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International Association of Applied Psychology

The International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) is the oldest international psychological association. Established in 1920, it now has individual members in more than 80 countries, and holds an international Congress every four years in different cities of the world.

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- Organizational Psychology
- Psychological Assessment & Evaluation
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- Psychology & National Development
- Environmental Psychology
- Educational and Schools Psychology
- Political Psychology
- Traffic & Transportation Psychology
- Applied Gerontology
- Health Psychology
- Economic Psychology
- Psychology and Law
- Sports Psychology
- Applied Cognitive
- Students
- Counselling Psychology

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EDITORIAL

In this second issue of the IAAP Newsletter for 2003, President Michael Frese and Board member John Berry jointly present to members their proposal to set in place the IAAP Policy Committee. Members are invited to contribute their suggestions for the directions that the Policy Committee and its proposed sub-committees should proceed. This initiative has the potential to harness the international community of individual psychologists to work together to make a difference in legislation, policy and practices that can enhance the quality of life.

The Spanish Psychological Society celebrates its victory in the support by a 2002 ruling by the Spanish Supreme Court to uphold a 1998 decree to establish a Clinical Psychology Specialty within the public health system. Victoria del Barrio takes us through the paces that led up to this long awaited endorsement for the independent contribution of the profession.

The divisional reports provide details of specialist conferences and meeting venues, as well as web-pages and contact information. President David Canter, Division 4, Environmental Psychology, and President Rocio Fernandez-Ballesteros, Division 7, Applied Gerontology both contributed thought-provoking articles that set out the landscape that lies ahead in their respective fields. The former argues a strong case for active engagement by psychologists with the objective of impacting policy with relevant research. Rocio makes explicit the case for “active aging”.

Pedro Neves, President of Division 15, Students of Psychology, writes about how the division has commenced activities since its inception in July 2002 at the XXV ICAP in Singapore. The membership of this Division is growing rapidly, with the fee set at 50% for 2003. Plans to keep the membership linked via electronic communication and the setting up of an interactive web-page augur well for sustaining the interest and involvement of the members.

You will read this Newsletter ahead of time in its electronic version. As a member of IAAP, you would receive a notice to the effect that it is ready for your reading as soon as it is ready to go to print. The next issue of the newsletter is set to see some change in the visual presentation of the electronic form. Look out for it, and be a part of it by sending me your contributions.

Elizabeth Nair
Editor

IAAP POLICY COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Michael Frese and John Berry

We are pleased to share with members of IAAP an initiative that was launched at the Singapore meeting in July 2002. We began in November by asking members of the Board of Directors for their initial reactions, and are pleased to report that all responses received so far are supportive.

At this time, we are taking our second step, by publishing this note in the Newsletter in order to draw further comments from the membership at large. In particular, we are seeking your advice about the initiative generally, and about specific directions that each proposed sub-committee should take. Although we have already enlisted a few chairs and members of the committees, we would appreciate suggestions [and offers] for chairs and membership of each sub-committee.

If you have comments and suggestions, please get in touch with either of us by email:

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We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Michael Frese and John Berry

IAAP POLICY COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: John Berry and Michael Frese

This committee was established at the Executive Committee meeting in Singapore. Its purpose is to identify topics of public concern where applied psychology may contribute to policy analysis and development, and possibly to advocacy and action. Psychology appears to be relevant to many policy areas (see list below), but we believe that this relevance has not been sufficiently articulated.

Since many of the topics are of direct concern to IAAP Divisions, we are directing this proposal to Division Presidents and the full Executive Committee (Board of Directors) and through them to their membership.

We propose that there should be a sub-committee formed to address each of the topics, with a Chair initially designated by us. Membership is open to all IAAP members who wish to contribute, and should be as geographically – and culturally – diverse as possible. Our goal is to have initial reports from each sub-committee presented at Symposia during the Beijing meeting in 2004.

These reports should identify the psychological aspects of the topics, review what is known about the topics in the existing literature, and propose best policies and practice. We assume that the core of such a report will be a 10-page memorandum and that it has an addendum of important material. The memorandum should give a short report on the research and should present policy implications to be used by local and international organizations (both NGOs and governmental organizations). Care should be taken that the report considers issues not just in the geographical area where most of the committee members come from, but also in other areas. Examples of good practice are the backbone of such a report and it would be useful to describe good practice in the appendix of this report.

We hope to have all sub-committee Chairs in place by January 2003, and have the committees in operation by May 2003. We expect a very short report of what has been done in these committees by the end of 2003 and we expect a longer report on what these committees have worked on in the Executive Committee (Board of Directors) in 2004 at the Beijing conference. Since we urge all committees to present a symposium at the conference in Beijing in 2004, we hope that a large part of the work can be finished by 2005.

We would like to urge all Divisional Presidents to be actively involved in the development of topics to be covered, in determining the chairs, and in the selection of members to these committees.

Your comments are invited at this stage in order to improve the topics, chairs, goals, feasibility, and any other aspects of this initiative. We appreciate if we would get your comments by December 15th at the latest.

Proposed Sub-Committees:

- Human capital
- Stress and health
- International migration
- National development
- Entrepreneurship in developing countries
- Human resources
- AIDS/HIV prevention

- Unemployment
- Indigenous people
- Environment
- Role of women
- Poverty
- Terrorism
- Ethnopolitical violence

Michael Frese & John Berry

A HAPPY END FOR A LONG STANDING AMBITION AMONG CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN SPAIN

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The last semester of 2002 brought to the large community of Spanish Clinical Psychologists very good news. The Spanish Supreme Court definitely backed as correct a decision of the government: the legal setting up of the Specialty of Clinical Psychology within the public health system issued in 1998 by a law ranking decree.

From now on, a formal certificate will be required for positions, at private and public institutions, where the profile of 'specialist in clinical psychology' will be identified and called for. The certificate will be obtained after a highly specialized training program devised for university graduates in Psychology only, which will include both theoretical and practical credits.

Centres offering such training will be determined each year by the Spanish National Health Service (NHS), and both MD and PsyD professionals working together will provide the program of study and practice under some common guidelines and rules brought about by the National Committee of the Specialty and endorsed by the Health Administration.

The number of graduates accepted annually as students for this specialty will be rather limited and sorted out through a national selection process that will involve competitive examinations and interviews.

This represents an old aspiration, largely desired by Spanish psychologists, interested in getting a similar consideration in the National Health Service as other professionals – physicians, pharmacists, and biochemists, among others. University graduates, to become specialists within the Health system, must continue further their training in clinical matters, receiving instruction and tutelage during a period of wage-earning internship in hospitals and centres of the NHS.

In October 2002 the Supreme Court rejected two appeals lodged separately by the National Council of Medicine and by several National Associations of Psychiatry against the legal norm that acknowledged to psychologists the right to make diagnosis and treat patients suffering from psychological disorders. As soon as the Ministry of Health opened the door to the new Diploma of Specialist in Clinical Psychology some medical associations raised the old debate on the relationship between psychologists and physicians, and the very critical topic of who is entitled to do what tasks.

Now the decision of the Supreme Court puts an end to the quarrel between professionals, as it admits the true role of clinical psychologist and its capacity to deal with psychological disorders in full. It seem to generate jurisprudence because two separate but convergent sentences have been handed down.

