 1st October, immediately before the 16th EHPS conference. The title of the workshop was "research

methods in health psychology", and we were honoured to have three outstanding health professionals as facilitators: Professor John Weinman (England), Dr. Kavita Vedhara (England) and Dr. Rona Moss-Morris (New Zealand).

On the first day participants were divided into six groups with the task to identify core topics and research questions in one of the three areas *health, illness* and *health delivery*. During the group work our three professionals intermingled with the groups, discussing questions and interjecting interesting points. This served to make the workshop really interactive with a chance for each single participant to share ideas with other young researchers as well as more experienced ones. Before lunch the group presentations took place with a first short feedback. Since we were participants from 12 different countries with different perspectives on health psychology, many ideas came up and could be discussed, making this part of the day fun and informative. In the afternoon we were asked to consider theoretical models, design and methods to work on the research question. As in the morning session, the groups were intensively supervised by the three teachers.

On the second day the task was to develop a research protocol for the same three topics health, illness and health care delivery. This afternoon comprised of three groups being assessors of the other groups, judging the work of the researchers in terms of innovation and practicability, as a peer research panel. Controversial areas were debated.

On day three the same procedure as the day before took place with changed places so that each group had the chance to test their role as assessor as well as advocate of their research plans.

The workshop in Lisbon brought together an enthusiastic group of young researchers and three highly skilled lecturers in an open learning format. The format enabled us to combine our different research backgrounds in order to become productive and learn from each other and placed us in protocol formation and assessment situation mimicking real life research scenarios. Since the topics of health, illness and healthcare delivery were left very broad, we all got the chance to bring in our experiences and get 'take-home' messages for the own research projects.

The organisers are currently in the process of planning the next CREATE workshop to precede the EHPS conference in Kos (Greece) on September 21st – 23rd. We are in discussion about the topic and teachers, but surely we will promote again a high level workshop with the aim to bring young researchers together with leaders in the field and enhance and broaden their skills and competences in the field of health psychology. Further details of the workshop will be made available on the CREATE website in the near future (www.ehps.net/create).

On behalf of CREATE

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Highlights from the National Reports, 2002

The full National Reports can be accessed from:

http://www.ehps.net/count_annrep.html

NATIONAL REPORT FOR 2001-2002 FROM BELGIUM

The Flemish Association for Health Psychology

The Flemish Association for Health Psychology is a scientific association with two important objectives: (1) contributing to the professional support of health professionals, and (2) stimulating networking among health professionals.

The Flemish Association for Health Psychology was founded in 1988 and became the official association of professional health psychologists for the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium, recognised by the Belgian Federation of Psychologists, in 1995. The association currently has about 60 paying members. Requirements for full membership include a university degree in psychology and being professionally involved in the field of health psychology (including research and training). The association is headed by a board of eight members, and is represented in the board of the Belgian Federation of Psychologists.

Members of the Flemish Association for Health Psychology receive the journal "Gedrag & Gezondheid" (Behaviour and Health), a scientific journal on psychological and physical health topics. Since 2001, the Flemish Association for Health Psychology maintains a collaborative affiliation with the Research Institute for Psychology and Health of the Netherlands.

collaborated with the division of behavioural medicine (in Society of Social Medicine) by exchanging information.

NATIONAL REPORT FOR 2001-2002 FROM FRANCE

In June 2002 the AFPSA (Association Française de Psychologie de la Santé) was created : President : Pr Marilou Bruchon-Schweitzer, (Université Victor Segalen Bordeaux 2) ; Secretaries : Pr Elisabeth Spitz (Université de Metz) and Dr Noëlle Lidvan (Université Paris 5), Treasurers : Pr Danièle Hermand, (Université de Lille 3) and Dr Bruno Quintard (Université Victor Segalen Bordeaux 2) ; Webmaster of the Association : Dr Olivier Desrichard (Université de Savoie). The second Conference of the AFPSA will be held in the University of Metz on 26-27th June 2003.

The first French Conference on Health Psychology was held in Bordeaux (France) on 5-6th October 2001 under the aegis of the Société Française de Psychologie (SFP), represented by its president, professor Alain Blanchet (University of Paris 8) and the European Health Psychology Society (EHPS), represented by its founding member, Professor Stan Maes (University of Leiden, The Netherlands). This manifestation was presided by Professor Marilou Bruchon-Schweitzer (President of the Scientific Committee) and by Bruno Quintard (President of the Organising Committee). It was attended by 180 French-speaking researcher-lecturers, students and health professionals working in the area of primary (health education) and tertiary (management of subjects faced with medico-hospital or professional stress) prevention.

