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President's Message

Dear EHPS Colleagues,

In this message I will report on several new developments within the Society, which reflect a very positive movement within EHPS in terms of consolidation and gradual expansion.

I am very pleased to report that the European Health Psychology Society has completed the process of legalisation in the Netherlands on January 12, 2004. This is an important step for the consolidation of the Society as a legal entity and its future development.

We have also made good progress in linking up with other Societies. APA Div. 38 has invited EHPS to publish a feature article on the Society in the Division Newsletter. We hope that this initiative will get American colleagues more acquainted with EHPS and will foster further collaboration. The International Association of Applied Psychology will for the first time sponsor a symposium in the Helsinki Conference (Chair: Esther Greenglass) and EHPS is sponsoring a symposium for the ISBM biannual conference for the second time (Chair: Susan Michie). We hope that these initiatives will bring new forms of collaboration while increasing international visibility for EHPS.

Inside this newsletter you will find important information regarding the Helsinki conference (21-24 June). The local organisers are preparing an exciting social program. As a member of the scientific committee, I am happy to report that the conference is gathering a high quality program, which will offer good coverage of its main topic: *Good Health: Person and Context*.

I would like to call your attention to the April 17th deadline for poster submissions only. The scientific committee is providing fast track evaluation of submissions in order to help interested participants to register early. Organisers encourage participants to register and book accommodations as soon as possible. I would also encourage members to pass on this information to your health



psychology colleagues and students (an E-mail with the EHPS Newsletter will do). EHPS conferences are an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with the Society and to network within the field of health psychology.

In the Newsletter are also updates on the Synergy and Create workshops. Please note their deadlines. This year the Society was able to provide seven grants to researchers making proof of hardship, in order to attend the conference, the Create and Synergy workshops. This is an attempt on the part of the Society to invest in facilitating access to these important initiatives to young researchers and graduate students, starting early involvement in EHPS collaboration.

Part of the democratic functioning of our Society are regular elections, which will allow members to get involved in the future development of the Society and will bring healthy renewal to its governing bodies. These elections are governed by the Articles and Bylaws approved in the last Member's Meeting. I call your attention to the Call for Nominations for the Executive Committee of EHPS 2004-2006. Members will receive nomination forms by E-mail or post until the end of March. I would like to encourage you to get involved by either accepting being nominated or nominating someone to the Executive Committee. There are many diverse functions in the EC and I think that I can speak for my EC colleagues when I state that this experience is very enriching both personally and professionally.

I look forward to seeing you at Helsinki. Have a great Spring.

Teresa McIntyre
EHPS President

Call for Nominations for the Executive Committee of the EHPS 2004-2006

Dear EHPS members,

In accordance with the articles and bylaws of the EHPS, which define the procedure for the elections of the Executive Committee, we are proceeding with the respective Call for Nominations as detailed below. This is an opportunity for you to take a more active part in the Society because you have the possibility of nominating candidates for the EC, members that in your opinion can make a valuable contribution to the future of the Society and can represent your point of view.

The term of the current EHPS Executive Committee will expire in June 2004 (Helsinki Conference). I am, therefore, writing to you to encourage you to provide nominations for the new Executive Committee. In accordance with the Articles and Bylaws of the Society, any member of the Society who has been a member for at least 2 years by this time is eligible for election unless he/she is already time-expired as a member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee consists of eight elected members: a President, a Past-President, a

President-Elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer/Membership Officer, and 3 ordinary members who fulfil specific functions such as Newsletter Editor, National Delegates Officer or Education and Training Officer.

You are invited to nominate EHPS members for the following positions: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer/Membership Officer and 3 Ordinary members. The Secretary must receive an E-mail or faxed written confirmation of nomination from 2 nominating EHPS members and an acceptance of nomination by the person being nominated. Mailed or faxed nominations must be signed by the nominee him/herself and must be nominated and seconded by EHPS members.

The following members of the current Executive Committee are eligible to be nominated for election: Adriana Baban, Britta Renner, Irina Todorova, Pilvikki Absetz and Pio Enrico Ricci Bitti. The following members are retiring from the Executive Committee and, as time-expired members, are not eligible to be nominated for election: Ad Kaptein. Teresa McIntyre remains on the Executive Committee as past-president and Susan Michie as incoming president.

