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1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear EHPS Colleagues,

Our spring Newsletter contains many announcements for conferences and special issues for health psychology journals. Health psychology in Europe is booming.

I would like to encourage you to register for our 2002 EHPS Lisbon conference. It will be great to renew your contacts with your European colleagues, and be part of an important health psychology meeting in Europe. During our conference, the Executive Committee will be proposing a number of new Officers, so please do attend our Members Meeting.

This message is concise. I am still recovering from surgery for an acute appendicitis. Medical management of such a condition is relatively straightforward. It brought home, however, the great importance of issues we study: providing information and support, preparation for medical procedures, stress and wound healing. I do hope hospital admissions will continue to be life events that you will not experience. On the bright side: they help in focussing on our area!

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the EHPS I would like to wish you a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you in Lisbon in October.

Ad Kaptein
President EHPS

2. MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dear members and friends of the EHPS,

We would like to use this opportunity to confirm that the preparations for the 16th Conference of the European Health Psychology Society in Lisbon are well under way. The Conference will take place from 2-5th of October, 2002. The theme of the Conference is *Health Through the Life Cycle: a Life Span Perspective*.

The deadline for abstract submissions has passed, however, rapid communications and poster abstracts are still being accepted. According to the organizers, if you have not received a message from them, your abstract has been accepted. Please take note that the deadline for early registration is almost here: **June 1st, 2002**. Hotel reservations must be received before August 15th, 2002. You can register for the conference and arrange hotel reservations by faxing the registration form (<http://www.sp-ps.com/4congresso/hotel.html>) to the organizers (fax: 351.21415 63 83/4). Please note that "conference inscription" is included under "5. Excursions" on the registration form.

Details about the conference can be found on the EHPS web site www.ehps.net, and also on the conference web site: www.sp-ps.com. For additional information you can contact the organizers:

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The Keynote speakers for the conference are:

ELAINE LEVENTHAL

Gerontological Institute, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School- USA

"Health and Illness Across the Lifespan: How are Our Body Speaks to Us Throughout the Years"

HANS ORMEL

University Hospital Groningen- The Netherlands

"Emotional Disorders and Disability: A Life Span Perspective"

ALEXANDRE QUINTANILHA

Instituto de Biologia Molecular e Celular; Instituto de Ciências Biomédicas Abel Salazar da Universidade do Porto. Portugal

"The Perception of Risk in the Life Sciences"

CRISTIANO VIOLANI

Facolta' di Psicologia - Università di Roma "la Sapienza". Italy

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“Genes and Health: Should we Predict?”

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“Coronary Prone Behavior and Personality from a Life Span Perspective”

We wish you an active summer and fruitful preparations for Lisbon! We look forward to seeing you in Portugal in the fall!

On behalf of the EC of the EHPS,

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3. 2002 CREATE WORKSHOP IN LISBON

CREATE, a subdivision of the European Health Psychology Society (EHPS), provides further training and promotes collaboration among early career health psychologists. To this end, it has formed an international network of early career researchers who provide mutual support and expertise. This network aids researchers in identifying and discussing common research interest and concerns. In order to provide further training and education, CREATE also organises an annual interactive workshop.

This year, the 4th CREATE workshop will be held in Lisbon, Portugal between 29th September-1st October, preceding the 16th EHPS conference. During the three-day workshop, issues related to research design and methodology in health psychology will be covered in an interactive way. This year's workshop will be facilitated by Professor John Weinman, Dr. Kavita Vedhara, and Dr. Rona Moss-Morris. John Weinman is Professor of Psychology as applied to Medicine at the Guy's, King's & St. Thomas' School of Medicine in the University of London. His main research areas are cognition and health, communication and decision-making in health care, and self-regulation and self-management in chronic illness. Kavita Vedhara is a Medical Research Council Career Track Scientist working for the Health Services Research Collaboration in Bristol. Her research interests focus on investigating the role of psychological and behavioural factors in disease. This includes research into psychoneuroimmunology, adherence, health beliefs and emotional disclosure. Rona Moss-Morris is a senior lecturer in Health Psychology at the University of Auckland. Her research has focused on chronic fatigue and related syndromes and the psychosocial factors that may be involved in perpetuating these illnesses. Dr Moss-Morris's other key area of research interest is investigating the impact that patients' personal beliefs about illness have on their adjustment to their condition and their health care behaviours, particularly adherence. CREATE is very happy that John Weinman, Kavita Vedhara and Rona Moss-Morris have kindly agreed to facilitate this year's workshop. We are confident that working with them in the workshop will significantly contribute to what we already know about issues on research design and methodology and will be a lot of fun.