The first university degree in Psychology (a five-years term) was created in 1968 and during the last three decades the strength and public recognition of contributions made by its graduates and professionals has been continuously growing. The Spanish Psychological Association (Colegio Oficial de Psicólogos) the self-governing body of the profession has about 40,000 registered members, working in private and public jobs and assignments all over the country. Although they cover nearly all the fields of human activity – sport, health, industry, traffic, education, and so on – the university degree in psychology is one and the same for all. This postgraduate specialty of Clinical Psychology created and supported by the government is the first, and until now the unique one to be backed by a formal training and a specific legislation.

The Spanish Federation of Psychological Associations (FEDAP), more focused on scholars, has been also actively involved in the process submitting an expert report to the Supreme Court. In a similar way the European Federation of Psychological Associations (EFPA) provided also testimony in support of clinical psychologist' s competence and entitlement. Adequacy and merits of clinical psychologists for the 21st century was, after all, somehow questioned. The SG of IAAP also wrote an expert report after the Personnel Psychology perspective.

The Supreme Court's decision has brought new forces and stimuli to the entire body of professionals in psychology, scholars, practitioners or researchers. Psychological profession as a whole will benefit from the new situation. Certainly citizens will be direct consumers as psychology is a service-oriented profession resorting to sound knowledge and expertise to increase the quality of life in the community and the society.

NEWS FROM DIVISIONS

Division 1: Work and Organizational Psychology

The members of the Executive of the Division of Work and Organizational Psychology (Division 1) are: Virginia Schein, President, (USA); Jose Peiro, President-Elect, (Spain); Miriam Erez, Past President, (Israel); Rene Bouwen, Treasurer, (Belgium); Filip Lievens, Secretary and Webmaster, (Belgium); Handan Kepir Sinangil, ICAP2006 Program Chair, (Turkey), Barbara Kozusznik, Membership Chair, (Poland); and Dick Ritchie, Newsletter Editor, (USA).

The Executive Committee met in Singapore in July of 2002, at the XXV International Congress of Applied Psychology. The Executive Committee developed its mission and objectives for the 2002–2006 term of office and is pleased to present them to the members of Division 1.

Division 1 Mission

The Mission of Division 1 for 2002–2006 is to enhance communication and cooperation with, among, and for the members of the Work and Organizational Psychology Division around the world.

Objectives:

1. *Improve and expand communications to Division members about Division activities, member services, and member activities and interests.*

Develop a Division 1 Newsletter to be circulated by e-mail, twice a year. This Newsletter will be more personal than the IAAP Newsletter, and include announcements, recent publications of members, requests for sabbatical opportunities, job and research opportunities, etc., as well as articles of interest. The bi-annual Division 1 Newsletter will also include information placed in the IAAP Newsletter.

Develop a "News Flash" E-mail system whereby urgent items are e-mailed immediately to members. These items will include calls for papers and job and research announcements with immediate deadlines, requests from members visiting other countries to link up professionally with organizational psychologists in that region, etc.

2. *Improve communication between the Executive Committee and the membership*

Design a Membership Survey to determine needs and attitudes of our members, consider various ways to distribute and discuss survey results among the membership, and implement outcomes.

3. *Expand communications among members, with a particular focus on under-represented geographical areas, such as Latin America, Africa, and Eastern Europe.*

Develop a Leader Links Program. The Leader Links Program will develop a network of leaders within targeted geographical areas who are willing to help Division 1 link with other organizational psychologists in their region, spread the word about Division 1 and IAAP.

4. *Bring members together as a scientific community to discuss organizational psychological theory and research from a global perspective.*

Plan and organize a stimulating Division 1 Scientific Program for ICAP2006 in Athens, Greece. The Program of Division 1 will provide opportunities for leaders of regional associations, such as EAWOP, SIOP, and others to come together at ICAP2006 and develop linkages globally.

5. *Facilitate the communication of our members to the scientific community by enhancing our members' ability to do research and publish in scientific journals.*

Implement an On Site Workshop Program designed to educate members regionally in publication procedures and research methodologies. Division 1 members will lead on site workshops on publishing skills and strategies. Members of the Leaders Link Program will help in setting up arrangements and making contacts in the area for the workshop. A small cadre of Division 1 Workshop Volunteers will be formed who are able to donate their time and perhaps even the travel costs, especially in developing countries. Division 1 will defer some of the costs.

6. *Increase membership by publicizing the activities of the Division and assist those from developing countries in affiliating with Division 1 and IAAP.*

Members of the Executive Committee will host Roundtable Sessions at professional meetings to promote IAAP and Division 1 and recruit new members.

The Mission and Objectives statement will be placed in the publications for SIOP and EAWOP and other associations

The Division will subsidize 50% of the annual dues for 10 new members from developing countries on a yearly basis.

2003 Scheduled Activities:

1. Division 1/IAAP Roundtable at SIOP

Virginia E. Schein, Division 1 President, will host a Roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP) in Orlando, Florida, April 11–13. Participants at the session will include IAAP President Michael Frese, Milt Hakel, newly elected to the IAAP Board of Directors and Miriam Erez and Dick Ritchie, members of the Division 1 Executive Committee. The session will be held on Friday, April 11th at 3:30pm All Division 1 members are invited to attend. There will be an International Members' Reception at 5:30pm on that Friday.

2. Division 1/IAAP Roundtable for EAWOP

A similar Roundtable will be held at the European Association for Work and Organizational Psychologists (EAWOP) Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, May 14–17, 2003. All Division 1 members are encouraged to attend.

3. Membership Survey

Under the direction of Barbara Kozusznik, Membership Chair, a Membership Survey is being prepared. In early 2003 the Survey will be administered electronically, under the guidance of Filip Lievens, Division 1 Secretary. The Membership Survey is designed to find out the needs and interests of Division 1 members.

4. Division 1/EAWOP Workshop

Division 1 and the European Association for Work and Organizational Psychology (EAWOP) will co-sponsor a Workshop on Publishing in International Scientific Journals at EAWOP's Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, May 14–17. Miriam Erez, Past President of Division 1, will conduct the Workshop, which is intended for doctoral students and junior researchers. Jose Peiro, President-Elect of Division 1, is the Workshop organizer.

Division 1 Newsletter Seeks Correspondents

The editor of the Division Newsletter is seeking volunteers to submit items of interest. Appropriate items include announcements of member

accomplishments, calls for papers, job or research opportunities with short deadlines, and requests to link up professionally with members in other countries. Members interesting in serving as correspondents for the Division 1 Newsletter should contact Dick Ritchie at rritchie@gettysburg.edu.

Division 4: Environmental Psychology

Broadening Horizons for Environmental Psychology within IAAP

David Canter

IAAP is the oldest professional association for psychologists. This is a salutary reminder that it was those involved in the application and profession of psychology, not those only involved in solely academic pursuits, who early recognised the benefits of international contacts. Today such international networks are clearly of even more significance for those who are interested in the applications of their discipline. This is no more true than in relation to the physical environment. How can we possibly disentangle the significance of the environment for psychological processes without sharing with each other the many ways in which the environment is modified, utilised and assigned significance in different contexts? There is a self-reflective necessity to Environmental Psychology in that we need to understand how the environmental context does itself modify the human transactions with that environment.