NATIONAL REPORT FOR 2001-2002 FROM GERMANY

Division of Health Psychology of the German Psychological Society

The Division of Health Psychology of the German Psychological Society (DGPs) was founded in 1992. In February 2002, there were 160 members. Hannelore Weber (Greifswald) is chair of the division, Gert Kaluza (Marburg) is vice-chair, and Reinhard Fuchs (Leipzig) is treasurer. The website of the division: <http://www.gesundheitspsychologie.net> is a source of varied information, including research activities, relevant publications, and members.

From 28th of September 2003 to October 1st 2003 an interdisciplinary congress will take place in Hamburg (president of the conference: Uwe Koch). The topic of the congress is "Psychosocial aspects in the medical system", and its aim is to provide a forum for participants from different professional backgrounds such as Health Psychology, Medical Psychology, Medical Sociology, Medicine, and Behavioral Medicine. Participants will be encouraged to exchange their views and results concerning psychosocial topics that are relevant in the medical system.

NATIONAL REPORT FOR 2001-2002 FROM FINLAND

Health Psychology Section of the Finnish Psychological Society

The section operates mainly through a health psychology e/mail network as a channel of information on subjects and issues with relevance to health psychology. The network comprises approximately 80 members, 5 contact persons and 16 universities and organizations.

Two issues of the Health Psychology Newsletter, including presentations of current research topics, research institutions, articles on topics with relevance for health psychology, were edited and send out to the network members in the autumn of 2000 and spring of 2001. The Newsletter was also distributed to departments of psychology in the Finnish universities as well as other research institutions, which are involved in health research. Information has also been passed electronically via the e-mail network. The health psychology section has also

Impressions From Previous Conferences

The 110th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, 2002

The 110th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association (APA) was held in Chicago, August 22-25, 2001. The program of the convention included contributions from 55 divisions in APA. Clinical psychology was the most widely represented division. The Health Psychology Division (Division 38), Health Psychology, was another division that was broadly represented. In total, 5 invited addresses, 16 symposia, 10 paper sessions, 37 poster sessions, 5 workshops, and one roundtable were scheduled under Health Psychology/Behavioral Medicine category. This category was further divided into subcategories called etiology, diagnosis, treatment, health promotion/prevention and health service systems. Most of these events attracted attention from not only health psychologists, but also clinical psychologists, social psychologists, and medical people.

Some of the widely attended sessions on health and psychology were Thomas Coates' invited address titled 'AIDS: Psychology's challenge', Norine Johnson's presidential address on research, practice, and policy in psychology and health, Christine Maslach's address on job burnout, Edward Diener's invited address titled 'Benefits of Positive Emotions', Peter Salovey's invited address on framing messages to motivate health protective behaviour, and Nancy Adler's invited address on SES and health.

Symposia were presented on a broad range of topics in psychology and health including HIV and AIDS, stress and burnout, cancer, multicultural issues in health psychology, women's health, existential and humanistic explorations of illness, and family health care. Both quantitative and qualitative methodologies were presented in various sessions. Workshops aimed at continuing education of practicing clinicians and covered topics such as behavioral sleep medicine, infertility and its treatments, psychosocial issues near the end-of-life, chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia, and strategies for preventing risky behaviour in youth.

Even though participants from different countries were represented in the convention, most participants at APA were Americans, and a significant number of sessions were devoted to issues related to the North American context. Health Psychology division at APA currently chaired by Francis J. Keefe, (Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC) aims at increasing the number of contributors and the range of topics at the next convention that will take place in Toronto, Canada between 7 and 10 August, 2003.

The APA convention in Chicago provided plenty of opportunities to hear well-known speakers, learn from

colleagues at workshops and lectures, and reconnect with former friends, and teachers. My impression was that these goals could only be achieved by having a preplanned schedule that would prevent one from getting lost in the overwhelming atmosphere of the convention. There were too many people, too many interesting speakers, and a huge convention area. I would say, go to APA after having a good sleep and rich nutrition for a couple of weeks because it surely will exhaust you.

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Hungarian Psychological Society Symposium

The University of Economics and Public Administration at Budapest organized a multidisciplinary conference under the title „Women and Men – Gender Studies in Hungary”. Within this conference, the Hungarian Health Psychology Society organized a symposium entitled „Psychosocial Influences of the Health of Women and Men”.

