



## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

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### *President's Message*

Dear EHPS Colleagues,

I am pleased to report that on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of June we had a very successful EHPS strategy meeting at Braga, Portugal, which five of our EC members were able to attend. I appreciate the enthusiasm and availability of all the EC regarding this initiative. Even those members who did not attend were very active in contributing to the meeting.

During the first day we discussed our vision for the future development of EHPS in terms of our mandate as EC and the medium range goals for EHPS. Research, applications and interchange in the domain of health psychology stand as the Mission Statement of EHPS, which was laid out by its founders "*the promotion and development within Europe of empirical and theoretical research and applications of health psychology and the interchange of information relating to this subject between European members and other associations throughout the world*" (Schwarzer & Johnston, 1994, p.4). A consensus emerged on the main goal for short and medium term: to improve the quality of EHPS as an organization in relation to member services, conference organization, financial management and marketing. This goal is linked to the growth of EHPS in terms of membership, especially among students, increased diversity of its products (e.g. seminars, publications, networks) and more efficient liaison with other societies. The second day of the strategy meeting was dedicated to an in-depth analysis of the goals of the EC members and of EHPS projects. The focus of this day was a detailed review of all documents that support the functioning of the society, since an improved formalization of the procedures is key to enhanced quality and growth. Special attention was given to the EHPS Articles and Standing Orders and specific amendments will be proposed to members for appreciation prior to the Members' Meeting at Kos. A more detailed account of the strategy meeting will be sent to members prior to the conference as well. As I noted in the last newsletter, the Treasurer position is transitioning to Germany, which has inconvenienced some members in terms of memberships renewals and delayed applications for membership.

On behalf of EHPS, I apologize for this delay. We expect to have the situation normalised within a few weeks and those members who have been waiting will be contacted by Britta Renner to correct this situation. The good news is that the new system for processing membership is much more efficient and modern.

In this newsletter you will find an update on the Kos Conference. As a member of the scientific committee, I am excited to report that the conference will have a high quality program, which will offer good coverage of its main topic: Gender, culture and health. There are also many people already signed up for the Create and Synergy workshops. I would like to remind members to register and book accommodations as soon as possible. I would also encourage members to pass on this information to your health psychology colleagues and students. EHPS conferences are an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with the Society and to network within the field of health psychology.

The Helsinki organizing committee, under the co-ordination of Katri Raikonen, in conjunction with the scientific committee, have made considerable progress in planning the Helsinki 2004 conference. Please mark your calendars for the Helsinki conference, which will take place between 21-24 June 2004. This is supposed to be a beautiful time of the year in Finland. The theme of the conference will be Good Health: Person and Context, a theme that is an excellent follow up to the previous ones. A brochure is being prepared which contains the keynote speakers as well as the dates for abstract submissions, and a preview of the conference site will be presented at Kos.

I look forward to seeing you at Kos. Have a great Summer.

Teresa McIntyre  
EHPS President

### ***EHPS Conference***

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#### **The 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of The European Health Psychology Society**

Dear colleagues,

We have received over 600 submissions for the scientific program this year, including 25 proposals for symposia. Each abstract was independently evaluated by three members of the scientific committee. Because a program of three days can only accommodate 210-230 oral presentations, several symposia had to be dismantled into individual papers or posters and over half of the proposals submitted for oral presentations were changed to posters. Keynote speakers: Rosalind Barnett on "Contextualizing the job stress-illness relationship: The role of family and community factors" Janice Kiecolt-Glaser on "Love, marriage, stress hormones and wound healing: How close relationships influence health" Johann Mackenbach on "Social inequalities in health" Bernard Rimé on the "Social sharing of emotions, health and well-being" John Weinman on "Making sense of illness and treatment: a self-regulatory approach"



September 24 – 27 2003

[www.psychology-health.gr](http://www.psychology-health.gr)

*Conference President:*  
*Tanya Anagnostopoulou*

The scientific program will be posted on the website of the conference [www.psychology-health.gr](http://www.psychology-health.gr) by July 1. Please visit this site to check your name, date and time of presentation. You can also check the site periodically for program updates. The deadline for early registration is June 10. If you miss this deadline make sure that you register by September 3. The fee gets higher if you register on site.