You will receive further details about the nominations process, including a nomination form in a separate mailing. The deadline for the receipt of nominations is April 26, 2004 and instructions for sending the nominations to the Secretary, Adriana Baban, will be included in the mailing.

Adriana Baban
Secretary EHPS

EHPS Conference 2004

Good Health – Person and Context

Dear Colleagues,

The preparations for the 18th Annual Conference of EHPS are well underway. The conference will be held in the main building of the University of Helsinki, address Fabianinkatu 33. For registration and entrance please use the door at Aleksanterinkatu, on the corner of the Senate Square.

The Keynote speakers have confirmed their lectures.

A Preliminary program is available on the EHPS website.

The Social program includes a get-together party on June 21st, a Sightseeing tour, and the Conference Party. The party will be on Wednesday 23 June at 19:00-24:00 at [Tenalji von Fersen in Suomenlinna Fortress](#). You will enjoy an excellent buffet dinner with drinks and have a chance to dance till midnight. Please register early.

At the Closing Ceremony there will be a grand premiere of the choir of the EHPS 2004 conference by participants from all over the world. Would you like to join the choir? If the answer is YES, then please check the EHPS website for music, lyrics and further information as it becomes available. There will be few rehearsals during the conference. Don't hesitate; this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get on the stage and sing your heart out!



We look forward to receiving your poster proposals! The deadline for poster proposal submissions is April 17th.



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The 6th Annual CREATE Workshop in Helsinki, 2004

Predicting and Changing Health Behaviour: Conducting And Publishing Theory-Based Research

Deadline May 5th, 2004



CREATE (www.ehps.net/create), the junior subdivision of the EHPS is happy to announce its 6th annual workshop. It will be held in Helsinki between 18th – 20th of June preceding the 18th EHPS conference and facilitated by Dr. Paul Norman and Dr. Peter Harris. The workshop will focus on the use of theories in health psychology to predict and change health behaviour, as well as publishing research on these topics.

The Workshop at a Glance

- **WHAT:** Predicting And Changing Health Behaviour: Conducting and Publishing Theory-Based Research facilitated by Paul Norman and Peter Harris.
- **WHEN:** 18th – 20th June 2004
- **WHERE:** The workshop will take place at the National Public Health Institute (KTL) in Helsinki, Finland
- **ACCOMMODATION:** There is a contingent of rooms for the CREATE participants at the Hostel Academica in Helsinki.
- **HOW TO APPLY:** For application you can download the application form at <http://www.ehps.net/create/>
- **HOW MUCH:** the workshop fee is 60 Euro
- **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:** 5th of May, 2004
- **NEW: HARDSHIP GRANTS:** This year CREATE was able to offer 2 grants for graduate students who plan to attend the Create Workshop. Each grant is for 300 Euros and covers participation fee for the Create workshop and the rest is to assist with travel costs. The deadline for grant applications has passed and the recipients will be announced in April 2004.

More about CREATE

Collaborative **RE**search **And** **T**raining in the **EHPS (CREATE)** is a subdivision of the European Health Psychology Society (EHPS), promoting education and collaboration for early career researchers working in the field of health psychology. It has formed an International network of early career researcher who can provide mutual support and expertise. This network aims to help researcher identify and discuss common research interests and concerns.

Future directions: We plan to intensify our activities between workshops throughout the year. We are interested in providing tools for communication and discussion of various topics in health psychology. All members of the EHPS are invited to subscribe to the mailing list subscribe@yahoogroups.com or to join our CREATE-group on <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CREATE2001/>. On this group we are going to have discussion groups with an expert to moderate each discussion. Moreover, we aim to integrate members from all over Europe. For this purpose we have initiated two hardship grants to allow members from underrepresented countries to attend the CREATE workshop and the conference. Please help informing young researchers about CREATE.

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. This 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 (www.ehps.net).

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Please note that the deadline for abstracts has passed. However, if you have a strong interest please contact the organizers.

SYNERGY 2005

CALL FOR APPLICATION AS ORGANIZING TEAM

*COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION IN
THEORY AND RESEARCH IN THE
EUROPEAN HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
SOCIETY*

The Call for Application invites active health psychologists to submit proposals for Synergy workshop topics and thereby become members of Synergy organizing teams. At this point, we are inviting proposals for year 2005 Synergy workshop that will be held in Galway, Ireland.