Keynote speakers of the symposium were:

Maria S. Kopp (Semmelweis University, Budapest): Influences of somatic and psychic health based on the national representative survey.

Bettina F. Piko (The University of Szeged): Gender differences in mortality, morbidity and health risk behaviors

Piroska Balogh (Semmelweis University, Budapest): Marital and job related stress, and their influences with depression among female cardiac patients and controls

György Purebl (Semmelweis University, Budapest): Psychosocial factors affecting the health state of young women

Csilla Csoboth (Semmelweis University, Budapest): Health risk behaviors among abused women

The symposium comprised a broad range of gender differences of health related problems from mortality data through psychosocial aspects of specific diseases to symptom reporting and symptom management. Special attention has been paid to the situation of female adolescents and young women among whom certain tendencies in health risk behaviors (e.g., smoking) seem to be rather unfavorable. After the keynote addresses, a roundtable discussion was available for the audience that helped us turning theory into practice and dealing with practical psychological and health promotion questions as well.

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Conference Announcements



"There's nothing so practical as a good theory"

3rd-5th September, Staffordshire University, Stafford, UK.

Call for Abstracts.

Submissions of symposia, roundtables, workshops, papers and posters covering the full range of health psychology are warmly invited for the next Annual Conference. The keynote speakers are: Professors Martin Fishbein, University of Pennsylvania, USA; Marian Pitts, La Trobe University, Australia; John Weinman, Kings College London, UK.

From December 2002, details and submission information are available from the conference website

www.staffs.ac.uk/DHP2003 or by post from

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The submission deadlines are 14th February 2003 for papers, posters, roundtable discussions, workshops and symposia; 6th June 2003 for late poster submissions only. The Conference Scientific Committee decisions regarding submitted abstracts will be sent to authors in April. Registration forms and provisional programmes will be available in May 2003.

Applications for student bursaries and the Early Career Award will be received by Dr Christopher Armitage, Chair of the DHP Research Committee, from April until 6th June 2003.

See the DHP website for more details

<http://www.health-psychology.org.uk>.

12th World Conference on Tobacco or Health Global Action for a Tobacco Free Future

3-8 August 2003, Helsinki, Finland

ABSTRACT DEADLINE APPROACHING

This is a short reminder that the abstract deadline for presentations at the 12th World Conference on Tobacco or Health is approaching quickly: 15 January 2003 is getting closer! Further information on abstract submittals is to be found on the conference web site, www.wctoh2003.org. Please forward this message to colleagues who might be interested and encourage them to abstract submittals.

Please also notice that the PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME IS NOW AVAILABLE in pdf-format on the web site, www.wctoh2003.org.

We will be looking forward to your participation!!

Thank you. On behalf of the organisers,

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APA Convention in Toronto: Division of Health Psychology

Division 38 will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary at the APA convention in Toronto, Canada from August 7th-10th, 2003. In keeping with our anniversary theme, *Looking Back, Looking Forward*, the program committee has already scheduled some outstanding speakers who will highlight important past and present contributions of division members to health psychology in particular, and psychology in general. I would like to invite and encourage you to be part of the convention this year. For additional information, please visit the convention web site:

<http://www.apa.org/convention/>

Christopher France, Ph.D.

APA Div. 38 Program Chair

Conference of the International Society for Theoretical Psychology

The 10th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Theoretical Psychology will be held on June 22-27, 2003 in Istanbul, Turkey. This anniversary meeting aims to constitute a facilitating platform for reflections and forward looking discussions in all important areas in theoretical psychology. In addition to psychologists, researchers from the fields of critical studies, cultural studies, women's studies, philosophy, sociology, anthropology, political science, history, economics, arts and literature are invited to participate in this interdisciplinary conference. Conference themes: As rapid transformations of our world, due in particular to globalization and particularization processes, for example, call upon theoretical psychologists for novel and socially relevant understandings, contributions on topics of interest advancing that aim are especially encouraged. These topics include, but are not limited to, cultural critiques, feminist critiques, gender and globalization, metatheoretical reflections, new agendas for the 21st century, politics of psychological knowledge, psychological theory and social practice in complex societies, psychology and interdisciplinarity, sociohistorical insights, and understanding and dealing with diversity.