The workshop will take place in Inatel, a holiday village in Oeiras. It is located 16 kilometres outside of Lisbon on the Atlantic coast. Accommodation will be provided in the same location and workshop participants will have access to a bar, a cafeteria and an outdoor swimming pool! Oeiras is only a 15-minute walk and has stores and shops for basic needs. We are again looking forward to having a multinational participant group working in different areas of health psychology as we did in previous years. We hope to have another successful CREATE workshop in Lisbon thanks to our professional lecturers, enthusiastic participants and experienced and committed organisers. This year, the workshop is being organised by the following CREATE members: Vera Araújo-Soares (Portugal), Lucie Byrne (UK), Wiebke Goehner (Germany), Jo Hart (Scotland), Gisela Michel (Switzerland), Rachael Powell (Scotland), Falko Sneihotta (Germany), Urte Scholz (Germany) and Ayse Uskul (Canada/Turkey). For more detailed information about the workshop, please follow the updates on our website: www.ehps.net/create.

We look forward to seeing you all in Lisbon this October.

On behalf of CREATE

Ayse Uskul, Psychology Department, York University, Toronto, Canada

4. First French Conference on Health Psychology

UNIVERSITE VICTOR SEGALEN BORDEAUX 2, 5-6 OCTOBER 2001

The first French Conference on Health Psychology was held in Bordeaux (France) on 5-6th October 2001 under the aegis of the Société Française de Psychologie (SFP), represented by its president, professor Alain Blanchet (University of Paris 8) and the European Health Psychology Society (EHPS), represented by its founding member, Professor Stan Maes (University of Leiden, the Netherlands). It was presided by Professor Marilou Bruchon-Schweitzer. The Conference was attended by 180 French-speaking researcher-lecturers, students and health professionals working in the area of primary (health education) and tertiary (management of subjects faced with medico-hospital or professional stress prevention).

The scientific program included the following :

* 3 keynote speakers (J-L. Pédinielli : Explanatory theories of patients ; S. Consoli : Cardiovascular pathologies: factors of vulnerability ; G-N. Fischer: Diseases and adaptive resources: a critical approach to the notion of coping) ;

* 72 papers (oral presentations) divided into 12 thematic sessions (affective and cognitive factors of vulnerability and protection; medical stressors and adjustment to diseases and treatments; professional stressors; patient-carer relationships and patient management; perceptions and representations of health and diseases; prevention, and promotion of health; stress and coping ; addictive behaviours; socio-cognitive approaches in health psychology; observance and quality of life, and patient-carer relationships);

* 42 posters were presented in two interactive sessions.

This first congress of its kind in France led to the creation of a new learned society: the AFPSA (Association Française de Psychologie de la Santé) : President : M. Bruchon-Schweitzer, Professor at Université Victor Segalen Bordeaux 2 ; Secretary : Elisabeth Spitz, Professor at Université de Metz, Treasurer : Danièle Hermand, Professor at Université de Lille 3. The second Conference of the AFPSA will take place in the University of Metz in 2003.