Two very different examples have recently brought this home to me. A paper recently accepted for the *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, written by Carol Werner in Utah, dealt with local attempts to reduce the noxious chemicals that are used daily by people to keep their gardens looking as immaculate as in the popular magazines. When I was reviewing this paper I was struck by how much of the activity Carol described reflected a particular style of life in the suburban reaches of the central states of the USA. Where I live, in the middle of Welsh sheep farming country, the tidy grass lawn (or 'yard' as it is translated into American) is very rare and any agricultural chemicals are used directly in the service of commercial farming.

However, the sound psychological principles underlying the action research project that Carol describes, which she set in motion to change people's environmentally threatening behaviours, could well be relevant to change the behaviour of my neighbours. But the details of how the process operates would be very different. I have no local scout troop I can draw upon to help as she had, nor would neighbourhood groups be much

use in an area where many neighbours live a kilometre or more from each other. I'd also have to get some command of the Welsh language and involve the National Farmers' Union. If ever I were able to get such a study moving it would doubtless challenge many of the psychological principles that were so elegantly at the core of Carol's study. But an enormous amount would be learnt about the application of these principles in such a different context.

A second more dramatic example also comes to mind. In the terrorist attack on the World Trade Centre about 14,000 people were able to evacuate the Twin Towers and adjacent buildings. So although the loss of life was truly horrific and the traumatic consequences of the attack for the world at large have yet to be fully appreciated, nonetheless within these terrors there is the success story of the effective use of the buildings' escape provisions. The evacuation of these buildings under such psychological pressure therefore provides unique information about how people cope with such a threatening environment and the mechanisms that are brought into play to deal with the circumstances. Without doubt building regulations around the world will draw upon any findings from studies of the evacuation of the World Trade Centre. Therefore the understanding of the person-environment transactions that characterise those events in New York are relevant to many applied psychologists throughout the world.

IAAP is uniquely placed to facilitate the interactions between applied psychologists that will support the developing understanding that is illustrated by my two brief examples.

My own research activity, in the area I have called Investigative Psychology, daily reminds me of the benefits and significance of international sharing of research approaches, models and results. Crime and its investigation is a dominant aspect of the news everywhere in the world. Yet until very recently the only recognised psychological contributions were about the treatment of offenders and the value of various forms of punishment or rehabilitation. However an environmental psychology perspective quickly reveals many other forms of contribution that we can make to other considerations of crime, especially its detection and prosecution.

Crimes after all are, in the great majority of cases, location specific transactions that derive from the familiarity and environmental experiences of offenders. They also need to be investigated in real time and space. In other words, the environmental models of criminal activity that law enforcement agencies have provide the framework for their preventive and investigative actions. Criminologists have carried out a few studies looking at how criminals decide where to offend. There is

also a growing utilisation of geographical information systems to guide police activities. But, as Gloria Laycock, the Director of the newly established Institute of Crime Science at University College London, has pointed out, much of current work using geographical information systems to deal with crime is merely 'blobology'; the drawing of dots on maps with little understanding of what psychological process have given rise to those 'blobs'.

It therefore seems to me that there are large areas of criminal investigation and crime prevention that are comfortably within the skills, models and methodologies of environmental psychology. More importantly than that, the challenge of contributing to significant real world decisions, of being involved in a psychology that focuses on solving problems and not just unpacking them, an 'Investigative Environmental Psychology', is an appropriate challenge for us to face in these early years of our new millennium. It is a challenge that truly has international proportions and one that IAAP is uniquely placed to help face.

Over the next four years I will address these challenges in the role of president of the IAAP's Environmental Psychology division. In this, I will build on the fine precedent set by the former division president, Tommy Gärling, who has done an admirable job of leading the division over the past four years. Tommy will provide an important element of continuity for the division over the coming four years in his role as past-president. As the division's new president-elect, Bob Gifford will also help to ensure continuity in leadership over the coming years. Providing essential support, Terry Hartig will continue serving as secretary/newsletter editor during the next four years, and Einar Strumse as treasurer. Also, to strengthen our communication and outreach capabilities, we have created a new position within the division executive, that of webmaster. Matthias Gustafsson has agreed to take on this role.

Acting in our respective capacities, we will work toward several new and standing objectives over the next four years, in addition to the objectives I have indicated above. They include the following:

- To facilitate communication among members, potential members, and the public

We will continue to develop the division homepage (www.psy.gu.se/iaap/envpsych.htm), increasing its value as a resource for environmental psychologists. We will also encourage other organisations to include a link to our website in their homepages.

- To increase communication with related organisations

In the coming years we will continue to communicate and cooperate with organisations whose interests and missions are related to those of the IAAP Environmental Psychology division, such as the International Association of People-Environmental Studies (IAPS) and the Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA). In this, we will seek to further clarify the division's identity, both as a home for the scientific core of environmental psychology and as a vital channel for exchange between environmental psychologists and other applied psychologists.

- To promote contributions of an explicitly environmental psychological character to *Applied Psychology: An International Review (APIR)*

Although some articles with an environmental psychological character have come out in APIR during the past 4 years, our subdiscipline remains underrepresented in that journal. We want to further improve the representation in APIR of research activity by our division's members.

- To build high-quality conference programs offering the latest developments in scientific environmental psychology

Tommy Gärling will serve as the division's program chair for the next International Congress of Applied Psychology, scheduled to take place in Athens, Greece in early July, 2006 (see <http://www.iaapsy.org/26icap.html>). Planning for the division's program has already begun.

We will also seek to co-sponsor symposia within the conferences of organisations such as IAPS, the meetings of regional environmental psychology groups, and specialty conferences on topics to which environmental psychology can contribute (e.g., environmental psychology and the arts). We welcome your suggestions in this regard.

- To establish the division as a resource in support of the development of international research collaborations

This objective follows from those stated above, but it deserves mention in its own right. As the example at the beginning of this editorial indicated, the development and application of theories in environmental psychology stand to gain from collaborations by people who can apply psychological principles in different contexts. The division can well serve as a gathering point for people seeking to develop such collaborations.

- To recruit new members and retain existing members

Finally, we will continue with efforts to increase the size of the division and improve the quality of services provided. We welcome your assistance in this – please help to strengthen the division by bringing in new members. You can find membership application forms at the IAAP website, <http://www.iaapsy.org/>.

Division Activities During the 25th International Congress of Applied Psychology

Showcasing some of the recent theoretical, empirical and practical developments in environmental psychology, the division program at the IAAP Congress in Singapore included the following highlights:

- Presidential address by Tommy Gärling of Göteborg University, Sweden, “Forecasting psychological consequences of car-use reduction: A challenge to an environmental psychology of transportation”;
- Invited address by Birgitta Berglund of Stockholm University, Sweden, “Towards a system for labelling soundscapes supportive for health”;
- Invited address by Robert Gifford of the University of Victoria, Canada, “Managing natural resources: A matter of life and death”;
- Invited address by Barbara Tversky of Stanford University, USA, “Multiple spaces.”