All members of the scientific and organizing committee are working hard to make the 2003 conference an interesting and rewarding experience and we are looking forward to welcome you in the beautiful island of Kos in September.

## ***EHPS WORKSHOPS***

The EUROPEAN HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY SOCIETY is delighted to offer  
two workshops

### **CREATE and SYNERGY**



**Collaboration and Innovation in  
Theory and Research in the  
EHPS**

### **RISK PERCEPTION AND RISK COMMUNICATION**

Collaboration and innovation in theory and research within the EHPS is promoted through special Synergy workshops, arranged annually as pre-conferences activities. SYNERGY is a subdivision of the EHPS and is holding its 1<sup>st</sup> annual workshop.

This year, the topic is 'Risk Perception and Risk Communication', with three prominent figures in the field of health psychology as workshop facilitators: Prof Marie Johnston, Dr Susan Michie and Prof Stephen Sutton. By May 31<sup>st</sup>, which was the deadline for workshop applications, the Synergy organizers had received almost thirty submissions from active researchers within the topic, guaranteeing a high quality workshop. An overview of the workshop outcomes will be offered to all interested EHPS Conference delegates in a special Synergy symposium - check out the Kos conference programme for more details



**MIND THE GAP:  
Understanding qualitative  
research in health psychology**

CREATE is the early career subdivision of the European Health Psychology Society and is holding its 5th annual workshop. This year's CREATE workshop is aimed at increasing understanding of qualitative research, both methods and theories, and is facilitated by Dr Kerry Chamberlain, an expert in qualitative methods in health psychology from Massey University, New Zealand.

The CREATE workshop will be running before the EHPS Conference, from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2003. We are happy to state that there has been much interest in the workshop, and the registration has completed with 39 registered participants. For more information, please visit <http://www.ehps.net/create>.



*The full National Reports can be accessed from:*

[http://www.ehps.net/count\\_annrep.html](http://www.ehps.net/count_annrep.html)

## ***Highlights from the National Reports, 2002***

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### **NATIONAL REPORT FOR 2001-2002 FROM POLAND**

The report consists of: 1) Polish publications on Health Psychology. 2) Organisation of national conferences. 3) Participation in international conferences. 4) Training in Health Psychology in Poland.

#### **National conferences**

Organising and conducting of the conference on “Personal and social resources for maintaining the health of an individual”. Kolobrzeg, 10 – 12 of May, 2002. Active participation of seven Polish EHPS members in the conference: “Methodological traps in empirical research on clinical psychology”. Warsaw, 24 – 25 of May, 2002.

#### **Participation of Polish EHPS members in international conferences**

Eight Polish psychologists took active part in the 16<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Psychosomatic Medicine, Göteborg, Sweden, 24-28 of August 2001 and twelve in the 15<sup>th</sup> EHPS Conference, St. Andrew, 5-8 of September 2001.

#### **Training in Health Psychology in Poland**

Eight out of eleven Polish Universities, which lecture on psychology, teach Health Psychology to some extent. Last year 19 MA. and 5 PhD. in Health Psychology have been promoted.

Kazimierz Wrzesniewski, Ph.D.

Polish National Delegate

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### **NATIONAL REPORT FOR 2001-2002 FROM ROMANIA**

#### **Members**

By July 2002, the Romanian Association of Health Psychology (RAHP) counts 78 members. All members have MA degree in Health Psychology and are active in the fields of health promotion and psychosomatic care.

#### **New Postgraduate Courses**

##### *Postgraduate Health Education Program*

This project, accredited by the Ministry of Education, was initiated with the purpose of offering a 3 semesters distance learning training in health education for school teachers. The program is aimed to enable teachers to offer health education courses. A number of books and educational materials were published as part of this program.

