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President's Message

Dear EHPS Colleagues,

It was a pleasure seeing so many of you at our annual conference in Kos. I received very positive feedback on the scientific quality of the event, conference venue and social program. The family-like atmosphere that is the hallmark of our annual conferences was certainly felt by many of us. I want to thank Tanya Anagnostopoulou for being such a gracious host.

Kos was a very busy conference for the EC due to several important meetings taking place, such as with Taylor & Francis, the preparation of new conference sites for 2005 and 2006, the scientific committee for 2004, and a very full agenda for the Members' Meeting. I appreciate the effort of those members who attended the Members' Meeting and am pleased to report that the new Articles and Bylaws of the Society were approved, a crucial step for the legalisation of the Society. Ad Kaptein has made very good progress towards the legalisation and it is expected that the process will be completed early next year.

Another important accomplishment for the Society took place this Fall with the signing of the new agreement with Taylor & Francis regarding the journal *Psychology & Health*. The agreement brings the relationship with the publisher to a new level of reciprocity, with more financial benefit for EHPS, such as a small share in the royalties. There is also a good basis established for a real partnership in promoting both the Society and the journal.

During the past months we have also tried to develop further links with similar organisations. Susan Michie, together with Brian Oldenburg (ISBM), have organised an EHPS sponsored symposium for the 2004 ISBM Mainz conference. We have also been invited to have an EHPS representative in the Editorial Board of the *European Psychologist*, official organ of EFPA. In addition, EHPS will contribute with an article, which will feature the Society for the APA Div.38 Newsletter next year.



The beginning of the New Year brings some excitement for EHPS as the submission of abstracts for Helsinki begins January 2nd. Susan Michie and Pilvikki Absetz, Chair and Co-chair of the scientific committee have prepared very detailed instructions on abstract submissions, which may be accessed through the conference website. Inside this newsletter you will find additional information on the conference. We hope that this year more students and young researchers will be able to attend. The Executive Committee is currently discussing the possibility of EHPS providing a limited number of small grants to encourage those in hardship to attend the conference. Information on how to apply for these grants will be displayed early next year on the EHPS website.

We hope that the upcoming year will be a year of continued growth for EHPS both in terms of increased professionalization of the Society and of implementation of other strategic goals that will insure a promising future for the Society and its mission of furthering Health Psychology development in Europe.

I wish all of you a Joyful and Peaceful Holiday Season and New Year.

Teresa McIntyre
EHPS President

Renew Your EHPS Membership for 2004

Dear colleagues and members of the EHPS,

I would like to ask you to **renew your membership for 2004**. By renewing your membership you will get the Journal "Psychology and Health" for a greatly reduced rate, you will be eligible for a reduced fee for the next conference in Helsinki, and you will also receive free copies of the EHPS newsletter. Full membership costs 80 EURO.

Dear colleagues,

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that starting in 2004, 4 members paying the reduced membership fees, (which do not include journal subscription), can get together and thus collectively receive one copy of the journal. If you have a group of 4 members who would like to receive a shared journal at one address, please contact Britta Renner for additional information.

In order to facilitate the application process, you can now **renew your membership online** (http://www.ehps.net/index1_renew.html), and choose between different forms of payment. We are especially pleased that it is now possible to pay by credit card online via secure web pages provided by Saferpay, which is a professional e-commerce company. Saferpay transmits your data using the SSL standard, which continuously encrypts data between your computer and the web server, preventing third parties from obtaining your information. As part of the new membership registration system, you will receive a **personal membership ID card** and ID number.

Additionally, the new **online membership directory** is now available on the Internet (http://www.ehps.net/index1_directory.html). The new directory is freely accessible, and gives colleagues and those who are interested in health psychology the opportunity to contact experts in the field. If you wish to have your information listed in the directory, or want to change your already listed information, please fill in the online form.

Britta Renner
Membership Officer

EHPS Conference 2003

At the 17th Conference of The European Health Psychology Society

The 17th European Health Psychology Conference took place on September 24-27, 2003, at the island of Kos in Greece.

Some of us flew to the island, reaching it with an early morning flight at the edge of sunrise. As we approached the landing, suspended between day and night, and the smoothness of the shadows of its hills and valleys, we had our first sense of its mystique. Others arrived by ferry at a similar hour between light and dark, after a long but exciting trip, having navigated through the Aegean waters of the Dodecanese.

Most participants stayed at the beautiful resort hotel located close to the ultra modern Kos International Convention Centre (photo 1). Participants came from almost all countries of Europe, as well as U.S.A., Canada, Peru and Brazil, Japan, New Zealand and Australia, Turkey and Israel. The opening ceremony (photo 2) included live Greek music and dancing while later in the day participants tasted the Ancient Greek spirit during the ceremony that took place in the temple of Asclepius (photo 3).

