

EHPS National Delegate Report 2017-2018 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

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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).

III) Activities

3. CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

The Section of Health Psychology of the German Psychological Society meets from September 17th to 20th, 2018 at the Goethe University of Frankfurt (www.dgpskongress.de/frontend/index.php?sub=16).

4. PUBLICATIONS

The former German Health Psychology Journal "Zeitschrift für Gesundheitspsychologie" had been accepting manuscripts in German and English for some time already. Now, it finalised its transformation to an English Journal under the name of [European Journal of Health Psychology](#). Its current Impact Factor is 0.909 and it is indexed in Social Science Citation Index (SSCI), Social Scisearch, Journal Citation Report/Social Sciences Edition, PsycInfo, PsycARTICLES, PSYINDEX, IBZ, IBR and Europ. Reference List for the Humanities (ERIH).

The [editorial team](#) is looking forward to receiving your manuscripts!

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](#) (in German only).

5. WORKING GROUPS (if any)

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

6. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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7. PLANNED/FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

A proposal for an elementary reform of the Psychotherapeutic Law in Germany and with it an implementation of the “direct studies of psychotherapy” has been submitted in fall 2017. Once the government has approved this proposal, psychology students will first do a polyvalent BA in psychology and can afterwards choose a novel “direct psychotherapy MA”. By the end of this direct psychological therapy study program and further vocational training and practice hours, the license to practice psychological therapy will be attained.

IV) Other issues

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