#### **Health Promotion Programs**

##### *School Curriculum Development*

The RAHP is a partner of the Romanian Ministry of Education in the development of a new school curriculum for Health Education.



#### *National Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program*

The RAHP is partner in this program initiated by the Romanian Society of Cardiology in collaboration with the European Society of Cardiovascular Disease Prevention.

#### *School Drug Abuse Prevention Program*

The program is carried out in collaboration with the Police Department, and it consists of activities for physicians, schoolteachers, and students. The RHPS provides materials and training necessary at all levels of the program.

#### *School Smoking Prevention Program*

The RAHP is a key partner in a smoking prevention program for teenagers, financed by the Philip Morris Company. RAHP members are part of the expert team, and they offer assistance in the elaboration of materials, volunteer training, planning and supervision of the activities.

### **Conferences**

5 members of the RAHP presented papers at the EHPS Conference in St. Andrews, Scotland (August 2001)

Szentagotai T. Aurora

National Delegate for Romania

## **NATIONAL REPORT FOR 2001-2002 FROM SPAIN**

### **Lectures:**

“Social Comparison Processes and Health”, by the Professor BRAM P. Buunk from the University of Groningen (Holland). 23 of October of 2001.

“Information: it has more than enough health in the media” by Prof. Marta Martín Llaguno (20 of April, 2002)

“Psychology of the Chronic Illness de la Enfermedad Crónica”, by Prof. Jesús Rodríguez-Marín, in International University Internacional Menéndez Pelayo, Alicante, 9 de septiembre de 2002

### **Courses.**

Doctoral Program on Health Psychology. University “Miguel Hernández” of Elche (Alicante). Spain.

International seminar in the Health Psychology Doctoral Program of the University “Miguel Hernández”, Department of Health Psychology, (Universities of St. Andrews, Groningen and “Miguel Hernández” of Elche (Alicante), 8-10 give April 2002

García, J.A. (Dir) New perspectives of the drug addictions”, Alicante, July 19-20, 2002.

J. Rodríguez-Marín (Dir.) Psychology of the Chronic Illness. International University Menéndez Pelayo, Alicante, 9 to 13, September, 2002.

García, J.A. (Dir) Basic foundations of drug addictions research, October-November, 2002.

Jesús Rodríguez-Marín

National Delegate for Spain

## *Events in Member Countries*

### **The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Institute of Psychology Bulgarian Academy of Sciences**

*At present the Institute has five departments:*

*Department of Personality*

*Psychology and Genetic*

*Psychology*

*Department of Social Psychology*

*Department of Labour,*

*Organizational and Applied*

*Psychology*

*Department of Cognitive*

*Psychology and Research Methods*

*Laboratory of Psychophysiology*

*and Neuropsychology*

In May, 2003 the Institute of Psychology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This is the anniversary of the establishment of a separate psychological unit within the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and was celebrated with scholarly presentations and social programs. The formal ceremony included: an official speech by the director of the Institute of Psychology; congratulations from the Central Headquarters of the BAS, and from many Bulgarian institutes and universities; awards ceremonies; presentations of new publications by the Institute of Psychology. Three round tables were organized and discussed different contemporary psychological issues: "Traditions and changes in values and behavior of the Bulgarian people"; "Psychological issues in schools in the post-modern society"; "Cognitive and educational difficulties in children with perceptual and attention deficits".

The Institute's path began on March 11<sup>th</sup> 1973, with the establishment of the *Psychological Laboratory* at the *Centre of Philosophy and Sociology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences*. Prof. Zdrava Ivanova was elected as the first Director of the Laboratory, and the basic academic and organizational principles were set up under her guidance. At the very beginning, there were only three research associates on staff at the Laboratory.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1990, the Central Laboratory of Psychology was transformed into the *Institute of Psychology* at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and it became a leading research and methodical institution of psychology in Bulgaria. This was a time of political change, which was followed by an economic crisis and an alteration in the attitudes towards academic institutions. However, the Institute succeeded in strengthening its positions. These newly emerging socio-economical conditions required some changes at the organizational level, which have been implemented since the appointment of Assoc. Prof. Vesselina Russinova to the office Director of the Institute of Psychology in 1995.