The program also included several symposia. These dealt with a variety of topics, including the following:

- Environmental and developmental psychology (convened by Gary Evans, Cornell University);
- People’s relations to water in the light of sustainable development (convened by Gabriel Moser, Universite Rene Descartes, France);
- Cooperation in resource dilemmas (convened by Anders Biel, Göteborg University);
- Perspectives on conservation behavior, factors that promote it, and approaches to its measurement (convened by Florian Kaiser, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands);
- Determinants and correlates of proenvironmental behavior (convened by Osamu Iwata, Osaka Shoin Women’s University, Japan)
- Facilitating pro-environmental behavior change (convened by Linda Steg, University of Groningen, The Netherlands), and;
- Restorative environments (convened by Terry Hartig, Uppsala University).

Sessions for independently submitted papers and posters rounded out the program. Across all types of presentations, environmental attitudes and behaviors received the most attention. In this area of concern we clearly distinguish ourselves from other divisions in the IAAP. The division program included contributions from Australia, Canada, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, The Netherlands, and the USA.

The ENABLE-AGE Project

The international research project “Enabling Autonomy, Participation, and Well-Being in Old Age: The Home Environment as a Determinant for Healthy Ageing” (ENABLE-AGE) was initiated in 2002. The project is funded by the European Commission and has a duration of three years. The main aim of the project is to examine the home environment (objective living arrangements, housing-related behaviour, home experience) as a determinant of autonomy, participation, and well being in very old age in a longitudinal perspective in five European countries (Sweden, Germany, United Kingdom, Hungary, Latvia).

The project explicitly considers subjective and objective person-environment relationships as important determinants of healthy aging. A macro-level update on housing policies will support the project process, integrated with the knowledge generated by a survey (N = 2,000) and in-depth studies (N = 200). A wide range of proven measures will be administered at home-visits with very old single community-dwelling elders (80–90 years old), randomly sampled in partner countries. The design is longitudinal, comprising two measurement points with a one-year interval. To assess the immediate social and physical home environment, different medical and occupational, sociological, psychological, and eco-gerontological methods will be used. The involvement of west and east European countries makes it possible to partially compare housing in old age between different societal systems, for instance to juxtapose countries with already existing norms and regulations on accessible housing with two eastern European countries that have different levels of legislative development. For further details and contact information, see <http://www.enableage.arb.lu.se/>

Conferences

- 3rd Environmental Psychology in the UK Conference, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland, 23–25 June 2003. See <http://www.envpsy.org.uk/EPUK/index.html>
- 5th Biennial Meeting of the Division of Environmental Psychology within the German Psychological Association (DGPs), Eindhoven University of Technology, Eindhoven, the Netherlands, August 31–September 3, 2003. Further information and a Call for Papers can be found on the Internet at <http://www.tm.tue.nl/jfschouten/dgp/>. The Congress language will be English (German is an option for student papers).
- 18th Conference of the International Association for People–Environment Studies, 24–27 July 2004, Vienna, Austria. See <http://www.bwk.tue.nl/iaps/>.

Notes

If you have not been receiving periodic e-mail messages regarding developments within the Division, please do not delay in sending your e-mail address to Terry.Hartig@ibf.uu.se.

We welcome newsletter items and website addresses of interest to those working in environmental psychology. Send them to Terry.Hartig@ibf.uu.se.

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Division 7: Applied Gerontology

New Perspectives in Applied Gerontology: Psychology of Active Ageing¹

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Introduction

The first priority direction of the International Plan of Action on Ageing 2002 refers to the promotion of social participation providing older persons with the opportunity to continue contributing to society, promoting health and security, lifelong learning and opportunities for individual development, self-fulfillment, and well-being, and extending United Principles of independence, participation, dignity, care and self-fulfillment to old age. This perspective has a key concept: active ageing.

Moreover, “Active ageing” is part of a semantic network in which “successful ageing”, “healthy ageing”, “ageing well”, “optimal ageing” (and others) could be considered as related concepts with a relatively long tradition in gerontological research and with empirical evidence of how optimal ageing can be trained. Therefore, “Active ageing” (and related concepts) could be understood as target to be promoted and as a concept that should lead public policies.

Paradigmatic shift

Across the history of gerontology (as the science of ageing), from the eighties a paradigmatic shift occurred:

- The focus on pathological ageing moved to successful ageing (e.g. Fries, 1989, Rowe & Khan, 1998, Baltes and Baltes, 1990)
- The importance of secondary and tertiary prevention/rehabilitation moved to primary or primordial prevention or health promotion (e.g. Kaplan 2000). Primary prevention yielded more efficient results than secondary prevention
- The objective to add years to life changed to: to add life to years (e.g. Krech, 1998, in Eurolink Age, 1998).

These facts inspired one of the most important initiatives: “Ageing Well” as a European Programme, which has been the umbrella for national developments of health promotion policies and programs. It aims to prolong active, independent life by promoting good health and reducing illness. The Programme includes a variety of health promotion projects

¹ From the invited presentation “Promoting Active Ageing” in the UNECE Conference (Berlin, September 2002).

which tackle the key health issues affecting older persons, providing health education, information and support to local communities. Ageing Well Europe is co-ordinated by Eurolink Age (1998) with the European Commission and Merck Europe. This Programme, essentially focused on health is, at the moment, on stand-by without budgeting.

Trying to overcome the concept of “healthy ageing”, active ageing was adopted by the World Health Organization in the late nineties and it has been defined and primarily developed in the seminal document Active Ageing. A Policy Framework (WHO, 2002). In this document “active ageing” has been defined as “the process of optimising opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance **well-being** and **quality of life** as people age... (allowing) people to realise their potential for physical, social, and mental well-being throughout the life course and to participate according to their needs, desires and capacities ” (WHO, 2002).

In this document, a series of variables are posited as determinant of active ageing: behavioural determinants, personal (biological and genetics, and psychological), physical environment, social determinants, economic determinants and health and social services. Gender and Culture are posited as cross-cutting determinants, since they theoretically support and moderate any other influence on active ageing.

Taking into consideration those determinants, Table 1 shows a list of Policy Issues that have been proposed by WHO:

As we can read, most of these determinants are psychological: all risk factors are related with behaviors and with life styles and learning principle govern these factors. Also other psychological components are protective factors such as cognitive capacities, self-efficacy, coping styles, among others. Psychology contributes to all these policies as well and psychologists should be aware of the importance of their involvement in applied gerontology.

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Table 1. WHO Policy Issues

1. *Reduce risk factors associated with major diseases and increase factors that protect health throughout the life course.*

- Promote physical activity all over the life cycle
- Ensure adequate nutrition through the life course
- Prevent the use of tobacco and determine the extent of the healthy use of alcohol
- Policy for the use of medication and correct adherence to medical treatments
- Promote literacy programs all over the life course, lifelong learning programs and the use of cognitive exercises in old age.
- Promote pleasant events in old age as preventive conditions

2. *Promote psychological protective factors for healthy ageing, participation and security*

- Encourage control in old age
 - Enable people to build self-efficacy beliefs
 - Promote cognitive abilities all over the life course and in old age
 - Promote pro-social behaviours
 - Promote active coping styles
 - Recognize and capitalize on the experience and strengths of older persons helping them improve their psychological well-being and quality of life.
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Division 8: Health Psychology

Some members of Division 8 will organize presentations at the meeting of the European Health Psychology Society (EHPS) <http://www.ehps.net/> in Kos, Greece, September 24–27, 2003, and at the meeting of the Stress and Anxiety Research Society STAR in Lisbon, July 10–12, 2003, see <http://www.star-society.org/>

The Health Psychology Division of IAAP has its own homepage that can be easily accessed through <http://www.healthpsych.de>

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Division 12: Sport Psychology

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Australia

Prof. Peter Terry (terryp@usq.edu.au) reports from Australia.