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- Proposals must include the topic for the planned workshop, an abstract outlining the envisaged program, and the envisaged facilitators. In the proposals, at least two people should be named as members of the organising team. Team members need to be committed to taking responsibility of the organisation of the specific workshop following the guidelines stated in the Synergy Articles.
- Preference is given to health psychologists who are active researchers and who have expertise in the special topic.
- Organisers of the workshop need to become a member of the EHPS and therefore will also receive the benefits of EHPS membership (www.ehps.net).
- For further information please view the SYNERGY website at www.ehps.net/synergy subdivisions; or contact Dr. Britta Renner (renner@uni-greifswald.de) or Dr. Pilvikki Absetz (pilvikki.absetz@ktl.fi).
- Proposals including the names and addresses of the organizing team members should be sent to Dr. Britta Renner (renner@uni-greifswald.de) by May 15th, 2004.



EHPS Grant Announcements 2004

The Executive Committee of EHPS is pleased to announce that, for the first time, EHPS and its interest groups Create and Synergy were able to offer seven grants to support conference and/or workshop attendance at our Helsinki 2004 Annual Conference. The purpose of these grants was to encourage talented young researchers and graduate students who don't have access to funding to attend the EHPS conference and/or Create or Synergy workshops. We hope that this experience will encourage them to be more involved in the Society and its interest groups in the future.

For the upcoming 2004 conferences the following grants were offered:

- **Synergy Workshop participants:** 2 grants for young researchers (Ph.D. less than 5 years) who plan to attend the Synergy workshop and who are EHPS members.
- **Create Workshop participants:** 2 grants for graduate students who plan to attend the Create Workshop.
- **EHPS Conference only:** 3 grants for graduates students and young researchers..

The selection of grant recipients will be conducted by a committee consisting of a Create, Synergy and EHPS Executive Committee member. The selection criteria will be demonstrated financial need and relevance of the applicant's work to the topic of the workshop (for Synergy). The committee will also aim to distribute the grants to representatives from a wide range of European countries.

Advertising in the EHPS Newsletter

Dear EHPS Members,

Please take advantage of the advertisement options in the EHPS newsletter, we particularly look forward to receiving announcements about your new books and other publications, which will be published for free up to one half page.

The Newsletter of the European Health Psychology Society accepts advertisements beginning in 2004. Information on the newsletter and previous issues can be found on the web site of the society: www.ehps.net. The newsletter includes information on new books, journals and other publications, databases and events in the field of health psychology and the social sciences.

Advertising rates for the Newsletter are:

- * For members of the EHPS the first half page is free, subsequent prices are 50 Euros for half a page.
- * For non-members of the EHPS and businesses, the rates are 50 Euros for half a page, 100 Euro for the first full page and 30 Euros for the subsequent half pages.

Deadlines for receipt of advertisements and payments are: March 1st, June 1st, September 1st and December 1st of each year. Payments can be made through the convenient web-based ad submission and payment form on www.ehps.net or credit card and bank transfer.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you,
Irina Todorova, EHPS Newsletter Editor

Summer Institutes and Courses



SUMMER COURSES University Maastricht The Netherlands

Course 1: 28 June- 2 July 2004

Health Education and Health Promotion: Theory and Practice.

The goal of the course is to provide an overview of important relevant theoretical perspectives, taking the educational approach as the starting point. This year will focus on the importance of a planned approach. Moreover, important emphasis will be given to social psychological theories (e.g. social learning theory, the theory of planned behaviour, attribution theory, relapse prevention), by conducting in-depth discussions concerning the role of attitudes, social influences and self-efficacy in the process of behavioural change. Moreover, substantial attention will be given to the application of these theoretical principles into practice. This will be achieved by working together in small groups on a mutual problem. Costs: €795 when registered before May 1, otherwise € 840. Course Leaders: Prof. Dr. Hein de Vries, Ph.D. & Dr. Ilse Mesters. Ph.D.

Course 2: July 5-9, 2004

Intervention mapping for Aids prevention: designing theory-based and evidence-based interventions

The goal of the course is to focus on developing theory-based and evidence-based health education and promotion programs for Aids prevention. The emphasis of this course will be on applying the Intervention Mapping process to the development of Aids prevention programs. Intervention Mapping is a new process for the creation of health education programmes, in which the educators are guided through a series of steps that will assist them in theory-based and evidence-based intervention development. Costs: € 1175,- including course materials. Course Leader: Prof. Dr. Gerjo Kok, Ph.D.