Nowadays, the Institute's staff numbers 40 persons, which include 11 senior research associates, 16 research associates, and 8 specialists with master's degrees. Most of the scholars are lecturers and teach courses in different universities, advise graduate and postgraduate students, conduct trainings, and carry out consulting activities. The number of PhD students in the Institute is constantly increasing. Special attention is being paid to the Institute's applied science. Schools and conferences are being organized with the purpose of analyzing problems of current social significance from different perspectives in the social sciences.

In 1998 the Institute of Psychology began publishing the *Journal of Psychological Researches*, with two editions per year. The journal is bi-lingual – published in Bulgarian and English and has an international editorial board. Assoc. Prof. Tolya Stoitsova, Deputy Director of the Institute of Psychology, is editor-in-chief of the Journal. The Journal's Editorial Board has two newly elected members: Prof. Howard Pollio, who heads the Laboratory of Phenomenology at the University of Tennessee, USA; and Prof. Mikula who is a



prominent European researcher in the field of social psychology at the University of Graz, Austria.

Several of the Institute's research projects are relevant to the field of health psychology, for example:

\* *Personality and social factors for coping with stress*: (Maximka Rasheva) focuses on relationships among social support, locus of control, coping styles and depression and the influence of depression on psychosomatic complaints.

\* *Values and occupational stress* (Vesselina Russinova, Lidia Vassileva) : studies the effect of different sources of stress; personality characteristics that moderate stress and their effect on behavior and health; work values and their connection to the evaluation of occupational stress indicators in managers; cross-cultural comparison of these parameters for East- and West-European countries and countries from the Far East are conducted.

\* *Occupational stress and quality of life* (Vesselina Russinova, Boryan Andreev): studies the influence of occupational stress on the subjective evaluation of satisfaction with work, life satisfaction and the experience of well being; the parameters of psychological well being in different social and professional groups.

- *Application of virtual methods in neuropsychology and medicine* (Malina Jordanova): includes the work of the Telemedicine Group of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences; on-line diagnostics and therapy; updates on telemedicine and telecare products and services; state-of-the-art technology in healthcare provision.

Members of the Institute of Psychology will be presenting at the 17<sup>th</sup> *Conference of the European Health Psychology Society* in Greece, 2003. They are also involved in the organization of the *First National Congress on Stress and Coping with Stress* to take place in September in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

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### The First National Conference on Stress and Coping with Stress

September 11-12, 2003

Plovdiv, Bulgaria



The Conference aims to present current methods for the study of stress and coping with stress in societies undergoing socioeconomic transitions. Its goal is also to direct the attention of government and community organizations to the consequences of stress for people living during this transitional period, through the exchange of information between representatives of the medical and social science fields.

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## ***Impressions From Previous Conferences***

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### **International Society for Critical Health Psychology meets in New Zealand**



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More details of the programme are  
available on the web site at:  
<http://ischp.massey.ac.nz/>

The Third Conference of the International Society for Critical Health Psychology was held in Auckland, New Zealand on 10-12 April, 2003. This conference was attended by a small group (around 80) of health psychologists who are particularly interested in qualitative and participatory research methods, and social, political and cultural issues within health psychology. This group has been meeting and growing since the inaugural meeting in Newfoundland, Canada in 1999, and the Society (<http://www.med.mun.ca/ischp/>) was formed at the second meeting in Birmingham, UK in 2001.

The keynote speakers in Auckland provided stimulating points of reference for the major theme of the conference. Linda Tuhiwai Smith opened the conference with her engaging talk: 'It's all in the mind (yeah right): recovering from colonisation and oppression.' Linda presented an intimate look at local issues woven into the broader theme of developing tools for indigenous activists across the world. This keynote was well matched by Isaac Prilleltensky's talk entitled: 'Towards psychopolitical health and well-being.' Isaac is particularly interested in the promotion of collective wellbeing; and the role of social justice in health and welfare. Unfortunately our third keynote speaker, Michele Crossley was unable to attend at the last minute. We decided to use this opportunity to hold a forum about the future directions of critical health psychology. This was an exciting hour of enthusiastic discussion about several possible directions and strategies for directing our collective efforts towards a health psychology that is conscious of the social context of our activities.