PThe National College of Sport Psychology of the Australian Psychological Society has a new executive, which includes myself as Chair, Dr. Michael Martin as Secretary, Dr. Stephanie Hanrahan as Treasurer, Steve Bannon as Membership Secretary, Dr. Patsy Tremayne responsible for Professional Development, Dr. Sue Jackson for Course Approvals, and Drs. Eugene Aidman and Lydia Ievleva as Newsletter and Website Editors.

Dr. Ken Ravizza of California State University at Fullerton recently completed a whistle stop tour of Australia as part of the Visiting Scholars Scheme, coordinated by Steve Christensen from the University of Southern Queensland. His visit started in Sydney, before moving on to Canberra, Adelaide, Melbourne, Brisbane and the Gold Coast. Ken was very well received wherever he visited, leaving a legacy of vibrant presentations and lasting friendships.

Australia is gearing up to host the 11th ISSP World Congress of Sport Psychology during August 2005 in Sydney. The Organizing Committee, headed by Prof. Tony Morris and Dr. Lydia Ievleva, is busy planning all aspects of the congress, in particular ensuring a high quality academic programme and eminent keynote speakers. The theme of the congress is Promoting Health and Performance for Life.

Canada

Dr. Cal Botterill (botterill-c@s-h.uwinnipeg.ca) reports from Canada.

My full year Sabbatical Study Leave for 2003–2004 has been approved, and I hope to travel to Europe during the year to do presentations and gather data on the concept of “PERSPECTIVE”. Dr. Matt Brown, who I worked with in Calgary, has published a descriptive novel titled “SHIFT” which describes how athlete’s can lose “perspective”, and regain it, if they are lucky... Anyone interested can contact Matt at <mtbrown35@hotmail.com>.

Denmark

In November–December 2002, Dr. Maxine Sheets-Johnstone, a former dancer and the author of “The Primacy of Movement” (1999 –

Amsterdam: John Benamins Publishing Company) was a visiting professor at the Department of Physical Education, Pedagogy and Psychology, at the Institute of Exercise and Sport Sciences, and at the Center of Subjectivity Research, both at University of Copenhagen, and at the Institute of Sport, University of Odensen, and University of Aarhus. Dr. Sheets-Johnsen gave several lectures, colloquia, and a movement workshop.

The 11th European Congress of Sport Psychology will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark (22–27 July 2003). Please, note that deadline for submission of abstracts for the FEPSAC Congress 2003 has been extended until 27 January 2003. For more details about programme, abstract submission, and registration see a special announcement below and at www.fepsac2003.dk. Secretariat: Christina Christensen, Institute of Exercise and Sport Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Nørre Allé 51; DK-2200 Copenhagen N, Denmark, Phone: +45 3532 1743, Fax: +45 3532 1747, E-mail: cchristensen@ifi.ku.dk

Finland

A 2-week intensive course as the core of the European Masters Degree in Exercise & Sport Psychology will be held at Jyväskylä University (Jyväskylä, Finland) on February 2–16, 2003. For details about the aim of the course, its structure, and application procedures see <http://www.jyu.fi/liikunta/liikkasv/eng/> or contact directly network coordinator, Professor Taru Lintunen (lintunen@palo.jyu.fi): Department of Physical Education, P.O. Box 35 (L), FIN-40014 University of Jyväskylä, Finland, Tel: +358 14 260 2113; fax: +358 14 260 2101.

India

Dr. Jolly Roy (jolroy@hotmail.com) reports from India.

The Government of Orissa (Eastern Coast of India) has decided to organise a week long workshop in Sports medicine and Sport psychology for disseminating the knowledge and creating better awareness among physicians and coaches working with the athletes. Dr. Jolly Roy and Dr. Sanjiv Sahani of Sports Authority of India will be conducting the workshop in Sport psychology.

A research project titled “Imagery training in developing mental toughness” by B.S Chaitanya guided by Dr. Jolly Roy was completed and presented in the Department of Sport Psychology, Sports Authority of India, Bangalore. Government of India funded the research project under the research fellowship program.

Israel

The Annual Conference of the Israeli Society for Sport Psychology and Sociology (ISSPS) was held at the Wingate Institute on December 24, 2002. The central theme of the Conference, "Mental Training in Sport: Periodization and Planning" was covered by three lectures: "Planning and periodization in sport" (Professor Vladimir Issurin); "Planning and periodization in mental preparation" (Dr. Boris Blumenstein); and "Planning and periodization in mental training in team sports" (Noam Eyal). Additionally, Prof. Amir Ben-Porat presented preliminary results from sociological research in female basketball in Israel. More details from: Dr. Boris Blumenstein (dinao@wingate.org.il).

Italy

Dr. Alberto Cei (al.cei@tin.it) has good news from Italy: a new web site of the Italian Society of Sport Psychology (SIPsiS) has been just created: www.psicologiadellosport.it

South Africa

Professor Steve Edwards (sedwards@pan.uzulu.ac.za), Head of Psychology Department, Zululand University, reports from South Africa:

Various attempts are in progress to improve African Sport Psychology networking. Nigeria, Egypt and South Africa seem to be fairly active. A Yahoo! Groups Africansportpsych network was initiated by Prof P.B. (Bola) Ikulawo of the University of Lagos (email: ikulayo@hotmail.com). Bola is President of the African Sport Psychology Association (ASPA) and reports that the ASPA of Nigeria is to hold its 17th National Conference on December 11–13 at the University of Ibaden. There are further plans for African Society for Sport Psychology members to meet in Egypt in April 2003 at a meeting to be hosted by Prof Mohamed H. Allawy, Professor of Sport Psychology at Helwan University, Cairo (email: allawy43@hotmail.com)

Earle Abrahamson, South African Sports Psychologist now resident in London (winedge@hotmail.com) is developing an e-based newsletter and questionnaire to gather information on African Sport Psychology for the International Society for Sport Psychology (ISSP). Abrahamson reports on the Association for African Sport Psychology (AafSP) in the International Society for Sport Newsletter, Volume 12 Issue 1. The networking of Abrahamson and Prof Abdou Baria of Morocco are commended in the newsletter.

Concerning South Africa, sport psychology as such is not regulated in terms of legalized professional bodies. However medical practitioners,

psychologists and sports scientists with degrees in biokinetics for example are all regulated through their respective professional bodies. There is an organization called the South African Association for Applied Sport Psychology, which has a constitution and is affiliated to various other sport and psychology associations. Prof Justus Potgieter from Stellenbosch University can be contacted in this regard (e-mail: jrp@sun.ac.za).