The scientific program included over 500 papers, posters and symposia, and all sessions were well attended. The presentations were organized into 20 symposia, one round table, multiple oral and poster sessions (photo 4).

Keynote speakers included:

- Rosalind Barnett on “Contextualising the job stress-illness relationship: The role of family and community factors”
- Lisa Aspinwall “Does positive thinking help or hurt? Critical issues in understanding the role of positive beliefs and emotions in managing adversity”
- Johan Mackenbach on “Social inequalities in health”
- Bernard Rimé on the “Social sharing of emotions, health and well-being”
- John Weinman on “Making sense of illness and treatment: a self-regulatory approach”.

Taking advantage of the coastline location and the nice weather, the beach party was a great success. Mouth-watering Greek dishes, free wine and beer and three hours of non-stop dancing (photos: see website) were the highlights of this night.

It was difficult to leave the island of Kos, with the pull of its blue waters and jasmine scented streets (see photo 1 & 5). We were able to do so only because of the promise of further thought provoking sessions, challenging discussions, and meetings with old and new friends next year in Helsinki.

Tanya Anagnostopoulou, Conference President
Irina Todorova, EHPS Newsletter Editor



Report on the 5th Annual CREATE Workshop in Kos, Greece

CREATE (<http://www.ehps.net/create/>) is a subdivision of the European Health Psychology Society (EHPS). Our aim is to provide further training and collaboration for early career health psychologists. In this regard, we have formed an international network of young researchers who provide mutual support and expertise. The network aids in identifying and discussing common research interests and concerns. In order to provide further training and education, CREATE organises an interactive workshop each year.

This year's fifth CREATE workshop was entitled *Mind the Gap: Understanding and Doing Qualitative Research in Health Psychology*. It took place on the island of Kos, Greece between the 21st – 23rd September 2003, immediately before the 17th EHPS conference. Kerry Chamberlain from Massey University, Auckland, New Zealand, an outstanding expert on the topic, was the facilitator for the workshop.

The focus was on the importance of understanding qualitative research methods and developing skills to conduct such research. The challenge of this workshop was that only 1/3 of participants were familiar with qualitative research, and Kerry Chamberlain was perfectly aware of that. His goal was therefore making the participants "bilingual" in the language and culture of both qualitative and quantitative research.

Participants were 38 PhD students and early career researchers from 13 countries (UK: 15; Germany: 7; Netherlands: 4; Greece: 3; Belgium; Bulgaria; Denmark; Finland; Israel; New Zealand; Portugal; Spain & Turkey: 1 each).

Before the start of the workshop Kerry Chamberlain provided the participants with a comprehensive list of references for introduction and further reading as well as an overview of articles as a preparation for the workshop.

On the first day a general introduction was given. Thereby the relations between epistemology, theoretical perspective, methodology and methods in health psychology were discussed. In the afternoon, participants were divided into ten groups. A set of selected articles were given for analysis to groups of 4. The goal was to evaluate the research questions, the epistemology, the ontology, the methodology and the assumptions made by the researchers. This group work allowed participants to reflect and put into practice all the knowledge previously acquired. In the end there was time for group feedback, this was of extreme importance because it allowed the groups to share opinions and gave place to a vivid discussion of the articles.

On the second day the strategic approaches in qualitative research were further acknowledged and some "rules of thumb" were addressed. Those were equally important for qualitative and quantitative research. Then we went on to some of the most widely used methodologies in qualitative research: Content Analysis; Grounded Theory; Phenomenology; Narrative Inquiry and Discourse Analysis.



Photos: CREATE participants

The last day, Kerry Chamberlain addressed the central issue "how to do it". Questions were raised and answered on how to collect data, how to analyse data (mind-mapping), and the process of interpreting.

This was the first CREATE workshop that addressed issues of qualitative research methods. For participants who worked with qualitative methods it provided a solid ground for their own work, for the others it provided a background to understand and follow qualitative research in health psychology. We all have learned to *mind the gap* and to understand more about similarities and differences between different approaches in health psychology.

Working with Kerry Chamberlain significantly contributed to the participants understanding of wider research contexts and was a lot of fun with loads of "food for thought!" that arise either from the debates or from what Kerry Chamberlain poured in. The richness of these approaches was perfectly unveiled and the curiosity to learn more remains.