The particular themes of the conference were reflected in four symposia based on key topics. Papers were especially solicited and prepared to contribute to discussion in each of these areas. *Medicalisation* was led by Professor Hank Stam, *Gender and Sexuality* by Professor Paula Nicolson, *Images of Health* by Dr Helene Joffe, and *Critical Health Psychology* by Professor David Marks. The latter symposium addressed issues around thinking critically about the socio-political context of health and using levels of analysis that go beyond the conventional limits of specific disciplines and sub-disciplines.

One of the hallmarks of this conference, evident in the contributions to the special session and other symposia, was the collective engagement of all participants in the activities and purposes of the meeting. A book seller's representative noted that, unlike other conferences she attended, nobody was browsing books during the sessions – everybody was attending as much as they could fit in. Such engagement is particularly impressive given the beautiful location of the conference, close to Takapuna's scenic sandy beach and vibrant shopping centre. This engagement was also evident in the ongoing discussions in the group dinners, at which good New Zealand food and wine was sampled, leading into late night sessions. Time was also taken out for fun during a more lighthearted 'debate' evening, and an atmospheric conference dinner at which the delegates danced (enthusiastically!) to a jazz band. We are looking forward to the next ISCHP conference, to be held in Sheffield, UK, in 2005.





## *Health Psychology International*

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### **Understanding SARS: The SARS Psychosocial Research Consortium**

Beginning in March of this year the world became aware of a new disease in our midst – Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome or SARS. Although the epidemic apparently began in November 2002 in China, it first came to world attention through cases showing up in Hong Kong, then Singapore, Toronto, Vietnam and other areas. These reports caused great concern around the world and at times panic as people and governments scrambled to fight off SARS.

Particularly concerning is that SARS is a condition with a death rate estimated by WHO as being approximately 15% generally but much higher among the elderly and other vulnerable populations, that appears to be spread through social contact with an infected person. Evidence also points to a mutation of Corona Virus, the family of viruses responsible for the common cold, as the cause of SARS. Because of concerns about SARS becoming rampant in the general population a number of governments have instituted mass screening for possible cases of SARS, imposed quarantine measures on individuals suspected of having SARS and at times taken seemingly draconian measures to fight the virus.

As of this writing no cure has been found for SARS although some treatments seem effective and many individuals with SARS recover. Tests for identifying SARS cases are under development and work is underway on potential vaccines. Beyond concerns about the medical aspects of SARS, however, lie very real issues related to the psychological and social impact of this disease. SARS has engendered panic in some places. There have been numerous reports of discrimination against individuals from SARS affected areas. The economies of SARS affected areas has also been very negatively affected due to advisories against travel to those areas and business people from SARS affected areas have at times been shunned or excluded from business negotiations.

For those of us living and working in SARS affected areas the psychosocial aspects of SARS has been a particular concern. To address these concerns a group known as the SARS Psychosocial Research Consortium has been formed with the help of professional organizations concerned with health psychology and behavioral medicine. This group includes approximately 25 behavioral scientists from Asia, Australia/ New Zealand, Europe and North America and has been meeting via an e-mail discussion group since mid-April to discuss psychosocial issues concerned with SARS and plan collaborative research. The group includes members from both affected and unaffected areas and the purpose has been to examine SARS as a psychological and social phenomenon. Our first project is a web-based questionnaire, based generally on Leventhal's Self-Regulation Model, examining lay understanding of SARS, concerns that people have about this disease, precautions they have taken and so on. In addition, the questionnaire includes sections on coping with SARS and the dynamics of rumor as related to SARS. This questionnaire can be accessed at <http://courses.nus.edu.sg/course/swkgb/sars/sars.htm>. At the time of this writing the questionnaire is available only in English but efforts are underway to



translate it into several other languages so as to increase accessibility. We are also directing our efforts towards distributing the URL for the questionnaire as widely as possible so as to generate as many responses as possible from both affected and unaffected areas. Through the questionnaire we hope to get a picture of how the general public understands SARS and also similarities and differences between affected and unaffected areas. In addition, members of the group have proposed in depth studies related to the impact of SARS on health care workers, the impact on parents contemplating adoption in China and other SARS affected areas, stress and coping related to SARS and the role of rumor in SARS.

