

# Annual Report - Luxembourg

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The Luxembourgish Psychology Society (SLP) celebrated its 30 years of existence in 2015. To celebrate this anniversary, the department of psychology of the University of Luxembourg organized the 4th Luxembourgish psychology day and the academic ceremony of the SLP. These two events were held on the 27th and 28th of March 2015. Moreover, the "Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg" and other national institutes have occasionally organized one-day conferences on health psychology related themes, such as psychology in cancer therapy or tobacco and health.

## Legislation

In Luxembourg, the title of academically qualified psychologists is protected by a special law on protection of higher-education degrees, stating that academic titles have to be officially registered before. Registration implies an application addressed to the national Commission of Higher Education Titles, which deliberates on the acceptance of the title and assigns the entitlement for its use. On the 24th of July 2015 a new law was launched stipulating that only psychotherapists who accomplished an adequate education and training are allowed hold the title as "psychotherapist" and officially practice psychotherapy. There is still no nomenclature for psychologists, which means that the treatments delivered by self-employed psychologists are usually not reimbursed by the national healthcare insurance system. Nevertheless, this is under discussion and likely to change in the near future.

## Continuing education

Psychology training is delivered by the University of Luxembourg that was founded in 2003. In the field of psychology, the University of Luxembourg offers a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, as well as a Master of Science on Evaluation and Assessment, a Master on Psychological Intervention, a Master in Psychotherapy, and a Master in Gerontology (<http://wwwen.uni.lu/>). Since February 2010, the University of Luxembourg holds a chair in Health and Clinical Psychology. However, the University of Luxembourg does not offer any specific Master for Health Psychology. Students who aim to accomplish a Master in Health Psychology or any other related post-graduate course therefore need to do so at an international University.



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