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Further Website (under development) : <http://www.afpsa.fr>

Current Website : <http://www.llsh.univ-savoie.fr/labopsy/APS/accueil.html>

5. National Report for 2001-2002 from Austria

Austrian Professional Association of Psychologists (BÖP)

In 2002 the BÖP counts about 2.300 academically trained psychologists, working in private practices or different institutions. Members are part of one or more of 9 sections (clinical and health psychology, psychotherapy, occupational/economical/organizational psychology, forensic psychology, children-youth-family psychology, school psychology, environmental psychology, traffic psychology, sport psychology). Section-leaders and the Managing Committee are voted for personally.

The BÖP-academy offers diverse curricula to members as well as non-members in clinical and health psychology, occupational psychology, supervision, coaching etc. "Psychology in Austria", published once quarterly, provides information about different topics, news and events. Last year's annual meeting "Health Psychology & Wellness" (organized by the section of clinical and health psychology) will be published in the coming issue. The congress aimed at opening new market-niches and encouraging colleagues to enter this promising field. We as the section of health psychology are very much engaged in working on health-psychological offers for wellness-institutions. We are also taking part in the working group "Austria as a wellness destination of Europe", trying to give psychology its deserved place and increase awareness about its role.

The Department of clinical and health psychology is planning a symposium on "Psychology in the Hospital", discussing thematic as well as political topics in our attempt to strengthen the role of psychology in medicine and therapeutic teams. Each section writes newsletters to its members on a regular basis, informing about new developments and upcoming events. The section of clinical and health psychology is also involved in overlooking psychology related legislature. Clinical and health psychology are being defined separately, which leads to redefining the postgraduate curricula for both professions.

Another topic of great interest is occupational psychology. In 2002 a new version of the law on security of employees was installed, which confirms the place of psychology. Until now no standardized training was offered for occupational psychology, so together with the section of occupational/ economical/ organizational psychology we have designed curricula and asked colleagues working in this field to be included in a list of "occupational psychologists". As quality assurance is a central aspect of our work, we emphasise both theoretical and practical knowledge, where health psychologists receive most of the theoretical knowledge through their curricula. We are now trying to connect occupational psychology closely to health psychology, because we think that it is a main topic of our work.

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6. CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS



BPS DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sheffield 4th-6th September 2002

"FACILITATING HEALTHIER SOCIETIES"

Come to Sheffield for the Division of Health Psychology's Annual Conference. The conference programme draws on several psychological theories and research methods to explain health and illness. The findings presented at the conference provide evidence for interventions that facilitate healthier societies.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Professor Susan Folkman, University of California, will talk about the role of positive emotions in the stress process and new directions in coping theory and research.

Professor Robert Plomin, Kings College London, will discuss the links between genetics, genes, genomics and behaviour and their implications for health psychology research and theory.

SYMPOSIA INCLUDE: current issues in adherence to treatment regimens ◆ understanding and facilitating attendance for cervical screening ◆ implementing evidence based changes in the health service ◆ quality of life and paediatric cancer ◆ using verbal protocols to explain health and illness cognitions ◆ employing interpretative phenomenological analysis to understand pain in health care.

PAPERS AND POSTERS INCLUDE: self-regulation theory to understand coping in urinary tract infections, chemotherapy, rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes ◆ Theory of Planned Behaviour to explain smoking, diet, and immunisations ◆ intervention evaluations that facilitate understanding of genetic conditions, sex education, blood transfusions, and encourage smoking cessation, breast feeding, cancer and heart disease screening ◆ emotions, social support and coping in stress ◆ exploring beliefs about depression, anxiety, suicide and unexplained physical symptoms.

LATE SUBMISSIONS: abstracts for poster presentations only can be submitted until the 7th June 2002. Submission information can be accessed via the Conference & DHP websites, and the BPS.

ACCESS FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT: draft programme (Conference & DHP websites) ◆ registration forms (Conference & DHP websites, and BPS) ◆ conference accommodation (all websites below) ◆ DHP membership information (DHP website and BPS).