In short, SARS provides some unique research opportunities for investigating a number of phenomena of interest to health psychologists. Researchers interested in joining the SARS Psychosocial Research Consortium are invited to write to Prof. George Bishop for inclusion in the e-mail discussion list. Also members of EHPS are encouraged to publicize the URL for the SARS questionnaire and encourage people to complete it so that a better picture can be obtained of how SARS is perceived by the general public and how people are responding to a disease that has come on the scene recently but is expected to be with us for some time to come.

George D. Bishop, Ph.D.

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### **APA Convention Update Statement**

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On June 6, the APA Board of Directors voted to affirm its earlier decision to hold the 2003 Convention in Toronto as planned - August 7 - 10. The Board reached its decision after it evaluated information available from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), other public health experts, as well as results of surveys of members, convention presenters and APA staff.

The consensus of public health officials is that there is, at this time, no need to avoid travel to Toronto. We therefore look forward to an exciting and productive meeting. We also recognize, however, that some of our members preferred that we cancel the Toronto meeting. This perspective was given careful consideration by the Board of Directors. It was decided however, that each member, presenter, exhibitor, or APA staff member should be allowed to make their own decision regarding attending the convention based upon their personal circumstances and health status.

The Board of Directors and the Central Office staff will continue to monitor the situation. The health of our members, presenters, staff and exhibitors and by extension their families and communities will continue to be our priority. If between now and the start of the meeting, the WHO or the CDC issues a directive advising against travel to Toronto the Board will cancel the meeting.

Health Canada web sites:

CDC:

[www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/index.htm)

WHO:

[www.who.int/csr/sars/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/sars/en/)

Health Canada:

[www.hcsc.gc.ca/english/protection/warnings/sars/](http://www.hcsc.gc.ca/english/protection/warnings/sars/)

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## Announcements

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*"Integrating Social and Behavioral  
Sciences with Medicine and Public  
Health"*

### **Eighth International Congress of Behavioral Medicine,**

**25-28 Aug. 2004 - Mainz, Germany**

The German Society of Behavioral Medicine (DGVM) is proud to announce to be the host of the International Congress of Behavioral Medicine in 2004. Therefore we cordially invite you to the 2004 ISBM congress, which will be held in Mainz, Germany. Our aim is to stimulate an international exchange of new scientific and practical aspects of behavior medicine.

The scientific program is based on keynote addresses, master dialogues/debates, round table discussions, oral and poster presentations, and workshops. The program includes most experts in behavioral medicine from around the world. The theme of the congress *"Integrating Social and Behavioral Sciences with Medicine and Public Health"* allows the presentation of current research and practice in behavioral medicine, as well as discussions of how to overcome limitations and provide expansion into new fields of research, practice, and public health.

Please visit the Congress web-site: [www.icbm-2004.de](http://www.icbm-2004.de)

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### **XIV International Family Therapy Association World Family Therapy Congress**

The Congress will be jointly organized by The International Family Therapy Association (IFTA) and The Turkish Association of Marital and Family Therapy (TRAMFT), and will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, between March 24-27, 2004.

The aim of this Congress is to unite all colleagues who conduct academic or clinical studies about family and marital therapies and who are interested in the field. The theme of the congress is " Families in a time of Global Crisis ".

The website of congress is [www.ifta2004.org](http://www.ifta2004.org) and it will be launched around June 20, 2003.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Istanbul; the unique point where east meets west. Through the activities we will be organizing in Istanbul, such as social events and daily tours, we believe that you will have many precious moments to recall from the congress.