Sport psychology is typically taught as part of applied directed masters and doctoral programmes in psychology but there is no such programme which is solely concerned with sport psychology which leads to a masters or doctoral degree in sport psychology. Sport psychology is also typically taught as a course or module in sports medicine or sports science departments. Academic programmes exist at the Universities of the Witwatersrand, Potchefstroom, Pretoria, Stellenbosch, Cape Town, Natal, Port Elizabeth, Western Cape and Zululand

South African practitioners assist various individuals and groups, ranging from sports development programmes for economically disadvantaged communities to sophisticated performance enhancement programmes for elite Olympic athletes. Some more well known South African practitioners in sport and exercise psychology include Justice Potgieter, Helgo Schomer, Ken Jennings, Clinton Gahwiller, Clive Basson, Marita Classen and Pierre Nel.

At present, a broad range of people from different backgrounds and with various interests contributes to the theory and practice of sport psychology. Local conferences with sport psychology interest groups include those organized by the Psychological Society of South Africa, and South African Sports Medicine and Sports Science Conferences.

Sweden

The Swedish Sport Psychology Association (SIPF) organizes on March 9, 2003 a one-day seminar on top level athletic coaching. Professors Daniel Gould (University of North Carolina, USA) and Peter Hassmén will speak about Olympic coaching, and Dr. Göran Kenttä will give a view on the increasing risk of burnout. In addition, Ulf Karlsson (National Head coach for track & field) will focus on how to make a team of individualists. The SIPF will take over as the Swedish representative in FEPSAC from July 2003. More details from Professor Peter Hassmén (phn@psychology.su.se).

The annual conference of The Swedish Society for Behavioural Research in Sport (SVEBI) took place in Falun on 20–21 November 2002. Sport psychology was represented by two keynotes: Leif Isberg (Örebro

University) "What does it take to become a successful super coach at the international level in soccer?" and Dorothee Alfermann (Germany) – "Parental influences on career development in youth sport". Four lectures were also given: Göran Kenttä, (Stockholm University): "Train smarter – a behavioural perspective on physical training"; Kirsten Roessler (Denmark) "When sport hurts"; Natalia Stambulova (Halmstad University College): "Athletic Transitions: How to get in and out of elite sport?" and Erwin Apitzsch (Lund University) "Zero points and last in the table – team building with an elite team in crisis".

At the SVEBI General Assembly during the Conference, the statutes were amended by inclusion of applied work additionally to research and education. Furthermore, the board was increased to seven members. The new board members are Eva-Carin Lindgren and Mikael Quennerstedt. President: Göran Patriksson, Secretary: Erwin Apitzsch, Treasurer: Anders Östnäs. More details from: Dr. Erwin Apitzsch (Erwin.Apitzsch@psychology.lu.se)

USA

Dr. Britton Brewer (Britton_Brewer@spfldcol.edu) reports from North America:

The Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology (AAASP) held its 17th Annual Conference in Tucson, Arizona, USA from 30 October to 2 November 2002. A scenic, desert setting complete with cacti, sagebrush, mountains, and spectacular sunsets was the venue for more than 200 applied and scientific presentations (keynote addresses, symposia, workshops, lectures, and poster presentations) on a full range of topics in sport psychology. Dr. Ronald Smith delivered the annual Coleman Roberts Griffith Lecture ("Understanding the Athlete: Toward a Cognitive-Affective Processing Model") and a series of stimulating keynote lectures was delivered by Dr. Ed Diener ("The Science of Subjective Well-Being: The Antecedents and Benefits of Happiness"), Dr. Melba Vasquez ("Breaking the Glass Ceiling in Sports: Gender and Race Issues"), and Dr. Robert Kaplan ("Changing Illness Thresholds: How Many People are Sick & How Many Benefit from Health Care?"). Dr. Frank Smoll received the Distinguished Professional Practice Award, Dr. Emily Roper received the Dissertation Award, and Michael Reinboth received the Thesis Award. Incoming AAASP president Dr. Linda Petlichkoff delivered a thoughtful Presidential Address. The 18th Annual Conference is slated for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. Check out www.aaasonline.org for more information.

Dr. Dave Yukelson (AAASP Past-President and 2003 Conference Coordinator) invites colleagues from all over the world to attend the

18th annual meeting of the AAASP that will take place at the Marriott Hotel from October 8–12, 2003 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Located on Market Street in the heart of the Business district, the Philadelphia Marriott is an exquisite hotel with shopping, museums, historic attractions, and eclectic dining and entertainment nearby. This downtown hotel is easily accessible to Philadelphia's international airport (8 miles away), and you will be within walking distance to the Liberty Bell, Independence National Historic Park and Independence Hall (e.g., the birthplace of the United States and the country's most historic building), the Reading Terminal Marketplace (e.g., food and a Dutch farmers market), Penn's Landing and its renovated Waterfront area. In addition, you will only be one mile away from the Philadelphia Art Museum. You can read more about the fifth largest city in the United States and things to do while visiting Philadelphia at the following website: http://www.pcvb.org/ab_phil/index.asp. Philadelphia will provide a wonderful backdrop to the annual conference. In terms of the program itself, we already have two wonderful keynote speakers lined up for AAASP 2003 (e.g., Dr. Martin Seligman, former President of the American Psychological Association (APA) and world-renowned author/clinician from the University of Pennsylvania, who has written extensively on the topics of Learned Helplessness, Learned Optimism, and more recently, Authentic Happiness and Positive Psychology; and Dr. Dan Gould, Professor of Exercise and Sport Science at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, who will be starting our conference off on a high note with the distinguished Coleman Griffith Lecture. Further, we have several interesting panel discussions planned that will be connected with our conference theme and keynote addresses. As always, the scope and content of AAASP conference offerings will be diverse with something for everyone. We encourage you to submit your best work for presentation at AAASP 2003.

Dr. Gloria Balague reports from USA:

Organized by the USOC and directed by Dr. Suzie Tuffey Rienwald, the Women in Coaching Conference brought together a group of about 40 women coaches from the sports of Soccer, Swimming and Track and Field. The conference was a proactive effort to better recruit, support, promote and maintain women in coaching. The conference, sponsored in part by a grant from the NCAA, was held in Colorado Springs, CO, December 12–15. Dr Gloria Balague opened the sessions with a keynote speech addressing the stressors faced by coaches in general and by women coaches in particular. Drs Katie Kilty, Janis Sanchez, Kirsten Peterson and Suzie Riewald conducted sessions on different issues, ranging from Emotional Intelligence, to Values and Barriers, to Networking issues. Michele DeRosa conducted a Leadership training session. The participants

gave high marks to the conference and the project will continue with follow-up projects already in the works. For information contact Dr. Suzie Rienwald at (suzie.tuffey@usoc.org).

Names in the news

Professor Emeritus Gunnar Borg (Stockholm university, Sweden) celebrated his 75th birthday on November 28, 2002.

Dr. Nathalie Hassmén (formerly Koivula), Associate professor is Head of the Department of Physical Education and Health at Örebro University (Sweden) (from November 1, 2002).

Dr. Peter Hassmén has taken up a position as professor of exercise and sport science at Örebro University, Sweden) (from January 1, 2002).