The Evaluation of the workshop was very positive and it can be concluded that this again was a successful and productive CREATE workshop. This year's workshop was organized by Vera Araújo-Soares (Portugal); Lucie Byrne-Davis (UK); Wiebke Goehner (Germany); Inez van Korlaar (Netherlands); Gisela Michel (Switzerland); Marie Carmen Neipp (Spain); Efharis Panagopoulou (Greece); Urte Scholz (Germany); Falko Sniehotta (Germany) and Ayse Keyce Uskul (Turkey). Next year workshop will be organized by Vera Araújo-Soares, Wiebke Goehner, Inez van Korlaar, Gisela Michel, Marie Carmen Neipp, Pia Pajari, Urte Scholz, Falko Sniehotta.

The organisers are currently in the process of planning the next CREATE workshop to precede the EHPS conference in Helsinki (Finland) on June 18st – 20th. Paul Norman from Sheffield University, UK, the Editor of *Psychology & Health*, together with a colleague will be the facilitators of next year workshop. We are sure that we will promote again a high level workshop with the aim to bring young researchers together with leaders in the field and enhance and broaden their skills and competences in the field of health psychology. The topic and further details about this forthcoming event will be announced in the near future on the CREATE website (www.ehps.net/create).

See you all next year in Helsinki,

On behalf of CREATE

Vera Araújo-Soares, Marie Carmen Neipp & Falko F. Sniehotta



EHPS 2004

Helsinki, Finland

EHPS Conference 2004

The 18th Conference of The European Health Psychology Society

Good Health – Person and Context

**June 21 –24 2004
Helsinki, Finland**

Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to post the second announcement for the 18th Conference of the European Health Psychology Society, to be held in Helsinki, Finland from June 21 -24 2004. This includes the list of key-note speakers and thematic tracks for the conference.

The Keynote Speakers include:

Jens B. Asendorpf (Humbolt University, Germany)
Liisa Keltikangas-Järvinen (University of Helsinki, Finland)
Karen A. Matthews (University of Pittsburgh, USA)
Hannah McGee (Health Services Centre, Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland)
Brian Oldenburg (University of Technology, Australia)
Michael F. Scheier (Carnegie-Mellon University, USA)

Conference Tracks:

- Social Inequalities
- Public Health / Health Promotion
- Individual Differences / Personality
- Occupational Health
- Genetics / Psychobiology
- Theories and Models
- Social and Cultural Aspects
- Self-Regulation and Coping
- Emotions and Health
- Translating Theory into Practice / Interventions
- Methodology
- Miscellaneous

For information about practical arrangements and reservations contact:

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Abstract submission on www.ehps.net only.

Submission time is between 2 January - 14 February, 2004;
for posters between 2 January - 17 April 2004.

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***Deadline for oral papers and
symposia: February 14, 2003***

SYNERGY 2004

ILLNESS REPRESENTATIONS

18-20 June 2004, Helsinki, Finland



The SYNERGY annual three-day workshop is organised to provide an opportunity for synergistic discussion between health psychologists conducting research in core fields within health psychology. The focus is on advancing the standard of work within the field by pooling expertise, having critical evaluations, and stimulating networking and collaborative research between researchers from all over Europe in an informal and supportive atmosphere.

The aim is to develop improved theoretical and methodological approaches, as well as practical applications in respect of the workshop topic. It is an opportunity for researchers to present their research for discussion in depth with other experts working in the same field in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. By focusing on a core topic on which all participants have some expertise and have conducted research (published and unpublished), we would expect to reach a shared understanding of the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities in the area. We hope that this will influence future research and its application in the field.

Facilitators will guide the work and support and moderate the discussion. Next year's SYNERGY workshop on Illness representations will be facilitated by:

- [Prof. John Weinman](#), King's College London, UK, and
- [Prof. Keith Petrie](#), The University of Auckland, New Zealand.

The workshop will provide opportunities to develop new ideas, approaches or methods for understanding or working with patients' beliefs. Subgroups will work on the upcoming themes in more detail. Participants will be encouraged to use different kinds of working methods like individual presentations, discussion, teamwork in smaller groups, etc. In order to disseminate the newly gained insights to a broader audience, participants will be expected to present their ideas at a round table or special symposium at the EHPS conference. The workshop will be held at the University of Helsinki.

The workshop will be held in English language. The workshop fee is 200 Euro. Participants need to become a member of the EHPS and therefore will also receive the benefits of EHPS membership (<http://www.ehps.net>).

In order to facilitate the discussion within the workshop, each participant is required to submit an abstract by February 14th, 2004. For application please use the [online application form](#).

