

NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY SOCIETY (2022-2024)

Name of candidate: David French

Country: United Kingdom

Position seeking nomination for: President-Elect



I have been a regular contributor to the EHPS since attending my first conference, in Dublin in 1996. Since then, I have been involved with the EHPS in a number of roles:

- One of the four founding members of the CREATE (Collaborative REsearch And Training in the EHPS) initiative: www.ehps.net/create. I was jointly responsible for organizing the first three annual training workshops adjacent to the EHPS Annual Conference (1999, 2000, 2001), before handing over to new organizers. The current organizers are now preparing the twenty-third workshop to be held in Bratislava.
- UK National Delegate to the EHPS (2000-2004)
- Member of the executive committee of the EHPS, as National Delegates Officer (2004-2006).
- EHPS liaison officer for the 2007 conference that was held in Maastricht.
- Conference Scientific Committee Chair for joint European Health Psychology Society (EHPS) and the British Psychological Society Division of Health Psychology annual conference in 2008 (Bath).
- EHPS Conference Scientific Committee member in 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2018.
- EHPS Conference International Programme Committee member and track chair on seven occasions (2005, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2020).
- EHPS journal, *Psychology and Health* Associate Editor (Dec 2009 to Dec 2012)
- Elected Fellow of the European Health Psychology Society in 2012.
- Member of EHPS Fellowship committee since 2021.

I received my PhD from the University of London in 1999, and have been Professor of Health Psychology since 2009. I have worked at the University of Manchester for the past 10 years. My main research interest is in developing and evaluations interventions with reach to promote health and wellbeing. Current projects include developing and evaluating nationally implemented interventions, including the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme and NHS Breast Screening Programme. Notable contributions to health psychology and multidisciplinary health research include:

- Published over 200 articles in peer-reviewed journals, including eight in the BMJ, and many others in Health Psychology, Annals of Behavioral Medicine, etc.
- Research funding of over €80 million from bodies including European Commission, MRC and NIHR.
- British Psychological Society official publication: *British Journal of Health Psychology* Editor for 5 years (2013-2017) with Prof Alison Wearden.

- MRC/ NIHR guidance on Development and Evaluation of Complex Interventions (third edition) Scientific Advisory Group member and author.
- Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021, sub-panel 2: Public Health, Health Services and Primary Care, Panel Member in the assessment phase (Nov 2020 to Feb 2022)
- Served on several research funding panels, including MRC Methodology Research Panel, NIHR Public Health Research, NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research.

If elected, I would focus on bringing researchers and practitioners across Europe together after not meeting in person over recent years. I think it is timely to focus on helping earlier career people feel part of a supportive and facilitative international community, as there may be a generation of people who have not benefitted from attending EHPS conferences in person since 2019. I would seek to foster genuinely international collaborations and friendships. I have personally benefitted in this way from the EHPS for over 25 years.