Keynote speakers:

Michael Billig (Loughborough University, UK)
Jane Flax (Howard University, USA)
Nukhet Sirman (Bogazici University, Turkey)
Jaan Valsiner (Clark University, USA)

Invited Symposia:

Yesim Arat (Bogazici University, Turkey)
Erica Burman (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK)
Michael Cole (University of California San Diego, USA) and
Yrjö Engeström (University of Helsinki, Finland)
Kurt Danziger (York University, Canada)
Jeanne Marecek (Swarthmore College, USA)
Ian Parker (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK)
Valerie Walkerdine (University of Western Sydney, Australia)
James Wertsch (Washington University in St. Louis) and
Michael Holquist (Yale University, USA)

Interactive Sessions:

Ole Dreier (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
Kenneth Gergen (Swarthmore College, USA) and Mary Gergen
(Penn State University, USA)
John Shotter (University of New Hampshire, USA)

January 10, 2003 : Early registration at reduced rates

March 1, 2003 : Regular registration

May 10, 2003 : Cancellation

Further information: <http://istp2003.boun.edu.tr>

Contact: Professor Aydan Gulerce



Third International Conference

The (Non)Expression of Emotions in Health and Disease

Tilburg - The Netherlands
October 19 to 21, 2003.

This three-day-conference will offer a broad scope of topics on the way people express their feelings and on factors inhibiting the display of emotions. In addition, the psychological and physiological effects of expression and inhibition will be evaluated. The conference is of interest for behavioral scientists involved in fundamental research as well as for professionals active in clinical settings. The emphasis will be on research relevant for clinical practice and on applications in health psychology, behavioral medicine, psychiatry, and psychosomatics. The program will include plenary sessions featuring well known experts in the field, workshops, symposia and poster sessions.

Keynote speakers and themes

Susan Folkman - Positive emotions and health
Brad Bushman - The myth of venting anger
Jaap Koolhaas - Emotional reactivity and health: Lessons from animal research
Jeanne Watson - Emotional expression: The social context
Mark Lumley - Alexithymia and health

Invited workshops

Stephen Lepore - The writing paradigm in the clinical context
Richard Lane - Brain and emotion regulation

The meeting will further focus on the following topics:

- *Alexithymia
- *Brain and emotion regulation
- *Chronic disease and emotion regulation
- *Conceptualization and measurement
- *Crying
- *Emotional intelligence and health
- *Emotional numbing
- *Personality, emotions and well-being
- *Positive emotions
- *Psychobiological aspects of emotion regulation
- *Repression and defensiveness
- *Rumination and worrying
- *Writing paradigm and other interventions

We kindly invite you to submit proposals for symposia or workshops (deadline: February 1, 2003). The deadline for the submission of abstracts of papers and posters will be May 1, 2003. For further information, mail us at:

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Work, Stress, and Health: New Challenges in a Changing Workplace

March 20-22, 2003
Sheraton Hotel, Toronto, Ontario

The American Psychological Association (APA), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and the School of Business, Queen's University, will convene the fifth interdisciplinary conference on occupational stress and health. The conference, *Work, Stress, and Health: New Challenges in a Changing Workplace*, will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, on March 20-22, 2003, with Continuing Education Workshops on March 19, 2003.

We invite researchers, medical and psychological health practitioners from all disciplines who are involved in research and/or practice in occupational health psychology to attend this timely conference which will feature interactive poster presentations, papers, symposia, and workshops on new research findings, policy, and prevention/intervention programs that address 16 major themes: New Work Contracts; Organizational Policies and Work Redesign; Hours of Work; Psychosocial Factors and Health; Work, Family, and Community; Physical Safety at Work; Flexible Work Processes; Advances in Research Methodologies; Bridging From Research to Practice; Best Practices; Special Populations in the Workforce; Prevention and Intervention; Disability and Disability Management; Mass Disaster and Terrorism; Legal Issues; and Training in Occupational Health Psychology.

Requests for Registration and Information to:
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Advance Registration (before January 15, 2003): \$285,
\$165 students;
Late/On-Site Registration: \$335
\$200 students.

To Register On-line, Please Visit Our Website:
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Messages

1. The National Reports for 2002 are now on the EHPS web site. They can be accessed from:

http://www.ehps.net/count_annrep.html

To view the PDF version you can download Adobe Acrobat Reader from: www.Adobe.com/Acrobat

2. An electronic discussion list has been formed that will address issues related to Women's Health, as they pertain to women's family, work, social and political life. The list is a joint initiative and stems from a Conversation Hour on women's issues, which took place during the last Conference of the IAAP in Singapore, 2002; and from the Round Table on Women's Health at the EHPS Conference in Lisbon 2002. Those interested in these topics are invited to join the list by visiting:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Women_IAAPandEHPS

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