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Report from 'Psychology and Health'

Submissions:

During 2002, there were 130 new submissions to the journal. The majority of submissions came from Europe (n=74) and North America (n=38). Within Europe, the largest number of submissions came from the UK (n=36). The figures for 2002 are broadly in line with those for 2001, although the overall number of submission increased by 14%. This increase was mainly accounted for by a sharp rise (52%) in the number of submissions from North America

Of the new submissions to the journal, 27 have been accepted for publication, an acceptance rate of 21%, although there are still 24 submissions that are pending awaiting a final decision. The final acceptance rate could therefore rise to 39%. The final acceptance rate for 2001 was 32% and it is likely that the 2002 figure will be similar.

Articles Published:

The journal published 53 articles in 2002, including 13 articles in a Special Issue on "(Non)-Expression of Emotions in Health and Disease" edited by Ivan Nyklíček and Ad Vingerhoets. In addition, 5 book reviews were published. The source of published articles broadly reflected the geographical spread of submissions, with the largest number of articles coming from Europe (n=26). Again, within Europe, the largest number of articles came from the UK (n=10). There were also articles from North America (n=23) and Australasia (n=4). The figures for 2002 are broadly in line with those for 2001, although there was an increase in the number of published articles from North America.

The median publication lag from final acceptance of a manuscript to publication in the journal was 9 months. The publication lag is slightly higher than in 2001, but is still below 12 months for most articles and compares favourably with other journals in the field.

Impact Factor:

The impact factor for Psychology & Health in 2002 was .920, which is an encouraging increase on the impact factor obtained in 2001 (.720). The impact factor is also slightly higher than it was in 2000 (.909). It is hoped that the impact factor for 2003 will be above 1.00.

Online Journal:

Psychology & Health is now available online to subscribers to the journal (including EHPS members) via the Taylor & Francis website (www.tandf.co.uk/journals). In addition, articles that are "in press" will be available online in the near future. Taylor & Francis also have a free contents alert service (www.tandf.co.uk/sara).

MEDLINE Application:

Last year, the journal submitted an application to be considered for indexing for Index Medicus/MEDLINE. Unfortunately this application was unsuccessful and no feedback was provided.

Paul Norman, Editor, "Psychology and Health"

Impressions from Previous Conferences

THE BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY. DIVISION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY. ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 3rd – 5th SEPTEMBER 2003

This year's Division of Health Psychology (DHP) conference was held at Staffordshire University in central England. The keynote talks were given by Professors: Martin Fishbein (University of Pennsylvania, USA) reflecting on "36 Years of Reasoned Action: A Look Back, A Look Ahead"; Marian Pitts (La Trobe University, Australia) critiquing research about "Sex and sexuality in the land of Oz"; John Weinman (Kings College, London) presenting hot-off-the-press findings on "Stress, wound healing and recovery".

The scientific program included four parallel oral sessions on each day, and two poster sessions (227 presentations). The symposia this year were concerned with implementation intentions, innovative research methods, body image, exercise, stroke survivors' distress, illness representations, breast-feeding, and psychophysiology; workshops focused on end-of-life research, health psychology training, critical health psychology, and developing evidence-based interventions (see <http://www.health-psychology.org.uk> for copies of the program and abstracts). The press coverage was tremendous with over 40 contacts made from media in both European and North America. Delegates rated the academic content as excellent.

Most delegates socialised with great enthusiasm. This year the social events were a wine reception at the Stafford Gate House Theatre (thanks to Sage publications for their sponsorship), followed by dinner at a local restaurant with 15 companions, and after-dinner-drinks at a late-bar with all other delegates. This now traditional dinner arrangement helps new delegates meet others more easily. Each year the conference dinner is held at a venue of importance to the local organisers. This year the Wedgwood Potteries Visitor Centre welcomed delegates with food, drink, music and the chance to 'throw a pot'. Delegates thought the conference was friendly and relaxed.

This conference was the largest to date with 353 delegates attending; 40% were DHP members, 35% none members, and 25% student members. The conference rate was just £225 and included the scientific program, accommodation, wine reception, coffee and lunches, and conference dinner; registration is cheaper for postgraduates and DHP members. All of this quality research and fun was rated as excellent value for money.

The **2004 conference** is to be hosted by Queen Margaret University College in Edinburgh on 8-10th September (see website above and <http://dhpconf2004.qmuc.ac.uk>). The keynote speakers are Professors: Ed Diener (University of Illinois, USA) talking on "Subjective well-being: the causes and consequences of chronic happiness"; Jim Prochaska (University of Rhode Island, USA) talking on "Current advances in stages of change theory, research and applications"; Lucy Yardley (University of Southampton, UK) talking on "Supported self care and well being". Abstract submission

information is available from the websites; deadlines are the 13th February and 11th June 2004.

