

Annual Report - Australia

Barbara Mullan *Conferences*
Curtin University

There are two health psychology conferences next year. The 1st is the ASBHM annual scientific meeting which will be held in Auckland, New Zealand, 11-13th February 2015. The overall Theme of the conference is "Addressing barriers to health outcomes for people and populations." It will run from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th February, 2015 at the Mercure Hotel, Perth, Australia. The specific Conference Themes are:

Settings where behavioural medicine can be applied: Social media & technology, urban environment, rural communities, policy & legislation systems, healthcare settings, education settings, family and social networks.

One of the keynote speakers is EHPS member Professor Susan Michie (University College London, UK).

The 2nd is the 2nd APS College of Health Psychology Conference being held on the 10-11th April, 2015 at Coogee Beach Sydney. The theme of the conference is "Facilitating health behaviour change and maintenance". One of the keynote speakers is EHPS member Professor Falko Sniehotta.

Publications

There are no national health psychology journals but this year witnessed for the 1st time a special issue by health psychologists in Australia.

Australian Psychologist Vol. 49 Issue 2
Special Issue: The 'Health' of Health Psychology in

Australia: Behavioural Approaches and Interventions, (April 2014, pages 63-138).

This special issue included the following contributions:

The 'Health' of Health Psychology in Australia: Behavioural Approaches and Interventions (pages 63-65) - *Dr Kyra Hamilton and Professor Martin S Hagger.*

Health Psychology Intervention in Key Social Environments to Promote Adolescent Health (pages 66-74) - John W Toumbourou, Craig A Olsson, Bosco Rowland, Solomon Renati and Bill Hallam.

Perceived Needs for Supported Self-management of Type 2 Diabetes: A Qualitative Investigation of the Potential for a Web-based Intervention (pages 75-85) - Mandy Cassimatis, David J Kavanagh and Anthony C Smith.

The Training Crisis in Health Psychology in Australia (pages 86-95) - Paul R Martin, Rochelle Cairns, Helen Lindner, Jeannette Milgrom, Shirley Morrissey and Lina A Ricciardelli.

Intervening to Improve Psychological Outcomes after Cancer: What Is Known and Where Next? (pages 96-103) - Suzanne Kathleen Chambers, Sandy Hutchison, Samantha Clutton and Jeff Dunn.

Experimental Methods in Health Psychology in Australia: Implications for Applied Research (pages 104-109) - *Barbara Mullan, Jemma Todd, Nikos LD Chatzisarantis and Martin S Hagger.*

The Intersect of Theory, Methods, and Translation in Guiding Interventions for the Promotion of Physical Activity: A Case Example of a Research Programme (pages 110-126) - Ronald Plotnikoff, Philip J Morgan, David R Lubans, Ryan Rhodes and Sarah A Costigan.

Understanding Adherence in Patients With

Coronary Heart Disease: Illness Representations and Readiness to Engage in Healthy Behaviours (pages 127–137) - Ian Platt, Heather J Green, Rohan Jayasinghe and Shirley A Morrissey.



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Roles and professional development

1. The new State Chair for the APS Health College for Queensland is EHPS member Kyra Hamilton. The new ICAP secretary and Chair Elect of ASBHM is EHPS member Barbara Mullan.

2. The APS health college continues to organize professional development events for members. This year with the launch of the Health Psychology and Behavioural Medicine group in Curtin University in Perth WA there have been a number of other professional development events including:

a. A behaviour and alcohol research and policy networking breakfast meeting supported by the Health Psychology and Behavioural Medicine (HPBM) Research Group at Curtin University. The meeting will bring together people with research and policy interests in interventions, measures and policies aimed at reducing excessive alcohol intake on the 29th October 2014.

b. A professional development event with EHPS member Professor Susan Michie in Curtin University 2015.

c. Professional development event with EHPS member Professor Falko Sniehotta in Curtin University 2015.