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President's message

Dear Colleagues,
Strategy meeting

In January, the entire EC spent two intensive and very productive days in Braga reviewing EHPS work over the last two years and planning a programme of work for the coming term of office. The subjects we discussed included:

- *Developing a strategy for growth:* activating and supporting our National Delegates to step up EHPS recruitment in their countries, providing EHPS promotional materials and continuing to develop our website, Newsletter and membership facilities.
- *Regional and research development:* ideas for supporting and developing Health Psychology in Southern and Eastern Europe include seeking European-wide funds for training (similar to the previous Erasmus scheme), and informing members of EU Framework 7 to foster collaborations across countries.
- *Involving more members in EHPS activities:* We now have five Sub-committees, with non-EC members as well as EC members serving on them. They are
 - o *Education and training*
 - o *Research collaboration*
 - o *Publications*
 - o *Newsletter*
 - o *Recruitment and promotion*

If you would like to become involved in the work of any of these, please contact me.

- *Links with other organisations:* we have joint symposia this year with both the International Society of Behavioural Medicine and the International Association of Applied Psychologists. ISBM have agreed to collaborate with us on a joint symposium for their conference in Bangkok in 2006: if you would be interested in developing or convening this symposium, get in touch.
- *Health Psychology Review:* our discussions were reflected in the message I sent to all members last month. This initiative has been received with enthusiasm: I have received many messages of support from members in a wide range of countries.

Executive Committee at its strategy meeting in Braga



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Church in Braga



August 31st – September 3rd

The report of this strategy meeting will be in the form of Action Plans in the various areas of work, and this will be presented to the Members Meeting in Galway.

EHPS conferences

An exciting scientific programme for our conference “Enhancing Individual, Family and Community Health” in Galway, Ireland (Aug 31st-September 3rd) awaits us. Keynote speakers are Prof. Shelley Taylor UCLA, Prof. James Pennebaker, University of Texas, Prof. Marie Johnson, University of Aberdeen and Prof. Jack James NUI, Galway. Both the Create and Synergy workshops promise high quality scientific interchange and development (see details in the Newsletter or website), and the social programme will provide the warmth of welcome and fun that Ireland is famous for. I hope to see you there! If you missed the deadline for oral presentations, the deadline for late poster submissions is April 30th 2005. We see poster presentations as a very important part of the conference, as they provide an excellent way of making contact with others working in similar fields. The abstracts will be published in a special supplement of “*Psychology and Health*”.

In 2006, our Polish colleagues at the University of Warsaw will host the EHPS conference, from 30th August to 2nd September. “Social change and new challenges for health psychology” will be the theme. We thank the conference President, Prof Kazimierz Wrzesniewski and the organising team for all the hard work they are putting into its development.

If you have comments about any of the news I have provided here, or about other EHPS issues or activities, I would be delighted to hear from you.

With best wishes,

Susan Michie,
President, EHPS
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EHPS Conference 2005 – Galway, Ireland

Preparations for the 2005 Conference are underway. The deadline for submitting oral papers has passed. Abstract submissions for poster presentations will take place until April 30th 2005.

We are happy to say that there have been 500 submissions so far and they have been sent to track chairs for review. Information about acceptance of submissions will be sent out by April 30th for oral papers and by May 20th for posters. The conference program will be posted on the web site at the end of May.

Further details of the conference can be obtained from: www.ehps2005.com or alternatively you can contact us at: conference@ehps2005.com