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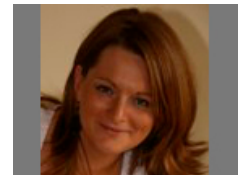
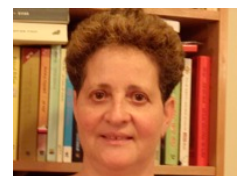
**Gerard Molloy***Ordinary Member*

I am a Lecturer in Psychology in the School of Natural Sciences at the University of Stirling in Scotland. My main research interests lie in the area of social support and adaptation to conditions related to cardiovascular disease in older adults. I have been a member of the EHPS since 2003 and I have participated in Create and Synergy workshops on a number of occasions over the last 7 years. I was an editor of the *European Health Psychologist* from 2008-2010 and I have joined the editorial board of *Psychology & Health* this year. I became an elected EHPS executive committee member at the last EHPS meeting in Cluj, Romania. Since then my two main roles have involved co-ordinating the 2010 Networking Grants scheme and being the EC liaison with the *European Health Psychologist*. I will also chair the Publications Committee meeting at the 2011 conference in Crete. This Committee will aim to co-ordinate the activities of all of the EHPS publications i.e. *Psychology & Health*, *Health Psychology Review* and the *European Health Psychologist*. My role on the EC incorporates both aspects of Education and Training and Communications and I look forward to getting involved in these and other new EHPS activities during my 2nd year on the EC.

I work as a Lecturer in Psychology at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. In August 2011, I am moving to Perdana Medical University in Kuala Lumpur on a three year secondment. I have been a member of the EHPS since 2003 when I

started my PhD studies. Prior to this I worked in the area of organisational psychology. My research interests are population health, chronic illness and ageing. Since becoming a member I have attended all but one EHPS conferences and have held a number of sub-committee positions include local liaison and president of CREATE and convenor of Synergy. In 2010 I was elected Secretary of EHPS. I am still learning about the role and I am very grateful for the support of the other members of the Executive Committee and the previous secretary (Yael Benyamini). The role of the Secretary is to keep records of all meetings of the Society; to conduct the official correspondence of the Society; to issue official calls and notices of meetings and to conduct elections and to notify new members of their election directly.

I am a Senior Lecturer at Ruppin Academic Center in Israel. My research interests focus on health behaviours. I have been a member of the EHPS since 2003 and I became a member of the EHPS executive committee in 2010, taking on the role of National Delegates (ND) Officer. In this role I update ND about new developments, remind deadlines regarding application to EHPS grants, and encourage promoting EHPS activities in delegates' countries. The EHPS' National Delegates represent 33 countries. They include Rudolf Schoberberger (Austria), Marleen

**Karen Morgan***Secretary***Efrat Neter***National Delegates Officer*

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I am a Professor and head of the Institute of Social Work and Health at the University of Applied Sciences in Olten. I have studied psychology at the University of Freiburg in Germany and at the University of Freiburg in Switzerland. Between 1995 and 2007 I worked at the Swiss Institute for the prevention of alcohol and drug problems in Lausanne in the field



Holger Schmid

*Education and Training
Officer*

of health promotion and drug prevention in young people. My research interests are in health psychology, health and health behaviour of young people and in evaluation research. The EHPS conferences are excellent opportunities to update our knowledge, to develop new ideas and to exchange ideas with colleagues from all over the world. Education and training possibilities have enlarged the activities of the EHPS and became more and more important. The EHPS has always been dedicated to education and training. This has been an important part of the developments in Health Psychology to me since I first attended an EHPS conference in Leipzig in 1992. I am grateful that I can in some way contribute to this in my function as education and training officer. With the pre- and post-conference workshops, as well as the tremendous work of CREATE and SYNERGY the EHPS is strongly committed to developing members' research and professional skills. I personally was very happy to see so many good applications for the EHPS grants in 2010, with which the society can support early career researchers.