Finally, for the last ten years, the DHP has worked closely with the UK Psychology Postgraduate Group (PsyPAG) to make sure Health Psychology is responsive to trainees' needs. This year the Trainee Health Psychology representatives had a table of useful postgraduate and trainee resources. In addition, the Trainee Health Psychology representatives ran their second BREATHE workshop prior to the conference (1st-2nd September). See the DHP website for information about trainee and postgraduate issues. We hope to see even more delegates from other parts of Europe at next year's conference.

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Events in Member Countries

A Graduate Program in Medical (Health) Psychology in Israel

I am happy to inform our colleagues in the EHPS that the Academic College of Tel-Aviv Yaffo has recently launched a graduate program in medical (health) psychology. The program, inaugurated in October 2003, is the first to offer specialized training in this area. The diploma program in medical psychology that has been active at Tel Aviv University between 1995-2002, served as the foundation for this M.A. program.

Medical psychology is a relatively new specialization in Israel and was not accredited by the Israeli Ministry of Health until 2001. The development of medical psychology in Israel demanded the investment of academic as well as financial resources. In our program the scientist-practitioner model is applied. The program consists of two years of study, 30 weekly hours a year. It includes a practicum that is carried out in general hospitals, during ten months, two days a week. The curriculum includes basic courses in anatomy, physiology and neuroanatomy, statistics and research methods, theories and models in health psychology, interviewing, psychodiagnostics, psychopathology and medical psychotherapy. These courses serve as a basis for advanced courses such as psychopharmacology, physiopathology, psycho-oncology and psycho-neuroimmunology.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our colleagues in the EHPS who have shared their knowledge with us and lent us their support. We hope that in the very near future our students will take part in Create's workshops as well as in the EHPS annual meetings.

Cordially
Rebecca Jacoby, Israeli National Delegate

The Annual Meeting of Bulgarian Psychologists 2003: “Psychology and Social Practice”



“Sofia in Pink”

Photo: Kiril Konstantinov

Sofia illuminated in pink during October, Breast Cancer Awareness month.

The Annual Meeting of Bulgarian Psychologists 2003 was held in Sofia, Bulgaria, on November 29th, 2003. The initiative for organizing Annual Meeting of Bulgarian Psychologists was that of the Bulgarian Psychological Society – the professional organization of psychologists in Bulgaria, which is drawing close to its 35th anniversary. The Bulgarian Psychological Society contacted many psychological organizations and periodicals in Bulgaria with an invitation to be co-organizers of the Meeting, with the aim of bringing together Bulgarian professionals in the field of psychology. The Managing Board of the Bulgarian Psychological Society and its president Dr. Plamen Dimitrov, felt that organizing a National Congress of Psychology was an unrealistic goal for the present, but that this Annual Meeting of Bulgarian Psychologists would contribute to the future realization of such a Congress. This meeting was seen as an alternative, less demanding form, which would test the willingness of Bulgarian psychologists to discuss their research projects and their practice. The test revealed brilliant results - the Annual Meeting of Bulgarian Psychologists 2003 was attended by nearly 200 psychologists, other professionals, working in the field of psychology and psychology students from Sofia and the country. Their enthusiastic participation in all the events convinced the organizers that a National Congress of Psychology, under the theme of “European Prospects for Bulgarian Psychology”, could be successfully organized next year.

The program included 3 thematic discussions: *Regulation and self-regulation of the profession and practice of Bulgarian psychologists; Professional training & education for practice; Psychological practice – Part I: Presenting psychology in the media & Part II: The forms and challenges of psychological practice.* The participating psychological organizations discussed their goals and activities at two series of parallel thematic seminars and workshops. During the Meeting, The Bulgarian Association of Applied Psychology presented its Annual Award for Outstanding Contribution in Applied Psychology to Nikolai Nikolov – Institute of Psychology at the Ministry of Interior for his work in translation and adaptation of psychological tests and methods. The Association of Young Psychologists awarded Reni Velcheva – Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski - for Excellence as Psychology Student of the Year. A press conference took place after the meeting and a draft Resolution was formulated by the participants in the Annual Meeting of Bulgarian Psychologists 2003. The detailed Resolution summarizes the conclusions from the discussions at the meetings and sets goals for the future of psychological research, education and practice in Bulgaria. An important theme in the Resolution is increasing international collaboration, particularly in the context of European integration, including developing regulatory mechanisms for professional practice, corresponding to European norms.