- ◆ Conference website www.ardenarmitage.supanet.com/DHP2002.htm
- ◆ Accommodation website www.shu.ac.uk/conference21/accomm.html
- ◆ Division of Health Psychology (DHP) website <http://www.health-psychology.org.uk>
- ◆ British Psychological Society (BPS), DHP2002 Conference, The Conference Office, St Andrews House, 48 Princess Road East, Leicester LE17DR, UK. Tel.0116 252 9555; Fax.0116 255 7123; Email: conferences@bps.org.uk.

**2ND WORLD CONFERENCE ON THE PROMOTION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
PREVENTION OF MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS:**

Developing Partnerships - Science, Policy, and Programs Across Cultures.

London, UK, September 11-13, 2002.

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The 5th National Congress of SIPSA

ITALIAN SOCIETY OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

October 18-20 in Florence, Italy

The home site of the Congress is: <http://www.psicologiasalute.unifi.it>

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BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**EUROPEAN POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY CONFERENCE****JUNE 28-30th 2002; King Alfred's College, Winchester, UK.**

Positive psychology addresses positive aspects of experience with a view to improving the quality of individual and community life. It encompasses topics such as well-being, psychology of happiness, flow, personal strengths, wisdom, creativity, psychological health and the positive characteristics of individuals, groups, institutions and communities that are functioning particularly well. The conference will be held at King Alfreds College new Conference Centre. It is organised by the BPS Consciousness and Experiential Psychology Section and the Wessex and Wight Branch. This will be CEP's 6th Annual Conference. Previous CEP conferences have addressed change, subjectivity, well-being, imagination and awareness.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Prof. Martin SELIGMAN (Pennsylvania) Pleasure and Gratification. Prof. Seligman is a former president of the APA and has published research on learned helplessness, depression, optimism and pessimism. He is the author of "Learned Optimism" and "The Optimistic Child". He is the founder and Director of the Positive Psychology Network.

Prof. Barry SCHWARTZ (Swarthmore) Choice and Well-Being: Why less can be more Prof. Schwartz is author of "The Battle for Human Nature" and "The Costs of Living" as well as other textbooks on learning and memory. He is presently completing a book on the problems posed by having too many choices.

Prof. Ursula STAUDINGER (Dresden) Life insight and Life Composition: Two elements of a psychological approach to an art of living. Prof. Staudinger is author of "Interactive Minds: Life-Span Perspectives on the Social Foundation of Cognition" co-edited with Paul B. Baltes. Among her research interests are the social-interactive nature of human functioning, life experience, insight and wisdom.

Prof. George VAILLANT (Harvard Medical School) Positive Aging: He is author of "Aging Well: Surprising Guideposts to a Happier Life from the Landmark Harvard Study of Adult Development" and "The Wisdom of the Ego: Sources of Resilience in Adult Life". Among his research interests are the role of defence mechanisms in positive well-being and positive aging.

Prof. Peter WARR (Sheffield) Work and Well-being: Prof. Warr won the President's Award of the BPS for outstanding contributions to psychological knowledge. He is author "Psychology at Work" (Editor). His research focuses on many aspects of employment including the relationship between work and well-being.

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MAKING SENSE OF HEALTH, ILLNESS AND DISEASE

Monday 24th June 2002 - Wednesday 26th June 2002

St Catherine's College, Oxford

Marking the launch of a new annual conference, research and publication series, this interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary project aims to explore the processes by which we attempt to create meaning in health, illness and disease. The project will also examine the models we use to understand our experiences of health and illness (looking particularly at perceptions of the body), and to evaluate the diversity of ways in which we creatively struggle to make sense of such experiences and express ourselves across a range of media.