I am a Reader in Health Psychology at the Institute of Health and Society, Newcastle University in England. My research focuses on behaviour and behaviour change relevant for health and I am interested in theory of behaviour change as well as the development and evaluation of interventions to change behaviour in members of the public, patients and health care providers. I have been an EHPS member since 2001 and have been serving the society in a range of roles over the past decade. Currently, I am associate editor of Health Psychology Review. I am president elect. This means that for the time from 2010 to 2012 my role in the executive committee is to support the



Falko Sniehotta

President-elect

current president and the EC as well as to familiarise myself with the procedures and long term activities in the executive committee. Together with the current EC we also work toward achieving the objectives I emphasised as part of my nomination as EHPS president, in particular further supporting our journals, improving training opportunities and access to our journals for PhD students and early career researchers and developing the internal structures and external affiliations the EHPS needs to facilitate cutting edge health psychology science to improve health and well-being.

I have been a member of the EHPS Executive Committee since 2002 and was editor of the EHPS Newsletter, now the European Health Psychologist (EHP) until 2006. I was President of



Irina Todorova

Past President

the EHPS from 2008 – 2010, and am now a member of the Executive Committee as Past President. In this role I support the on-going activities of the EC. As current Conference Officer, I coordinate the calls, procedures and initial preparations for all upcoming EHPS conferences, specifically the 2012 Conference in Prague, and the 2013 Conference in Bordeaux, as well as talking with potential hosts for the 2014 Conference. I also coordinate the activities related to the new EHPS association with the United Nations. I direct the Health Psychology Research Center in Sofia, Bulgaria. My research interests are in the areas of gender and health, culture and health and social change and health. I am particularly interested in psychosocial aspects of health in Eastern Europe and committed to contributing to developing health psychology in that area of Europe, as well as expanding the involvement of psychologists from Central and Eastern Europe in the EHPS in joint research projects. One of our current projects,

which includes several colleagues from EHPS, is a Framework 7 Study ORCAB: Improving quality and safety in the hospital: The link between organisational culture, burnout, and quality of care; Coordinated by Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, partnering with Bulgaria, Croatia, FYROM, Ireland, Portugal, Turkey, Romania, UK.

I completed my PhD at the University of Greifswald, Germany in 2007. My main research focus is on antecedents and processes which promote well-being and health in chronically ill and healthy persons. More specifically, I examine the health effects of illness representations and personal resources such as optimism; and I explore possible mediators of the health effects, in particular social support processes and coping strategies. I became a member of the EHPS in 2003 and since then I have participated in several annual conferences and workshops. I was the EHPS office assistant (2003-2008), the webmaster of SYNERGY between (2003-2008), and the membership officer and treasurer (2008-2010). In the current EC, my main activities are in relation to the communication of information and updates. In particular, I am responsible for updating and expanding the content of the EHPS webpage and for circulating EHPS-related announcements, job adverts and other information among the EHPS members. At the moment, I am working together with a programmer on the upgrade of the online EHPS member database. The new functions of the database will facilitate the work of the membership officer and treasurer, will make an up-to-date membership directory with search options possible and will allow members to circulate information among the EHPS members.

I am a research scientist at the Department of



Manja Vollmann

Communication Officer



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Medical Psychology at the Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin in Germany. My research focuses on self-regulatory and social exchange processes in health behaviour change and theory-based interventions for health promotion. In particular, I am interested in moderating and mediating relations between intention, planning processes, and social support. In one research project, we study self-regulation processes during the uptake and maintenance of health-relevant behaviour in patients following major tumour surgery. I have been a member of the EHPS for 7 years. As chair of CREATE and treasurer of Synergy (and CREATE) I have been involved in many EHPS activities. Since 2010 have

served on the EHPS executive committee as EHPS membership officer and treasurer. As membership officer my main task is to support EHPS members during their application process and to recruit new members. Most readers of the European Health Psychologist have probably received an email from me since then, either as reminder of membership renewal, as response to a specific request or with regard to grants and reimbursements. As treasurer, my scope of duties stretches from overseeing membership payments and reimbursing grant winners to providing accounts of the financial situation by reporting the annual budget to my colleagues on the Executive Committee. Currently, we aim at rebuilding our electronic database management system to make it more flexible and interactive for our members.

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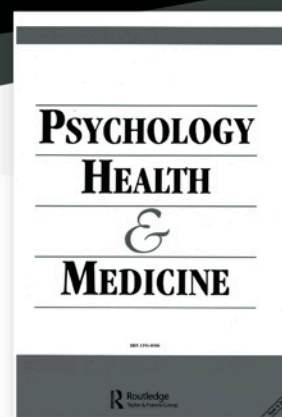
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