The Health Psychology Research Centre in Bulgaria was one of the co-organizers of the Annual Meeting of Bulgarian Psychologists 2003. The Centre conducts research projects which aim to elucidate the relationships between psychosocial factors and health, organizes seminars and lectures, provides information about events, new books and publications related to health psychology in Bulgaria and internationally. The Health Psychology Research Centre in Bulgaria aims at popularising the goals and activities of EHPS among Bulgarian scholars doing research in health, sponsoring their membership in the

EHPS and providing fellowships for participation in professional conferences. Members of the Health Psychology Research Centre in Bulgaria participated in the Annual Meeting of Bulgarian Psychologists 2003 by preparing a seminar on "The role of psychology in health research and health promotion", (Anna Alexandrova, Yulia Panaiotova, Irina Todorova) as well as with two posters, and multiple materials.

Other organizations also presented their activities in health promotion. The "ANTI AIDS Coalition" – alliance of 54 organizations working in the areas of: HIV/AIDS prevention and support of people living with HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual & reproductive health - conducted an all-day training seminar "Problems of stigmatisation and discrimination of people, living with HIV/AIDS" led by the president of the "ANTI AIDS Coalition" Anina Chileva and by Patrick Levi from Israel. The Pokrov Foundation, an organization working with marginalized social groups, presented their on-going work on a Project for re-socialization of people with drug abuse problems. The health-related presentations were a major part of the Annual Meeting of Bulgarian Psychologists 2003 compared to other areas of psychological research and practice – a fact that proved that many psychologists in Bulgaria are increasingly being engaged in health research and promotion.

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Calls for Papers

Special Issue on Research with the Multidimensional Health Locus of Control Scales

Manuscript submission deadline:
April 30, 2004

Questions concerning the Special Issue can be sent to the guest editor:

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Papers are invited for a special issue of the *Journal of Health Psychology* focusing on innovative research with the Multidimensional Health Locus of Control (MHLC) scales and/or critical appraisals of the utility of those scales in health-related research. In addition to empirical papers with healthy or clinical samples, we are interested in critical reviews of the literature or critical assessments of the validity of the locus of control construct applied to health as well as the predictive or construct validity of its measurement. Preference will be given to studies with innovative applications, strong methodologies, or to new analytical procedures that maximize the utility of MHLC data. The issue is scheduled to appear in 2005.

The **final deadline** is 30 April, 2004. Four copies of manuscripts or an electronic file should be sent to:

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Chronic Illness

Maney Publishing is launching a new international journal to focus on the clinical and theoretical challenges posed by chronic illness.

AIMS AND SCOPE

Chronic Illness will integrate academic, clinical and patient perspectives and promote new thinking about models of illness and care. It will consider the range of appropriate clinical and psychosocial interventions, including organizational frameworks at the interface between primary and secondary care. The journal will encourage the study of:

- emerging issues in early diagnostics
- outcome based performance, data gathering and surveillance challenges
- ageing and developmental issues
- the changing self-perceptions of people with chronic illness
- quality of life measures and interventions
- medication concordance
- and the efficacy of self-management strategies, group participation programmes, and remote medical management.

CONTEXT

The management of chronic illness is beginning to develop its own identity as an important component of health care. No longer is each chronic illness being considered in isolation. Awareness is increasing that similar strategies can be effective in treating many different conditions. These are likely to involve the proactive identification of relevant populations; to provide support for the relationship between people living with long term health conditions and health and social care professionals; to develop evidence-based care guidelines which emphasise the prevention of exacerbation and complications; and promote patient empowerment strategies, such as self-management and education. They also require continuous evaluation of clinical, humanistic and economic outcomes.

The title *Chronic Illness* is chosen to highlight our interest not only in the biomedical manifestations and management of these long-standing conditions, but also their psychosocial contexts, and the experiences of those who live with them.

EDITORIAL TEAM

Chronic Illness will be edited by Christopher Dowrick, Professor of Primary Medical Care at the University of Liverpool, UK. There are three Co-editors, including John Weiman, and an international advisory board including Ad Kaptein, Clans Vogeles and Wolfgang Hiller.

CALL FOR PAPERS

For the submission of articles, please write to Professor Christopher Dowrick, Department of Primary Care, University of Liverpool, Liverpool L69 3GB, UK email: cfid@liverpool.ac.uk. If you would like to receive further information on *Chronic Illness* please email charis_boutieri@materials.org.uk. Further details will also be posted at www.maney.co.uk



8TH WORLD CONGRESS OF CARDIAC
REHABILITATION AND SECONDARY PREVENTION
Dublin, Ireland May 23-26, 2004

Conference Announcements

8TH WORLD CONGRESS OF CARDIAC REHABILITATION & SECONDARY PREVENTION

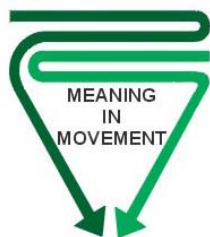
Abstract submission deadline:
December 15, 2004 (but check
with the organizers)

The 8th World Congress of Cardiac Rehabilitation & Secondary Prevention will be in Dublin, May 23-26th 2004. The Congress takes place in Europe only once in 12 years.

