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Applied development

The Prevention Act has been passed, which aims to aid implementation of evidence-based health prevention in different settings (e.g., kindergarten, school, workplace) funded by different social insurance agencies (e.g., health, nursing care, annuity and accident insurances and the Federal Labour Office). This creates new opportunities for health psychologists, for examples the development and evaluation of prevention programs together with statutory and private health insurances.

Section of Health Psychology in the German Psychological Society

The Section of Health Psychology in the German Psychological Society currently has around 290 academic members (www.gesundheitspsychologie.net). The executive committee members of the Section of Health Psychology within the German Psychological Society are Petra Warschburger (President), Olga Pollatos (Assessor & Webmaster), Daniela Zahn (Treasurer), Lena Fleig (representative of young researchers) and Pamela Rackow (stand-in representative of young researchers).

The Section of Health Psychology established a database for the coordination of internships within health psychology in Germany (www.gesundheitspsychologie.net/index.php/de/praktikumsplaetze).

The journal “Zeitschrift für Gesundheitspsychologie” has been internationalised. It publishes articles in German and English and holds the subtitle “*European Journal of Health Psychology*” (www.hogrefe.de/produkte/zeitschriften/zgp).

EHPS-related activities

A lot of members of the Section of Health Psychology in the German Psychological Society are members of the EHPS. EHPS conventions and activities are announced in the Section of Health Psychology’s newsletters.

Conventions

The Section of Health Psychology of the German Psychological Society meets at the conference of the German Psychological Society 18.–22.09.2016 in Leipzig (www.dgpskongress.de).

The next convention of the Section of Health Psychology of the German Psychological Society will be held 22.-25.08.2017 at the University of Siegen. The translated conference topic will be „Health Psychology 4.0 - Conceptual innovation, interdisciplinary perspectives and new careers“. Prior to the convention, the summer school for PhD students will be held.

Current research

There is a broad range of academic research related to Health Psychology in Germany. The Section of Health Psychology of the German Psychological Society has compiled a register of evidence-based Health Psychology programs (www.gesundheitspsychologie.net/index.php/de/datenbanken).