Dr Sophia Jowett has been appointed Lecturer in Sport Psychology at Loughborough University (UK) from January 1st, 2003.

Dr. Göran Kenttä will start working as a researcher at Stockholm University College of Physical Education and Sport (Idrottshögskolan i Stockholm) (from January 1, 2003).

Professor David Pargman (Florida State University, USA), spent one month of his sabbatical at Lund University (Sweden) and gave two lectures: The Importance of Exercise in Employee Health, Wellness and On-the-Job Performance and Elite Sport Performance – The Mental Side of the Game.

Dr Roland Seiler has been appointed head of the Institute of Sport Sciences in Magglingen, Switzerland (from January 1, 2003).

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Sport & exercise psychology videos

Virtual Brands announces the release of “Brief Contact Interventions in Sport Psychology,” a 46-minute video featuring four short vignettes in which sport psychology consultants conduct brief interventions with athlete clients in naturalistic sport environments illustrating the types of spontaneous interaction that can initiate changes in athletes.

The practitioners featured in the video are Burt Giges, M.D. (Clinical Professor of Psychology at Springfield College and special consultant to the USA Track and Field Sport Psychology Program), Ken Ravizza, Ph.D. (Professor of Kinesiology and Health Promotion at California State University, Fullerton and former sport psychology consultant for the Anaheim Angels and New York Jets), Judy Van Raalte, Ph.D. (Associate Professor of Psychology at Springfield College and sport psychology

consultant for the United States delegation at the 16th World Maccabiah Games), and Len Zaichkowsky, Ph.D. (Professor of Education at Boston University and sport psychology consultant for the Boston Celtics). Al Petitpas, Ed.D. (Professor of Psychology and Director of the National Football Foundation Center for Youth Development through Sport at Springfield College) hosts the video. More details from: www.vbvideo.com

Sport Psychology Websites:

www.GetPsychedSports.org & www.MentalSkills.co.uk

Meetings, Conferences, and Congresses

20 and 21 March, 2003, Paris, France. The “Scientific Days” of the French Society of Sport Psychology (PSSP) will focus on: Action, Knowledge, and Support with a reference to existing models in Sport Psychology. Details from: Professor Elisabeth Rosnet (elisabeth.rosnet@univ-reims.fr).

9 a 12 April, 2003, León, España. IX Congreso Nacional de Psicología de la Actividad Física y el Deporte Perspectiva Latina. Plenary sessions: Dr. Gloria Balagué. (University of Illinois) and Dr. Walter Salazar (Universidad de Costa Rica). Details from: Dr. Sara Márquez Rosa inesmr@unileon.es or Dr. Robélius De Bortoli rbortoli@salesiano.com.br or <http://inicia.es/de/jggg/congreso.htm> <http://www.psicologiadeporte.org>

11–15 April 2003, Lisbon, Portugal. Fifth World Congress on Science and Football. More details from: J. Cabri (Faculdade de Motricidade Humana): jcabri@fmh.utl.pt; or www.fmh.utl.pt/wesf.

24–27 June 2003, Jordanstown, Northern Ireland. World Congress of Performance Analysis of Sport VI. More details from Peter G. O’Donoghue (University of Ulster): pg.odonoghue@ulster.ac.uk

5–10 July 2003, St Petersburg, Russia, The 4th World Congress of Mental Training and Excellence. Registration at: (fizcult@mail.wplus.net). More details at: www.siu.nu. Pre-congress Mental Training Academy at Örebro University, Sweden June 28–July 3, 2003; Pre-congress Diploma course in Coaching by Joseph ÓConnor at Örebro University, Sweden June 22–29, 2003 Info: www.siu.nu Registration: slh@slh.t.se.

7–8 July, 2003, Sydney, Australia. The Coaching Psychology Unit at the University of Sydney will be hosting First International Conference on Evidenced-base (Executive and Personal/Life) Coaching

This two-day conference will focus on the theory and practice of evidenced-based executive and life coaching, with all papers being peer-reviewed in full. All presented papers will be published. Further details from Dr. Anthony Grant (anthonyg@psych.usyd.edu.au)

9–12 July, 2003, Salzburg, Austria. The 8th Congress of European College of Sport Science (ECSS).

Three main topics will include: The Significance of Exercise and Sport in a Life Span, Challenges of Elite Sport, and Physical Activity and Exercise and their Effect on Chronic Disease and Impairments. Among the invited symposia are: Overtraining (Chair: Romain Meeusen, Belgium), Psycho-social aspects of elite sport (Chair: Paul Wylleman, Belgium), Sport Talent (Chair: Vassilis Klissouras, Greece), Elite sport in the Youth: a pedagogical perspective (Chair: Peter Donnelly, Canada), Analysis of sport related factors of performance (interdisciplinary strategies) (Chair: Jürgen Krug, Germany), Testing and training programmes (Chair: Ulrich Hartmann, Germany), Computer Science in Elite sport (Chair: Jürgen Perl, Germany), Sport psychology: research and application to elite sport – an area of conflict? (Chair: Günter Amesberger, Austria), Psycho-social aspects of Rehabilitation (Chair: Reinhard Fuchs, Germany), Paralympic athletes (Chair: Andreas Schmidt, Germany) Social integration and Sport (Chair: Bart Vanreusel, Belgium), and Education through Sport (Chair: Wolf Brettschneider, Germany). Additionally, a satellite symposium on “Emotions and Athletic Performance” (Chair – Yuri Hanin, Finland) and Bengt Saltin’s interdisciplinary symposium on “Cross-country skiing” will be held. More details from: www.ecss2003.at

22–27 July 2003 Copenhagen, Denmark. The 11th European Congress of Sport Psychology (FEPSAC):

The key areas: The body in the psychology of sport and exercise, Children and youth in sport and physical education. Passion and emotion in sport and exercise, Coaching for team building and competition in sport. Interventions to promote physical activity for health & well-being.

Keynote Speakers: Professor Andrew Sparkes: Talking bodies in sport psychology; Mrs. Suzanne Naville: Psychomotor Approaches and Possibilities in Physical Education and Sports; Dr Kirsten Kaya Roessler: Pain and Sports – Passion, Challenge or Obstacle; Dr Gloria Balague: Coaching for team building and competition in sport.