It will include many psychosocial topics and key-note lectures from health psychology. Please see the website for a list of approximately 80 invited speakers and abstract submission details.

The closing date for abstracts is Monday 15th December 2003.

On the web site you will find an outline of the Invited Symposia for the Congress. The information will be updated on an ongoing basis at www.icceconf.ie.



THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE DIALOGICAL SELF: Meaning in Movement

Warsaw, Poland, August 26-29, 2004

Organized by
Catholic University of Lublin
Warsaw School of Social Psychology

Scientific Committee

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Abstract submission deadline:
April 15, 2004

International Society for Quality of Life Research ISOQOL



Stating the Art: Advancing Outcomes Research
Methodology and Clinical Applications
Chairs: William Lenderking and Dennis Revicki
June 27-29
Boston Park Plaza Hotel Boston, MA, USA

Call for Abstracts & Preliminary Schedule of Events

Submit Abstracts online: www.isoqol.org

Submission deadline: **January 10, 2004**

Join other QoL colleagues and immerse yourself in the latest advances in the field of outcomes research as they pertain to patient-reported outcomes. This meeting is organized into two tracks: methodology and clinical applications, so that you can stay within a single track throughout the meeting or switch according to your preference. Through our call for abstracts we are seeking both poster and paper presentations.

*Abstract submission deadline:
January 10, 2004*

Abstract submissions for papers will complete the paper sessions in which we already have confirmed distinguished speakers. Join us for 2 and 1/2 days of workshops, invited plenary sessions, paper sessions, poster sessions and very special social events. Don't miss this first of its kind meeting guaranteed to become an ISOQOL tradition!

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Advanced Training Institute in Health Behaviour Theory.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is sponsoring an intensive, 8-day session for early career investigators during July 10 -- 18, 2004 in San Diego. The primary objective of the institute is to allow 25 attendees to extend their knowledge of and experience with the conceptual, methodological, and statistical underpinnings of health behaviour theories. Lead instructors include researchers Neil Weinstein, Alex Rothman, Susan Curry, and Barbara Curbow. You must have a doctoral degree and have completed at least one graduate level course in the behavioural sciences and one graduate level course in statistics in order to be considered for acceptance. There will be a \$400 registration fee to participate in the institute. Information and application available at <http://www.scgcorp.com/ati2004>.

Please also forward this message on to anybody you feel may be interested in this opportunity

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Stress and Anxiety Research Society: STAR

Abstract submission deadline:
January 31, 2004

The 25th Conference of the Stress and Anxiety Research Society (STAR) will take place in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, July 8-10, 2004.

For further details see www.star-society.org.

The deadline for abstract submissions: January 31, 2004

228th International Congress of Psychology

Beijing, August 8-13, 2004.

Abstract submission deadline:
February 1, 2004

Details are available at <http://www.icp2004.cn>

The deadline for abstract submissions is February 1, 2004. The congress will offer multiple symposia on Health Psychology issues. Invited addresses in Health Psychology topics will be given by Norman B. Anderson (Understanding and eliminating health disparities in the United States: A multidimensional research approach to a public health challenge), Ralf Schwarzer (Self-regulatory processes in health behaviour change), and Charles D. Spielberger (Stress, Type-A behaviour, anger-hostility, and heart disease).

Abstract submission deadline:
April 1, 2004

Research on the Transtheoretical Model: Where are we now, where are we going?

Dear friends and colleagues,

On behalf of the Institute for Medical Psychology in Marburg, I would like to invite you to attend this international conference which will take place in Marburg, Germany, on August 23 and 24, 2004, i.e. the two days preceding the conference of the International Society of Behavioural Medicine in Mainz, Germany. The goal of this meeting is to bring together some of the leading international researchers in the field of behaviour change in order to discuss current trends in health promotion research based on theoretical frameworks like the TTM. The conference will also be a forum for coordinating international research efforts. Exchanging current research results will hopefully allow participants to set up or intensify international collaborations and to further stimulate health promotion research.

The program will include presentations of 6-8 invited speakers. We are still approaching speakers for these invited talks. To date, the following speakers have confirmed their participation: Hein deVries (NL); Kerry Evers (U.S.A.); Ralf Schwarzer (GER); Wayne Velicer (U.S.A.).