More information:

General information: <http://www.researchschoolcare.nl/>

Or for Course 1: www.personeel.unimaas.nl/Hein.deVries/sucourse.htm

Email: Hein.deVries@gvo.unimaas.nl

Course 2: www.caphri.unimaas.nl/reshape/index-re.html?/reshape/

Email: G.Kok@psychology.unimaas.nl

Or by contacting the secretaries

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The 10th Annual International Summer School on Behavioural Genetics

August 8-24, 2004

Fedex Institute of Technology, University of Memphis

This year's school, like those before it, will provide basic instruction in behavioural and neural genetics. Topics will include fundamental principles, analytical methods and applications in humans and in experimental animals. This year's program will feature bioinformatics, i.e., genetic analyses using databases of behavioural, physiological and gene expression phenotypes. The University of Tennessee, Memphis is a recognized world leader in the development of mouse genome informatics and instruction will include didactic and "hands-on" practical sessions.

Further information, a schedule and application form may be found at:
<http://www.ibngs.org/bni/tenth.html>

Fulbright International Summer Institute (FISI) 2004

*Deadline for application: May
15, 2004*

FISI 2004 is scheduled to take place from August 1 to August 15, 2004, in the renowned mountain resort of Pamporovo. Pamporovo is located in the heart of the legendary Rhodope Mountains, about a hundred miles southeast of Bulgaria's capital city of Sofia. FISI will offer one or two - week courses in the following subject areas:

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
SOCIETY, CULTURE AND EDUCATION
BULGARIAN STUDIES

All courses will be taught in English by distinguished Bulgarian, European and American professors, most of whom are Fulbright grantees or alumni. The FISI courses are addressed to undergraduate and graduate students, university faculty and professionals.

Full participation fee for U.S. and EU students: 600 euros including local transportation, accommodation, tuition, meals and cultural program.

Partial participation fee: 300 euros per week.

Full participation fee for non-U.S. and non-EU participants: 450 euros including local transportation, accommodation, tuition, meals and cultural program.

FISI 2004 will also offer a rich cultural program, including trips to natural and historical sites, concerts, ethnic evenings etc.

For more information and application forms, please visit:

<http://www.fulbright-bg.org>

<http://www.fisi-bg.com>

International Teaching Seminar

An International Teaching Seminar “Integrating Epidemiological Evidence With Behavioural Science Theories For More Efficient Health Promotion and Disease Prevention” will be held prior to the EHPS 2004 conference in Finland, on 14-18 June 2004.

More information on the course programme and instructions for application can be found at

<http://www.palmenia.helsinki.fi/ikihyva> .

Calls for Papers

“Childhood Chronic Illness: Reciprocal Impact on Parent and Child Relationships”

The deadline is July 1, 2004

Health Psychology is requesting empirical papers that focus on children or adolescents with chronic illness. The focus of this special section is on the reciprocal impact between parent and child. That is, papers must in some way address the effect of the family on the child as well as the effect of the child on the family. Studies must present both family and child outcomes. One of the major outcomes must represent either physical health or health behaviour (e.g., adherence). Parental reports of child outcomes are not sufficient. Studies that have developed innovative methodologies to study these issues will be given priority. Longitudinal studies are especially welcome. Some examples of topics that fit the theme of the special issue are:

- o outcomes of family therapy interventions
- o studies of family interactions
- o studies that address the effects of parent mental health on child as well as child characteristics on parent
- o studies that examine the effects of the illness on both children and families
- o studies that examine the parent-child relationship from both perspectives
- o studies that examine the effects of the marital relationship on the child as well as the child on the marital relationship

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Deadline for all submissions and registration is May 15th, 2004

Conference Announcements

Third Annual Conference of the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA)

June 10 – 13, 2004
Washington, DC, United States

Join fellow colleagues from multiple disciplines who share a common interest in advancing knowledge of behavioural issues surrounding nutrition and physical activity. The Society continues to grow in diversity and membership with participants from more than 14 countries, including Canada, Europe, Australia and the U.S. The unique integration of behavioural nutrition with physical activity research conducted by scientists internationally is certain to make for an exciting meeting. Please join us!

Keynote Speakers: (unconfirmed)

Kaare R. Norum, MD, Dr.Med., Institute for Nutrition Research, Oslo, NORWAY; Ronald Kleinman, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School

For Conference Information visit the ISBNPA website at: www.isbnpa.org

RESEARCH ON THE TRANSTHEORETICAL MODEL: WHERE ARE WE NOW, WHERE ARE WE GOING?

