

EHPS National Delegate Report 2016-2017 for Germany

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I) Health Psychology in Germany (Changes in the status of health psychology in the country (e.g., regarding the health care system or legislation))

No changes in the status of health psychology have been made in recent years.

II) Education, training & professionalization

1. PROMOTION OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

No particular activities have been undertaken to promote health psychology in Germany.

2. EDUCATION AND TRAINING INITIATIVES/PROGRAMS

Since 1995, the German Association of Professional Psychologists (BDP - Berufsverband Deutscher Psychologen und Psychologinnen) offers practical training for health psychologists (term legally protected). If this training program is successfully accomplished, "psychological health promotion and prevention" can be advertised and practiced (further info in German see <http://www.bdp-gus.de/gp/beruf.htm>). To be eligible for this training, a Bachelor in Psychology has to be accomplished first (list of Universities that are eligible is available on the website). The German Psychologist Academy (Deutsche Psychologen Akademie) offers a new training course from September 2017 to April 2018 to certify as a health psychologist (www.bdp-gus.de/aktuell/DPA_Curriculum2017_Gesundheitsf%C3%B6rderung.pdf).

III) Activities

3. CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

The Section of Health Psychology of the German Psychological Society meets from August 22nd to August 25th 2017 at the University of Siegen (www.bildung.uni-siegen.de/mitarbeiter/schorr/gesundheitspsychologie_2017). 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 “Writing for peers and the public” will be held from August 20th to August 22nd 2017 at the University of Siegen.

4. PUBLICATIONS

The Section of Health Psychology of the German Psychological Society publishes news (including awards, grants and publications by members) from health psychology departments on their website:

<http://www.gesundheitspsychologie.net/index.php/de/fachgruppe/aktuelle-mitteilungen>

5. WORKING GROUPS (if any)

No particular working groups have been established (et least not with a focus on legislation, promotion, professionalization, education etc.).

6. OTHER ACTIVITIES

A seal of quality was developed to approve ehealth and mhealth aps and platforms designed to improve health by the German Association of Professional Psychologists (BDP, http://www.bdp-verband.de/bdp/presse/2017/03_guetesiegel.html).

7. PLANNED/FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

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IV) Other issues

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