Murat Dokur, MD.  
The Turkish Association of Marital and Family Therapy  
President of the TRAMFT Board  
President of the Local Organizing Committee



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### **The APA Division of Health Psychology's Committee on Women and Health**

will offer its fifth CPE workshop on women's health at the annual meeting of the APA in Toronto. This year's applied program will again focus on "Consultation and Treatment Strategies in Obstetrics and Gynecology." The day long training is scheduled for Sunday, August 10th, 2003 from 8:00 am - 4:00. pm. Faculty include: Helen L. Coons, Ph.D., Women's Mental Health Associates, Philadelphia, Meg I. Striepe, Ph.D., Center for Research on Women, Wellesley College, and Susan H. McDaniel, Ph.D., Dept. of Family Medicine, University of Rochester Medical Center. Evidenced-based presentations will focus on: sexual functioning and dysfunction in women across the life span, working with women and couples coping with infertility, strategies to improve the health of women with chronic gynecological conditions, preparing women for obstetrical and gynecological procedures, and guidelines for interdisciplinary collaboration in Ob/Gyn settings. Please contact the APA CPE Office or go to [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org) to register.

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### **BeSST in Medicine: 2nd Conference of the Association of Behavioural and Social Science Teachers in Medicine**

University of Liverpool, July 23-24th 2003  
'Putting Life into Medical Education'

This is a national network of behavioural and social science teachers of students of medicine and professions allied to medicine. The 2nd conference of this organisation provides a forum to debate issues relating to assessment, delivery and evaluation of learning in behavioural and social sciences in medicine and allied health. Keynote speaker: Graham Scambler, Professor of Medical Sociology, University College London. Registration £75 (£50 concessions) includes conference dinner. An aim of BeSST in Medicine is to share good practice. If you are involved in some innovative teaching or assessment, please tell us about it! Submissions of abstracts of brief oral or poster presentations are invited. For more information please contact: Dr Sarah Peters, [s.peters@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:s.peters@liverpool.ac.uk), +44 (0)151 706 4141.

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### **The Association for the Advancement of Applied Psychoneuroimmunology (AAPNI)**

now has a "Participate On-Line in current PNI Research" area on the AAPNI web-site which can be used by researchers/doctoral candidates, etc. in the area of Health Psychology and PNI related fields. Research format must allow for subjects to participate on-line. This service is free.

<http://hometown.aol.com/aaapniresearch/>

Contact Fuschia Sirois  
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### Conference of the Network for European Social Policy Analysis Changing European Societies: The Role For Social Policy

Copenhagen, Denmark  
13-15 November 2003

Europe is changing. Demographic trends include population ageing and fertility below reproduction rates. Some population groups suffer disproportional from bad health, economic inequality, unemployment or precarious jobs. The enlargement of the EU and the broadening of political collaboration bring European nation states closer together, at least in political terms. The role and instruments of social policy are in some respects changing. Whilst similar trends and problems may be detected across European societies, important diversity persists as witnessed by different welfare regimes and a plethora of social policy practices. This begs the question: Changing European Societies: What is the Role for Social Policy?

The forthcoming annual conference of the Network for European Social Policy Analysis, ESPAnet, is organised by Jon Kvist, Danish National Institute of Social Research. Please send a title and short abstract (max. 250 words) either via the conference website ([www.sfi.dk/espanet](http://www.sfi.dk/espanet)) or directly to Jon Kvist ([jk@sfi.dk](mailto:jk@sfi.dk))

***Deadline extended to  
July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003***

### A Call for Ideas for Grand Challenges in Global Health

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

We need your ideas on what currently are the greatest scientific challenges in global health. Your ideas will help us pose to the international health research community a focused set of critical problems, or "grand challenges," in global health, that -- if solved -- could lead to important advances against diseases of the developing world. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$200 million to establish the *Grand Challenges in Global Health Initiative* as a major new effort in partnership with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH). The Scientific Board will use your recommendations to identify the most compelling Grand Challenges and will announce them this fall. We will then solicit grant proposals to address these Grand Challenges.