Papers, presentations, reports and workshops are invited on any of the following themes:

- the 'significance' of health, illness and disease for individuals and communities; the factors which influence our perceptions of health and illness experiences
- the concept of the 'well' person; the preoccupation with health; the attitudes of the 'well' to the 'ill'; perceptions of 'impairment' and disability; the challenges posed when confronted by illness and disease; the notion of being 'cured'; chronic illness; terminal illness; attitudes to death
- how we perceive of and conduct ourselves through the experiences of health and illness; the effects on our sense of identity; our relationship with our own body; how others perceive us - family, friends, strangers, doctors, nurses, care givers
- 'models' of the body; the body in pain; biological and medical views of illness; the ambiguous relationship with 'alternative' medicine and therapies; the doctor-patient relationship; the 'clinical gaze'; the body as machine and the role of technology; the rise of genetics; manipulation of the body - transplantation, surgery; the body as resource; 'artificial' bodies; the impact of body 'models' on the person
- the impact of health, illness and disease on biology, economics, government, medicine, politics, social sciences; the changing relationship between society and medical development; the potential influences of gender, ethnicity, and class; health care, service providers, and public policy
- the nature and role of 'metaphors' in expressing the experiences of health, illness and disease - for example, illness as 'another country'; the role of narrative and narrative interpretation; the importance of story telling;
- the relationship between creative work and illness and disease

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Visit the Call for Papers website at <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/hid.htm>

7. INTERNET RESOURCES

"ACCESS TO RESEARCH"

INTERNET INITIATIVE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Opening of the Health InterNetwork website: <http://www.healthinternetwork.net>
Press Release WHO/07, 31 January 2002

"The *Health InterNetwork* was created to bridge the "digital divide" in health, ensuring that relevant information - and the technologies to deliver it - are widely available and effectively used by health personnel: professionals, researchers, scientists, and policy makers.

Launched by the Secretary General of the United Nations in September 2000 and led by the World Health Organization, the *Health InterNetwork* has brought together public and private partners under the principle of ensuring *equitable access to health information*. The core elements of the project are *content, Internet connectivity* and *capacity building*.

As the first phase of making vital health content available, the *Health InterNetwork* provides a vast library of the latest information on public health: nearly 1,500 scientific publications, one of the world's largest collections of biomedical literature.

This collection is available through the efforts of WHO together with the 6 biggest biomedical publishers: Blackwell, Elsevier Science, the Harcourt Worldwide STM Group, Wolters Kluwer International Health & Science, Springer Verlag and John Wiley. The aim is to bring them together with the countries concerned to seek a more affordable pricing structure for online access to their international biomedical journals.

The "Access to Research" initiative enables accredited universities, medical schools, research centres and other public institutions in the developing countries to gain access to the wealth of scientific information contained in more than 1000 different biomedical journals produced by the six publishers. Until now, subscriptions to these journals, both electronic and print, have been priced uniformly for such institutions, irrespective of geographical location. Many key titles cost more than US\$1500 per year, and the average subscription costs several hundred dollars, putting the journals beyond the reach of the large majority of health and research institutions in the poorest countries.

The first stage of the initiative will make more than 1,000 of their journals available free or at significantly reduced charges to institutions in those countries. That availability begins with the opening of the Health InterNetwork website: A second stage will involve similar access at significantly reduced prices for institutions in the other countries. WHO and the publishers will work with the Open Society Institute of the Soros foundation network and other public and private partners to extend the initiative; for example, through training for research staff, and improving Internetconnectivity...."

8. CALL FOR PAPERS

SPECIAL ISSUE ON COPING AND HEALTH

PSYCHOLOGY AND HEALTH

GUEST EDITORS: Carolyn Aldwin and Crystal Park

Papers are invited for a special issue of the journal focusing on the impact of coping on physical health. The issue has a number of aims. The first is to focus attention on the lack of sufficient research in this area. While there have been many studies on coping and mental health, far fewer studies have been done on coping and physical health outcomes, especially neuroendocrine and immune outcomes. Further, what research there is has been largely atheoretical, and more systematic attention needs to be paid to this area in order to develop adequate theoretical models.

