

The New European Health Psychologist 2007-2008

Dear readers,

Since the introduction of the *European Health Psychologist* in 2005 we have been publishing a diversity of thought provoking think-pieces (e.g., Bandura, 2005; M Johnston, 2005; Leventhal, 2005; Maes, 2005; James, 2006), excellent overview papers (e.g., Hall & Hobfoll, 2006; DW Johnston, 2007 – this issue), research letters (e.g., Oldridge, Saner & McGee, 2005) and interviews with key researchers such as Alexander Rothman (2007 – this issue) and Sir Michael Marmot (2007 – this issue).

The EHP has been shifting its focus from a newsletter towards a true bulletin of the European Health Psychology Society reflecting the scientific developments in European health psychology. In doing so, the *EHP* will continue to publish relevant information from the EHPS and provide an unorthodox vehicle for the dissemination of health psychology science beyond traditional means. Hence, the *EHP* emerges as a medium which provides health psychologists with the opportunity to formulate positions and communicate reflections, to initiate discussions or comment on particular scientific controversies, and to develop new ideas and innovative approaches. Thus, while we strive to maintain the high level of quality of past issues, you will notice that

the tone of the *EHP* has been changed to reflect an increasing focus on science, multidisciplinary and interactivity.

We hope that our readers will continue to be involved in the process of planning and creating the *EHP* by actively and frequently submitting think-pieces, research letters, debates, or interviews. The *EHP* is a fast, interactive and flexible means of communication, providing a platform for discussions, controversies and debates relevant to health psychology, as well as to responses to pieces that appeared in *EHP* past issues. The *EHP* team has been assembling an informal peer-review process to ensure top quality. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or proposals.

With a new international editorial team consisting of Nihal Elamin Mohamed, (New York) Gerard Molloy (London), Benjamin Schütz (Berlin), Emely de Vet (Amsterdam), and Dawn Wilkinson (London) as co-editors and Justin Presseau (Aberdeen) as editorial assistant, the *European Health Psychologist* will continue its transformation into a platform for the exchange of your scientific findings, reflections and ideas.

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We present this issue in the hope that it will challenge your ideas and inspire scientific debate, and look forward to being the forum for European health psychology.

Hope you will find this issue challenging to discover!

Sincerely yours on behalf of the entire EHP team,



Vera Araújo-Soares & Falko Sniehotta
Editors – *The European Health Psychologist*

past editor's message

The European Health Psychologist: Always Something New

Dear EHPS members and friends,

For many years, the Newsletter of the EHPS has been offering information about important current topics in health psychology, EHPS organizational activities, and announcements about international events in the field. Several Editors have contributed to its existence and have left their mark on its design, goals and philosophy, always aiming to offer something new and engaging to the readers. In the past two years, the newsletter expanded its Editorial team and thus its creative reservoir of original ideas for both format and content. In 2005, it became *The European Health Psychologist*, with a redesigned format and expanded goals and content, to include even more substantive materials about theory, research and practice in health psychology.

I have tremendously enjoyed my two terms as Editor of *The European Health Psychologist*. During this time, my work on the quarterly issues has connected me to many people who contributed to its pages with original texts, ideas, feedback and support. I will remember each contribution and will be grateful to everyone who dedicated their time to

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enriching its contents. Since I was joined by the two EHP co-editors, Falko Sniehotta & Vera Araújo-Soares two years ago, the work became even more rewarding. With the current issue they are taking on as the new Editors of *The European Health Psychologist*. The new editorial team will also include the co-editors Gerry Molloy, Benjamin Schulz, Emely de Vet, Dawn Wilkinson and Nihal Elamin Mohamed. I would like to wish all of them smooth writing and as much fulfillment in their work as I found during my terms.



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