The conference 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. www.med.uni-marburg.de/ttm

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. We are happy that the following invited speakers have confirmed their participation:

Hein deVries (NL) ; Carlo DiClemente (U.S.A.) ; 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. Because the total number of participants will also be limited, early registration is recommended. For the latest information, please look at www.med.uni-marburg.de/ttm

On behalf of the local organizers, Stefan Keller



**Psychology, Health and Medicine
16 April 2004
Galway, Ireland**

It is a great pleasure to invite you to attend the first conference hosted by the Division of Health Psychology of the Psychological Society of Ireland. The aim of this conference is to promote high quality research at the interface of psychology, health and medicine, as well as to facilitate social and professional networks among people working in this area. The conference will be of interest to a variety of health professionals, as well as psychologists.

Keynote speakers include:

Jane Ogden: Reader, Department of General Practice and Primary Care, King's College London

Hannah McGee: Professor and Director, Health Services Research Centre, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Jack James: Professor, Department of Psychology, National University of Ireland, Galway

Registration and abstract forms are available from the conference website at www.nuigalway.ie/psy/phm2004 or by emailing the committee at molly.byrne@nuigalway.ie or by telephoning + 353-(0)91-512106.

**Fifth Conference on Psychology and Health
The Netherlands**

From May 10 to May 12, 2004, the *Fifth Conference on Psychology and Health* will be held at the historic buildings of the Conference Centre Rolduc in Kerkrade, The Netherlands.

The conference spans the entire area of the relationship between psychology and psychological and physical health and illness. The conference program consists of keynote lectures by leading researchers in the field of Psychology and Health, (invited) symposia, individual paper presentations, and interactive poster sessions. With this e-mail, we would like to ask you to bring the conference to the attention the members of your association, e.g. by including it in the conference calendar in the newsletter/magazine of your association, or by forwarding this e-mail to your members. On our conference website <http://pandh.fss.uu.nl/rolduc4.htm> you can find more detailed information.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. On behalf of the organizing committee,

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**VII World Congress of the International Council for
Central and East European Studies (ICCEES)
Theme: "Europe - Our Common Home?"
July 25th to 30th 2005 in Berlin, Germany**

*December 31st 2004 Deadline
for early registration
December 31st 2004 Deadline
for the application for travel
grants*

The VII World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies will take place in Berlin, Germany, from July 25th – 30th, 2005. The theme of the Congress is "Europe – Our Common Home?" The Congress will take place at the Humboldt Universitat, in the very centre of the city. The opening and closing ceremonies will be held at the Haus der Kulturen der Welt/Kongresshalle (House of World Cultures/ Congress Hall) located in a beautiful park, the Tiergarten. The Haus der Kulturen der Welt/Kongresshalle can easily be reached by public transport. The local organiser is the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde (German Association for Eastern European Studies).

The theme of the congress is "Europe – Our common Home?". Some 15 years after the change of regime in the countries of Central and East Europe, the IPC wants to offer an opportunity to examine the state of the continent concerning all aspects of European integration processes. It takes into regard that some countries from the former Eastern Block will already have joined the European Union. How far has the idea of a common home Europe already been realised? Which are the new common features and values within Europe, and where are new divides?

The address is <http://www.iccees2005.de>. Inquiries concerning registration formalities should be made to info@iccees2005.de.

**Mindfulness-Based Approaches:
Research, Training & Clinical Practice**

13–20 August 2004, University of Wales, Bangor
North Wales Centre for Mindfulness Research & Practice, Institute of
Medical & Social Care Research

An opportunity to work with some of the leading practitioners and researchers using Mindfulness-based approaches in health care. This mixed-format event can be used as an introduction to mindfulness-based approaches for those new to this intervention, and as a professional forum for those already using mindfulness in their lives and work, who want to share experiences and expand their knowledge base, as well as deepen their practice of mindfulness. Relevant to health service managers and commissioners, as well as to clinicians and researchers.