Distinguished Honour Lectures: Biddle Young Scholar Lecture on Exercise Psychology: Dr Panteleimon Ekkekakis: Theoretical integration in the study of affective responses to acute exercise: The dual-mode model. – Distinguished Senior Scholar Lecture: Professor Jürgen Nitsch: Motivation reconsidered – An action-logical approach

Invited symposia: Adapted physical activity, psychological treatment, and therapy (Chair: Peter van de Vliet, Belgium); Career development in sport (Chairs: Paul Wylleman, Belgium & Natalia Stambulova, Russia/Sweden); Children in sport (Chairs: Helle Rønholt & Anne Maj Nielsen, Denmark); Decision making in sport (Chair: Hubert Ripoll, France);

Exercise and teaching emotional skills (Chair: Taru Lintunen, Finland); Interventions for promoting active living (Chair: Nanette Mutrie, UK); Motor learning (Chair: Didier Deligniers, France); Outdoor and risk sports – psychological perspectives (Chair: Günter Amesberger, Austria); Physical activity & aging (Chair: Marcin Krawczynski, Poland); Psychological factors in competitive sport (Chair: Hans Eberspächer, Germany); Psychology of pain and sport injuries (Chair: Urban Johnson, Sweden); Quality management in sport psychology (Chair: Roland Seiler, Switzerland); Sexual abuse (Chair: Celia Brackenridge, UK); Sport and gender – an interdisciplinary approach (Chairs: Dorothee Alfermann, Germany & Gertrud Pfister, Denmark); The history of FEPSAC (lecture by Guido Schilling, Switzerland)

Invited workshops: Coaching and team-building (Gloria Balague, Spain/USA); Counseling athletes in crises (Natalia Stambulova, Russia/Sweden); Dance therapy (Helle Winther, Denmark); Hypnosis in sport and exercise (Irina Holdevici, Romania), Integration of psychomotor ideas in physical education and sport with children and youth (Suzanne Naville, Switzerland); Is it possible to understand a body? Intergration of body phenomenological and sport psychological thoughts and practice (Liv Duesund & Finn Skårderud, Norway); Qualitative research methods (Andrew Sparkes, UK); The work of coaches with parents and athletes (Paul Wyllemann, Belgium)

More details from: www.ifi.ku.dk/fepsac Registration: rs@vanhauen.dk or online via: www.vanhauen.dk/fepsac. Details from: Rikke Skov, Van Hauen Abstract submission: www.vanhauen.dk/fepsac/abstract. Details from: Christina Christensen: cchristensen@ifi.ku.dk.

August 20–23, 2003, Caen – Basse, Normandie, France International Congress on Progress in Motor Control – IV. “Motor Control and Learning over the Life Span” is the fourth meeting on the topic (after State College, Pennsylvania, USA – 1996, 1998; and Montréal, Quebec – 2000). It will be held for the first time in France at the l’Université de Caen – Basse Normandie (Organizers: Francis Lestienne, Francine Thullier, et Pierre Denise). There will be 14 invited presentations, two poster sessions, free oral communications in a symposium “Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Motor Control: The legacy of Nikolai Bernstein and Jules-Henri Poincaré”, and two structured panel discussions focusing on “Complexity and the dynamic of perception and action” and on “What does the nervous system actually learn – kinematics, forces or something else”. It is expected that researchers from 30 countries will attend the Congress. Deadline for abstract submission is March 1, 2003. More details from: <http://www.pmciv.unicaen.fr> and Professor Didier Delignieres (d.delignieres@staps.univ-montp1.fr)

October 8–12, 2003 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

The 18th Annual Meeting of the Association for Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology (AAASP).

More details from: http://www.pcvb.org/ab_phil/index.asp. Or directly from Dr. Dave Yukelson, AAASP-2003 Conference coordinator (y39@PSU.EDU)

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Division 15: Student Division

Pedro Neves, President.

The Student Division was approved at the International Congress of Applied Psychology, ICAP, in July 2002, Singapore, aiming mainly graduate students (of course undergraduate students are welcomed as well).

There was a consensus in the Board of Directors of IAAP about the importance of having a worldwide platform for the development of activities and promotion of student research within psychology.

IAAP, being the oldest association with individual membership in applied psychology, wanted to encourage and support an international approach to student research and student professional orientations. At

the same time, it provides the perfect background for this platform with its very successful journal, regular newsletter, and prominent psychologists will to help the Student Division achieve its goals.

The mission of our Students Division is to support a network of students who share a common interest in the international developments, trends, applications and research in psychology. Obviously all the work is still to be done...

Promotion:

A group of thirty students met in Singapore and discussed guidelines and objectives for the future, providing not only great ideas but also the possibility to create a working team to start the project. Six members, all students, from Australia, India, Singapore, Portugal and USA, compose the Executive Committee.

Since that meeting we started working hard to promote the new division. An invitation letter was sent to mailing lists all over the world presenting Division 15 and promoting IAAP's membership drive, on which the price for students is reduced in 50% for the year 2003. We would like to invite all students to join us and enjoy the network we are creating. If you are a member of IAAP as a psychologist we hope you promote this project to all your students for this is a unique opportunity to meet people that share a common interest in research in psychology.

Since the membership drive started we gathered more than 130 inscriptions for the Student Division. For that we also have to thank some of IAAP's most prominent members, such as Michael Frese, PhD, Ray Fowler, PhD, Tuomo Tikkanen, PsL and Susan Pick, PhD.

Promotional material was available in several congresses and meetings all over the world and some of us had the opportunity to attend some of those congresses, promoting the division.

Internet:

How can we be in touch with students from all around the world? This is a frequent question.

Internet provides us several services that we are using in order to facilitate communication. We created a mailing list for our members to exchange information, raise doubts, ask questions and discuss all kinds of issues connected to psychology. All students that apply for membership are directly inscribed in this list.

Our own web page will soon be available with useful information, such as an online newsletter, a links section, and information about conferences,

lectures and all kinds of happenings related to psychology, among other things. These services are interactive, allowing students to put news and ideas online.

Research:

This is the most important purpose of Division 15, to promote research among students from different parts of the world.

We already received two calls for help for investigation purposes: one for a cross-cultural research in the area of trauma and one for the application of the Pictorial Evaluation of Test Reactions, PETER (Toubiana, in press).

Both students and psychologists interested in finding colleagues willing to cooperate in researches may find our division the perfect means for doing so.

Also related to research is another project we have, to have students sending us their ideas and proposals for investigations and IAAP would find a specialist in that area commenting that idea and proposing useful literature.

So, basically, our division started its work and with your help and cooperation we will be at full speed quite soon....

ANNOUNCEMENTS

26th ICAP

26th International Congress of Applied Psychology of the International Association of Applied Psychology, July 16–21, 2006, Athens, Greece, *Secretariat:*

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27th ANPAD Conference

ANPAD – The Brazilian Academy of Management, Business and Administrative Sciences has the pleasure to inform you of the 27th ANPAD Conference to be held from September 20–24, 2003 in Atibaia/São Paulo, Brazil.

The conference organizers cordially invite researchers from all over the world to participate in this event. All the detailed information can be found in English, Spanish and Portuguese on the following website.

<<http://www.anpad.org.br>>

The deadline for submitting papers is April 28, 2003.

Please feel free to share this information with colleagues interested in the field. By the way, last year ANPAD Conference had about 2,000 papers submitted, out of which 551 were accepted for presentation and publication in full in the Proceedings.

On behalf of the conference organizers, we would like to thank you for your interest and we look forward to seeing you in Atibaia/São Paulo.

Best regards,

Clóvis L. Machado-da-Silva (President)

Rogério H. Quintella (Scientific Director)

Paulo Tromboni de Souza Nascimento (Administrative Director)

18th ISSBD Biennial Meeting

The 18th Biennial Meeting of the International Society of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) will be held in Ghent, Belgium, July 11–15, 2004. Information about the conference may be found at <http://allserv.rug.ac.be/ISSBD2004> or by contacting Leni Verhofstadt-Denève (issbd@rug.ac.be).

Call for papers – Qualitative Research in Psychology

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