For a definition of Grand Challenges, details on our Call for Ideas, and instructions for submitting recommendations, please visit our website,

<http://www.grandchallengesgh.org>

Sincerely, Harold E. Varmus, M.D. Chairman





## *Calls for Papers*

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### **Applied Psychology: An International Review Psychologie Appliquee: Revue Internationale**

#### **Special Issue**

Value of children and intergenerational relations in times of social change:  
Analyses from psychological and socio-cultural perspectives

Deadline for submission: January 1st 2004

Guest Editors: Gisela Trommsdorff, Uichol Kim, and Bernhard Nauck

*Applied Psychology: An International Review* invites papers for a SPECIAL ISSUE on "value of children and intergenerational relations in times of social change." Whilst life expectancy is generally increasing, some countries are seeing a decline in their population (Japan and Western Europe) as others experience continued population growth (developing countries in South America, Asia and Africa). Such demographic and related economic changes contribute to changes in the family and intergenerational relations. The special issue will focus on the factors contributing to these changes and their impact on child development, relationships in the family, education, health and welfare, societal institutions, and political changes. The special issue will focus on how psychological and cultural research can contribute to a better understanding of these processes. Manuscripts that provide theoretical and empirical perspectives, including psychological, indigenous or cross-cultural studies, are welcome.

Submissions will be blind peer reviewed. Papers should be written in English. Style guidelines for submitting manuscripts can be found in the Notes for Authors section on the inside back cover of *Applied Psychology: An International Review* and on this homepage (Submission Guidelines).

Interested authors should initially submit a brief outline of their proposed paper, by September 30th 2003. File formats should be MS Word or WordPerfect and must be PC compatible. If using other packages, the file should be saved as Rich Text Format or Text Only.

The deadline for submission of the final paper is January 1st 2004. Please direct all correspondence and submissions for this special issue to Gisela Trommsdorff at the address noted below:

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## *New Books*

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### **The Health Psychology Handbook: Practical Issues for the Behavioral Medicine Specialist**

*Edited by Lee M. Cohen, Dennis E. McChargue, Frank L. Collins  
Sage, July 2003*

*Information from the website:* “The Health Psychology Handbook is a comprehensive yet practical volume that consolidates information needed by health psychologists working alongside other healthcare professionals. It facilitates the progression of the learner from the classroom to the clinical setting by focusing on the translation of science to practice using concrete examples.

The **Handbook** is divided into four major parts. Part I highlights practical issues faced by health psychologists in a medical setting (how to motivate patients, consultation-liaison, assessment and screening, brief psychotherapies, ethical issues, etc.). Part II concentrates on treating unhealthy behaviors (alcohol and nicotine use, noncompliance, overeating/obesity, physical inactivity, stress). Part III considers behavioral aspects of medical problems (pain management, hypertension, diabetes, cancer, sexual dysfunction, HIV/AIDS, irritable bowel syndrome, insomnia). And Part IV takes up special issues relevant to practice and research in the field (minority issues, women's issues, working with geriatric populations, public health approaches to health psychology and behavioral medicine)”.  

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### **Qualitative Psychology: A Practical Guide to Research Methods**

*Edited by Jonathan A. Smith, Birkbeck, University of London.  
Published by: Sage, London, 2003.*

*Information from the website:* “Prompted by the current explosion of interest in qualitative psychology, this book is written in a very accessible manner and is primarily intended as a textbook for undergraduates and postgraduates, though it will also be useful to more advanced researchers. **Qualitative Psychology** covers all of the main qualitative approaches now used in psychology and each chapter offers the reader a step-by-step guide to carrying out research using that particular method with plenty of pedagogical advice.”

This book will be of particular interest to European health psychologists for two reasons:

1. Many of the chapters are written by people well known for their work in health psychology and using illustrations from health psychology.
2. The book is written in a clear style, which should make it accessible for readers whose first language is not English.



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