We cordially invite you to contribute to the meeting by presenting your latest research results as oral or poster presentation. Since we would like to leave enough time for discussions, the number of oral research presentations will be limited. Deadline for all submissions and registration is APRIL 1, 2004. Because

the total number of participants will also be limited, early registration is recommended. The organizers will be grateful for a short email with a preliminary indication of interest in order to facilitate the conference preparation. For the latest information, please look at our website: www.med.uni-marburg.de/ttm; or contact the organizers at: ttm@med.uni-marburg.de

On behalf of the local organizers,

Stefan Keller, Ph.D.
Institute for Medical Psychology
Philipps-University Marburg

Internet resources

Risk Perception Papers Available On-line:

Early in 2003, the Behavioural Research Program (BRP) of the National Cancer Institute sponsored a workshop entitled "Conceptualising and Measuring Risk Perceptions." Its goal was to bring together scholars from a range of theoretical perspectives to talk about these issues. Seven papers from the workshop are now available on the BRP website along with a detailed summary of the discussions that followed each paper (<http://dceps.nci.nih.gov/brp/conceptual.html>).

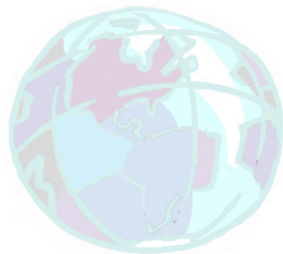
Neil D. Weinstein, Meg Gerrard, and Susan G. Millstein, workshop organizers
Vishwanath K. Vish, Acting Director, Behavioural Research Program

The Biological Mechanisms of Psychosocial Effects on Disease (BiMPED) web site: <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/bimped>. The web site serves as a forum for the exchange of scientific and programmatic information related to the BiMPED initiative. BiMPED was started in the spring of 2002 to evaluate the state-of-the-science in psychoneuroimmunology (PNI) and related disciplines and the applicability of this research to cancer control.

Paige A. McDonald, Ph.D.
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World Wide Project on Sleep and Health (online Presentations)

<http://www.websciences.org/sleepandhealth/presentations.html>



Funding Opportunities

Grants Database available on the World Wide Web:

GrantsNet, a continuously updated database of training and funding opportunities in biomedical research and science education, is located on the world wide web at <http://www.grantsnet.org>. Thanks to support from the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, GrantsNet's resources, including a searchable index of international grants and fellowships, is completely free. Special tools help customize searches, provide up-to-date information on trends in research and education funding and give advice on how to write winning grant applications.

Letters of intent are due January 9, 2004.

The Grand Challenges in Global Health Initiative has selected 14 scientific and technological challenges, the solution of which could lead to important advances against diseases of the developing world. Any scientist intrigued by these challenges and interested in obtaining funding to solve them is encouraged to apply. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded \$200 million to the Foundation for NIH to administer this initiative with guidance from a distinguished international Scientific Board.

Grants will be awarded for up to \$20 million each, for a maximum five-year period. Applications are invited from every part of the world, from single or multiple institutions, both non-profit and for profit. Collaborative approaches are encouraged. To apply for a research grant, investigators must first submit a letter of intent (LOI). Letters of intent that propose the most promising and innovative research approach will be given an invitation to submit a formal grant proposal.

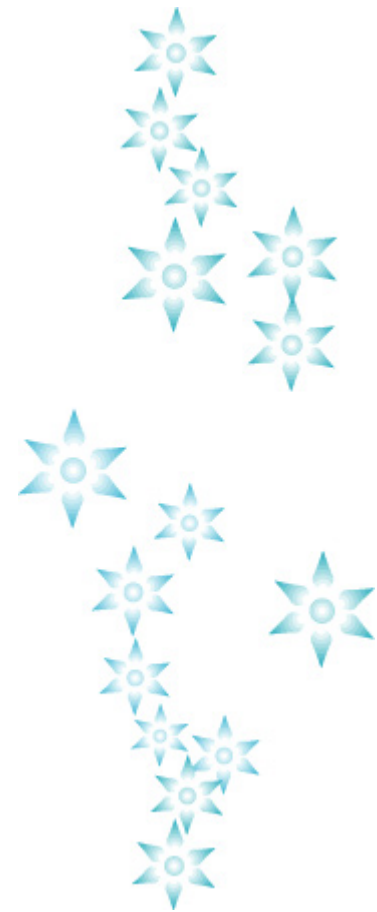
For detailed descriptions of the grand challenges, how they were selected, and instructions on submitting letters of intent, please visit the website www.grandchallengesgh.org. All letters of intent MUST comply with the instructions on the Web site.

Letters of intent are due January 9, 2004.

Please distribute this e-mail to colleagues who may be interested in obtaining funding to work on these important scientific problems.

Sincerely,
Elke Jordan, Ph.D
Manager
Grand Challenges in Global Health

Executive Committee of the EHPS (2002-2004)



Best wishes

to everyone

for the Holiday Season!!

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