Details: www.bangor.ac.uk/mindfulness ; or mhs003@bangor.ac.uk, 01248 382939

Bookings: www.welcomebangor.co.uk ; or hcs018@bangor.ac.uk, 01248 388088

REPRODUCTIVE DISRUPTIONS:**Childlessness, Adoption, and Other Reproductive Complexities**

University of Michigan, US
May 19-22, 2005

*Abstract submission deadline:
October 15, 2004*

Please join the members of the Gender, Infertility, and Adoption Study Group of University of Michigan's Institute for Research on Women and Gender (IRWG) for an international conference devoted to the theme of "Reproductive Disruptions: Childlessness, Adoption, and Other Reproductive Complexities." This conference will be devoted to asking what happens when reproduction is, for one reason or another, problematized. What do reproductive falterings and failures, miscommunications and outright battles—or the politically and emotionally charged contestations that take place in the everyday reproductive experiences of women and men around the world—tell us about the subtleties of culture and power in everyday life? How is our understanding of so-called normal reproduction enhanced when we take reproductive disruptions, such as infertility, pregnancy loss, genetic disorders, and childhood disability, into account?

This third international conference at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, will be devoted to a broad range of reproductive topics including (but not limited to): local practices detrimental to safe pregnancy and birth; conflicting reproductive goals between women and men; the contested meanings of abortion; intentional reproductive loss through sex-selective feticide and female infanticide; miscommunications between pregnant women and genetic counsellors; cultural anxieties over infertility, adoption, donor parenthood, and childhood disability; the globalisation of new reproductive technologies; and feminist critiques of the "new eugenics". This breadth—with its explicit move from the local to the global, from the realm of everyday reproductive practice to international programs and policy-making—demonstrates that the notion of reproductive disruption is productive for examining the meanings of difference, the workings of power, and the tensions between women's (and men's) reproductive agency and various structural and cultural constraints. By expanding the arena of reproduction disruption to include topics like nurturing of biological and adopted children, medical communication, male-female reproductive negotiation, and the (mis)uses of reproductive technologies, the conference is likely to move the social science of human reproduction into new and important spaces.

Both individually submitted papers and organized panels are encouraged. Please submit individual paper abstracts (as well as panel overview abstracts) of no longer than 300 words by October 15th, 2004 to Marcia C. Inhorn, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor of Health Behavior and Health Education and Anthropology, and Director of the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan, (734) 615-9786 or (734) 647-4141. Abstracts can be sent by email attachment to minhorn@umich.edu. Abstracts can also be sent by regular mail to Marcia C. Inhorn, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, 1420 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2029.

**The 6th Annual Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis
Conference****Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK,
6-7 July, 2004***Abstract submission deadline:
May 1st, 2004*

Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) is a qualitative approach developed specifically within psychology, which is now being used widely by researchers in health, clinical and social psychology. Proposals for oral presentations, symposia, and discussions are invited for the conference this July which is hosted by Nottingham Trent University. As always, we welcome proposals from researchers at all stages of using IPA. In particular we hope that people who have attended the conference before and who are now doing an IPA study will come and speak about it. Submissions are required by 1 May 2004. Conference Organiser: Virginia Eatough (NTU), virginia.eatough@ntu.ac.uk
Conference Administrator: Nina Tyler (NTU), Contact: nina.tyler@ntu.ac.uk
See IPA website for details: www.psyb.bbk.ac.uk/ipa

**International Perspectives: Women Leading Change in Public Health
and Technology****Nov. 12-14, 2004****Renaissance Washington DC Hotel
Washington, D.C. USA***Abstract submission deadline:
May 3, 2004**Acceptance notification: July 15,
2004*

The American Association of University Women Educational Foundation will hold its third biennial international symposium, International Perspectives, focussing on: Women Leading Change in Public Health and Technology. The symposium will explore new definitions of technology and its relationship to public health. Presentations will focus on women's experiences in different regions of the world (particularly in the developing world and newly independent states) where access to and knowledge of technology and health concerns may vary. Presenters will explore the importance of women's leadership roles, both formal and informal, and how women have used their education to create changes.

The Call for Papers invites scholars, practitioners, and policy-makers to submit presentation proposals for the third AAUW International Symposium. Proposals should examine how women have used their education to address the following global issues with a focus on emerging and developing nations: Public Health, Technology and The Intersection of Public Health and Technology. Receipt deadline for proposals is May 3, 2004 to AAUW office in Washington, DC.

