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## President's message

### Meeting & Learning

The EHPS Conference will take place in Eastern Europe this year, in the city of Warsaw, from August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. The conference venue will be the University, established in 1816, which is on the 'Royal Route', which runs north-south from the New and Old Towns. The strikingly successful rebuilding of the Old Town placed it on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1980. Warsaw has an impressive cultural scene and lively nightlife with countless bars, clubs, and outdoor cafés.

The programme is packed, with five parallel sessions of over 200 oral presentations and three interactive sessions of about 300 posters. Outstanding researchers and speakers will be delivering keynote addresses including Prof. Stevan E. Hobfoll, Kent State University, Prof. Derek Johnston, University of Aberdeen, Prof. Maria Kopp, Semmelweis University, Prof. Ralf Schwarzer, Freie Universität Berlin, Prof. Paschal Sheeran, University of Sheffield, and Prof. Andrzej Elias, Warsaw School of Social Psychology. An innovation this year is a Breakfast Roundtable discussion on stress and coping research, hosted by Stevan Hobfoll and Stan Maes.

This year's CREATE workshop will focus on "Stress, coping and social support" and will be facilitated by Ralf Schwarzer, Aleksandra Luszczynska and Krys Kaniasty.

Similarly, the 4<sup>th</sup> SYNERGY workshop will focus on "[Behavioural Interventions: Bridging the Gap between Theory, Evidence, and Intervention Research](#)" and will be facilitated by Professors Alex Rothman, Susan Michie and Paschal Sheeran. Expanding its educational and training activities, the EHPS has supported half and one day workshops adjunct to its annual meetings:

- [Preconference Workshop on "Path analysis and structural equation modelling in health psychology research"](#)
- [Postconference Workshop on "Interpretative phenomenological analysis"](#) Warsaw, Poland, 2nd - 3rd September 2006
- [Postconference Workshop on "Self-Regulation in Health and Illness"](#) Warsaw, Poland, 2nd - 3rd September 2006

More information on all of the above can be found at [www.ehps2006.org](http://www.ehps2006.org).

**President's message****Journal changes***Psychology and Health*

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed two excellent Editors who will begin their four year term of office after the conference. They are Professor Lucy Yardley and Dr Rona Moss-Morris, both of Southampton University. Their impressive research records cover a wide range of health psychology theories and methods, and they bring a wealth of editorial experience to the job. They are currently putting together a new team of co-editors and an editorial board to represent the breadth of health psychology and of Europe.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Paul Norman, the outgoing Editor, who has done an outstanding job of developing *Psychology and Health* to its current leadership position in Health Psychology. Submissions continue to be very strong with over 100 new submissions to the journal already this year, and quality continuing to increase. We are currently in discussions with the publishers about increasing the number of issues per year to eight to reduce the publication delay, which its popularity has produced. Paul was persuaded by unanimous acclaim by a Members Meeting to extend his term of office, which was very noble of him and greatly appreciated by us.

*Health Psychology Review*

Our new review journal, edited by Professors Joop van der Pligt, Denise de Ridder, Alex Rothman and Brian Oldenburg will be formally launched this year. To mark this important event, the publishers, Taylor and Francis, will be hosting a reception at the Conference.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Warsaw and, meanwhile, please contact me if you have any comments or suggestions about our work for the Society.

Susan Michie, President, EHPS

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**Reminder: Election for the EC Board**

Dear EHPS members,

In accordance with the Articles and Bylaws of the European Health Psychology Society, the election process of the new Executive Committee (EC) for 2006-2008 started with the Call for Nominations for 6 members of the EC.

All members of the EHPS should have received the ballots for election of the Executive Committee. Please be reminded that these ballots need to be returned by the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, 2006, to Prof. Ralf Schwarzer.

We invite you to contribute to this democratic process and send in your vote. The results of the elections will be announced at the Members' Meeting during our EHPS annual conference, in Warsaw, 2006.

EHPS Executive Committee