

EHPS EC report

What is New in EHPS Communications: The Role of the Communications Officer**Vera Araujo-Soares**

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The EHPS Executive Committee created the role of Communications Officer in order to promote new ways of better serving the society. I have been pleased to take on this role over the past year.

The Communication Officer, in liaison with the EC, is responsible for:

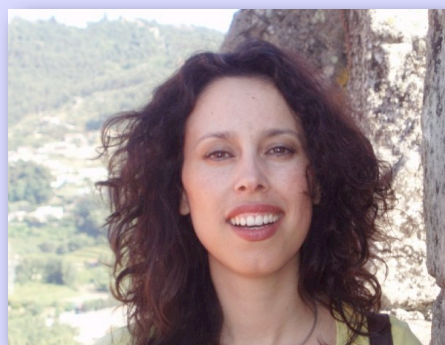
- a) Communicating information and updates from the EHPS through the European Health Psychologist (EHP) and the EHPS website.
- b) Devising new ways in which the EHPS can communicate its aims and mission in order to better support the scientific and professional development of Health Psychology and to promote connections with other organisations.
- c) Liaising with the EHPS website manager in order to keep the society webpage updated with relevant resources.

To date, I have been involved in identifying and uploading a set of resources on the EHPS internet site. These include hyperlinks to WebPages of different relevant journals, societies, initiatives (e.g., WIDER), computer and statistical advice, etc. Please follow [this link](#) and explore for yourself the resources available. Also, take this chance to think about what you would like to see added to our website? Ideas on ways to communicate information related to the EHPS aims are very welcome!

A definition of Health Psychology has been identified to be placed on our web page. The definition was developed by one of our fellows: Marie Johnston:

Health Psychology is defined as 'the study of psychological and behavioural processes in health, illness and health care' (Johnston, 1994).

A Mission Statement for the Society is in its development stage. If you would like to support us in developing this statement, please email us on: vera.araujo-soares@ncl.ac.uk, we will be very happy to receive your contributions.

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In the near future other initiatives are in process such as:

Including video recordings and PowerPoint presentations of our conference keynote speakers in our resources webpage for members' access. Members across the world, especially those that could not attend the conference, will be able to see/hear the conference keynote speakers. Education and training in different countries of the world may also benefit from these new resources.

On a personal note, I would like to say that within this role creativity is the limit! Working with highly motivated people (both on the EC and the EHP) helps on a job well-done! After the conference in Cluj this role will be continued by another EC member. I wish this person all the best. ■

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