Details of symposium and the call for papers can be found at:
<http://www.aauw.org/ef/symposium.cfm>

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New Books

Between Stress and Hope, Praeger

Rebecca Jacoby & Giora Keinan

The book's title, *Between Stress and Hope*, embraces two meanings. One relates to the transition which psychology underwent during the 20th century from an almost exclusive focus on anxiety and stress to an occupation with optimism and hope. This reflects a more general process of transition from the pathogenic model that focuses on illness and vulnerability to a salutogenic model that focuses on health and resilience. The second relates to the transitions between stress and hope often experienced by individuals or groups exposed to stressful circumstances.

The book contains three parts. The first part discusses the theoretical aspects of stress and hope as well as the nature of their interrelationships. The chapters included in this part represent the most updated thinking on the concepts of hope and optimism. The second part deals with coping processes of individuals or groups that have been exposed to various situations of stress, and illuminates the role of hope in these processes. The situations include a variety of psychological, physical and social stressors, such as racial prejudice, illness and imprisonment. The third part of the book presents two therapeutic approaches demonstrating the application of the knowledge and understanding of the 'work of hope' in psychotherapy, either by means of working through the body, or by using literature.

We hope that in these times, when the world is exposed to extreme threats, the materials presented in this volume will aid clinicians and researchers to unravel the inner workings and the complexity of human beings facing these threats and stimulate new directions for research.

Other Announcements

Erratum in Poster publication presented at the 2003 EHPS Conference in Kos, Greece

The following abstract appeared under the wrong names and affiliations in the Book of Abstracts of the 17th EHPS conference which took place in Kos, September 2003. Please note the corrected abstract below.

AUTHOR: Christina Gramandani

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TITLE: EXPLORING CROSS-CULTURAL DIFFERENCES IN ATTITUDES
TOWARDS SMOKING: THE CASE OF UK AND HELLAS.

A survey about lifestyles within the European Union conducted by Eurostat confirms differences in smoking behaviour between UK and Hellas with the Hellenic population having the worst smoking record among all the European

countries. This research report demonstrates the findings of a pilot study within a group of 16-18 adolescents from UK and Hellas in order to explore potential cross-cultural differences in attitudes towards smoking. The theory that provides the most appropriate context without the limitations of a specific culture is George Kelly's (1955) personal construct theory. Kelly's repertory test is applied for eliciting personal constructs about smoking from smokers, non smokers and ex-smokers in both countries, by using pictures of smoking situations as common sets of photo -elements. The qualitative analysis of the result suggests that there are some limited cross-cultural differences in attitudes adolescents have. However, these differences do not represent a different way of construing about smoking, but they reflect the absence of social policy in Hellas compared to the growing anti-smoking policy in UK, on the other hand. Additionally, the adolescents in both countries have construed in a similar way about smoking, irrespective of their smoking status which suggests that they are psychological similar in a Kellyian sense. Nevertheless, they have different idiosyncrasies hence explore the word in a, perhaps, different way and they cannot be viewed as a homogenous group. Finally this study suggests that blaming adolescents for their smoking behaviour or trying to protect them in an unrealistic way is not productive. It would be more fruitful for educators to apply Kelly's approach to health promotion in order to explore individual differences and place the emphasis on personal growth, development and empowerment of the individual

University College London PhD Studentship in Health Psychology

Applications are invited for a PhD research studentship in Health Psychology. Students who have or are expected to attain a 2.1 or first class honours degree in Psychology or a related discipline are invited to apply. A relevant Master's degree is desirable. The 3-year PhD studentship, funded by the Infection Control Society, will take effect from October 2004.

The PhD will investigate health professional behaviour in relation to the prevention of health care associated infections (i.e. hand hygiene and sharps disposal behaviours). A theoretical framework developed to understand clinical guideline implementation will be applied in a series of studies culminating in the development and evaluation of an intervention. The studies will involve a systematic literature review, measure development and the collection of both qualitative data (interviews) and quantitative data (questionnaire, observational and routinely collected clinical data). The project will be overseen by a multidisciplinary group, including a consultant in occupational health, a consultant microbiologist and a systematic reviewer.

The studentship includes a stipend of £14,000 per year for 3 years and includes full provision for academic fees for UK-EU students. Non-EU (overseas) residents may apply and are still eligible for the stipend but will need to demonstrate how they will fund the difference in home/EU and overseas academic fees.

For further information and application requirements please contact Dr. Susan Michie (e-mail s.michie@ucl.ac.uk; phone 0207 679 5930).

Please send your CV and brief covering letter plus 3 referees' names to:

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Closing date for applications is 23rd April, 2004.

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