The relationship between stress and health outcomes is highly variable, and coping has long been believed to be a primary moderator of this relationship. While current studies are suggestive, more definitive research is needed to determine which coping strategies under which contexts can either mitigate or exacerbate the effects of stressors on health outcomes. The purpose of this special issue would be to determine what is currently known about this issue, and to encourage more systematic, theoretically driven work in this area.

We invite empirical, methodological, theoretical and review papers in this area. All papers will be considered, but we are particularly keen to encourage papers in the following broad areas:

Empirical studies on the effects of coping on neuroendocrine, lipid, and immune outcomes in humans; Longitudinal studies on the effects of coping (and change in coping) on illness outcomes; Review articles which attempt to synthesize the findings, especially across health outcomes; Theoretical articles which make specific predictions about how (and why) coping should have either positive or negative effects on health outcomes.

All manuscripts that cannot be considered for this special issue will automatically be considered for publication in regular issues of the journal unless authors explicitly decline this offer. The closing date for submissions is 30th September 2002. Manuscripts should conform to normal Psychology & Health guidelines. Four copies should be sent to Carolyn Aldwin at the address given below.

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CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS AND SPECIAL ISSUES

JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTATION

Message from Emilia C. Lopez, Editor-Elect (Incoming Editor for 2002)

The Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation (JEPC) is an interdisciplinary journal providing a forum for improving the science and practice of consultation. JEPC publishes articles and special thematic issues.

As Editor-Elect of JEPC, I would like to encourage the submission of manuscripts for review. Of special interest are papers that explore consulting with educators and mental health professionals about health and illness. Examples of other topics of interest include individual, group, and organizational consultation; collaboration; community-school-family partnerships; consultation training; cross-cultural issues; educational reform; ethics and professional issues; health promotion; prevention; program planning and evaluation; services coordination; systems change; and teaming. Proposals for theme issues are also welcomed.

I can be reached by phone at 718-997-5234 or via email at lopez@cedx.com to discuss suggestions for manuscripts and special issues, as well as questions regarding the appropriateness of papers for JEPC. I look forward to receiving your manuscripts and proposals for theme issues.

Manuscripts should be submitted to: Emilia C. Lopez, Editor-Elect, Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation, Queens College of the City University of New York, Department of Educational and Community Programs, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, NY 11367, USA.

To obtain a copy of the Guidelines for Special Issues Proposals, please contact Kathleen C. Harris, Ph.D., JEPC Associate Editor for Special Issues at 602-543-6339 or via email at Kathleen.Harris@asu.edu.

To learn more about JEPC and to view a free sample issue visit www.erlbaum.com/Journals/journals/JEPC/jepc.htm

SPECIAL ISSUE ON HEALTH CONCEPTS IN DIFFERENT CONTEXTS

JOURNAL OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

CALL FOR PAPERS

How do people think about health and illness? What do they know of these topics? How do they use their knowledge or beliefs in the way they deal with these topics in their everyday practice? What are the differences of health concepts in different cultures? What are the differences of lay people's concepts from those of professionals? Health and illness concepts are a major issue and concern for health psychology. They are studied by employing different approaches like social representations mental and cultural models, subjective or lay theories, health beliefs or discourses and narratives. Such research can contribute to clarifying the social construction of health in different contexts.

In 2003, the Journal of Health Psychology intends to publish a Special Issue devoted to this topic. Articles, theoretical or empirical, addressing any relevant aspects of the study of health concepts are welcome.

Issues of special interest are for example: Empirical results on health and illness concepts of special groups and subcultures in a society, intercultural, gender and age differences in health concepts, comparison of the various approaches, critical comments on the body of research on this topic, methodological problems and differences of the approaches, and consequences for prevention and health services, theoretical and critical papers on health concepts.

The closing date for submission of manuscripts is September 30, 2002.

Manuscripts should be prepared according to the usual guidelines of the Journal. Four copies should be submitted to Uwe Flick, the Guest Editor for this issue, at the address below:

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