

escop Newsletter

european society for cognitive psychology

Notes from the Secretary

Hello! Welcome to my first attempt at producing the Society newsletter. As the new ESCoP Secretary, it falls to me to write to members in this form twice a year. Taking on this responsibility has made me appreciate the efforts and efficiency of my predecessor, André Vandierendonck. Indeed, the general smooth running of the Society owes much to his endeavours, and he has set a mark that will be difficult to match.

It should be apparent that the newsletter is an important channel for communication within ESCoP. We have of course the European Journal as a voice for refereed psychological research, but the newsletter provides a more informal venue for interaction. The Society web site (ably maintained by Axel Cleeremans) offers an efficient electronic method of communication, and represents a facet of the Society that we hope to develop and expand. It also has a new home, at <http://www.escop.org>. Yet the newsletter is distributed to all members at the same time, and therefore has the potential to offer an important snapshot of the Society. Potentially, the newsletter can also represent and describe the views, activities and enthusiasm of all members in the Society. In other words, it is your newsletter too. So I encourage you to consider contributing – let me know what you think should be covered, contact other members by writing relevant letters, or prepare reports of meetings related to ESCoP activities and interests, and so on.

I look forward to meeting you in Edinburgh!

John Towse, April 2001

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News of Society Members

Occasionally, we lose touch with members of the Society, when addresses become out of date as researchers move from one post to another. If anyone knows how we can get in touch with ex-members for whom we lack current addresses, please let the secretary know

Lost members:

Dr. Staffan Hygge
Dr. Fanny Meunier
Dr. R. F. T. Brouwer
Torkil Clemmensen
Dirk Paul Janssen
Dr K. Ohlsson
Stein Dymes

The Society also warmly welcomes a number of new members, both Associate and Full, to the Society. So far this year, we have the following new recruits:

Dr. C. Philip Beaman, University of Reading
Thierry Bordignon, Université de Mons-Hainaut
Dr. Valerie Camos, Université Rene Descartes - Paris V
Sabine Gueraud, Université Lumière Lyon 2
Andrea Kiesel, Universität Würzburg
Dr. Karen Lander, University of Manchester
Laurent Lefebvre, Université de Mons-Hainaut
Nathalie Malardier, LAPSCO/CNRS
Professor Sergio Morra, Università degli Studi di Genova
Wim Notebaert, University of Brussels
Stefanie Schuch, Universität Würzburg

Many congratulations to Alan Baddeley, a founding member of ESCoP and committee member, on receiving the Distinguished Career Award given by the American Psychological Association.
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From the Society President:

The European Society for Cognitive Psychology is a thriving and thrilling enterprise. The Society has now almost 450 active members and is achieving its objectives well. For one thing, all recent conferences have been successful and at the time of writing, it is clear that the XIIth conference simply continues the increase in quality and quantity.

Furthermore, the journal's position in the domain of cognitive sciences is slowly but steadily improving, thanks to the efforts of successive editors. In particular, I would like to express the Society's gratitude to Philip T. Smith, the outgoing editor, for his uninterrupted pursuit of improved quality both scientifically and linguistically. In addition to its very regular activities, ESCoP has also been able to run a number of extremely successful summer schools. The most recent of these, organised by Joachim Hoffmann and his team at Würzburg, focused on learning and resulted in the foundation of a "European Network for Cognition and Learning" (ENCOL).



As the president for the next two years (2001-02) I want to pledge my commitment to the decisions taken by my predecessors. It is my intention to maintain and where possible to improve the quality of the Society's activities. I consider the early-career Bertelson Award, presented every two years at the conference to a European cognitive psychologist, as an important vehicle in this respect and I thank Johannes Engelkamp for developing this initiative during his term of office as President.

In addition, there are two important issues that will constitute the focus of my efforts. The first one may be summarised under the label "scope of the Society". My concern is that some European countries are underrepresented in ESCoP. This is, no doubt, true for countries in Eastern Europe, but it is also true for some countries within the European Union. There is no simple remedy for this situation, but the committee will follow several routes to recruit members throughout Europe. One of these routes concerns students. Within the current constitution, there are Associate Members of the Society; these are typically doctoral students and young post-doc researchers. There is a growing interest among younger people to join. Therefore, the committee will propose to the membership a change in the constitution, so as to allow a new category of Student member. The committee hopes that the Society will be able to recruit young people into the Society, who will then continue to take an active interest in ESCoP.

The second focus of attention concerns the Society activities. The principal mission of the Society is to foster networks between cognitive psychologists in Europe and to involve young scientists as early as possible in these networks. The organisation of summer schools has always been considered an important means towards this aim. This continues to be the case, and we are looking for potential organisers of a summer school in 2002. However, the biannual conference and the summer schools must be supplemented with other activities to help ESCoP members to exchange ideas and research results. To that end it is my plan that ESCoP acts as a catalyst to

stimulate the organisation of small workshops that have regular meetings (one every two to four years). The success of the European Workshop for Imagery and Cognition (EWIC), which has been sponsored by ESCoP in the past, serves as an example of the kind of activity I have in mind. The newly started and already mentioned ENCOL also fits in this perspective. At its last meeting, the committee agreed to sponsor similar initiatives and there are already plans to start a regular workshop on working memory.

I strongly believe that if ESCoP succeeds in stimulating new research initiatives, this will improve the membership situation mentioned above. With regular activities in different aspects of cognition, it will, we hope, be possible to achieve a better balance of members from different European countries. At the same time of course, the Society will continue to welcome non-European members.

André Vandierendonck, President

New Editors of the European Journal of Cognitive Psychology

Dear colleagues,

As Editor Elect of the European Journal of Cognitive Psychology, I am pleased to announce the composition of the new board of associate and book review editors. Associate editors are

Irving Biederman, University of Southern California, USA
Maria A. Brandimonte, University of Trieste, Italy
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Patrick Lemaire, Université de Provence, France
Keith Rayner, University of Massachusetts, USA
Jan Theeuwes, Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Barbara Tversky, Stanford University, USA.

Book review editor is

Luis Jiménez, University of Santiago, Spain.

The new board has been working since the beginning of this year. Sarah Webb of Psychology Press has taken over the reviewing administration process, and things are running smoothly. New submissions should be sent to: Professor Claus Bundesen, Editor Elect of EJCP, c/o Psychology Press, 27 Church Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 2FA, UK.

We hope to see your very best papers in our journal.

University of Copenhagen, 26 March 2001
Claus Bundesen

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Bank interest	993,45
	31.289,45
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2000 (344 subscriptions)	9.901,24
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Committee Meeting (Gent)	
Travelling	636,10
Committee Meeting (Wuerzburg) 2000	
Travelling	2.409,58
Accommodation	1.437,23
Committee Meeting (Edinburgh) 2000	
Travelling	1.939,21
Accommodation	2.057,16
Travel costs associated with the Bertelson Award	240,10
Summer school – Learning, Wuerzburg 2000	2.300,81
Summer school – Cognitive and Brain Sciences	2.500,00
	29.382,77
BALANCE OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	1.906,68
BALANCES HELD AT 31 December 2000	30.890,95

**International Conference on Psychology Education,
Saint Petersburg, Russia,
17-21 June, 2002**

Hosted by The Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, Saint Petersburg, Russia

Conference Chair: Professor Victor Karandashev, Russia

Official languages of the Conference are English and Russian.

First Announcement and Conference Networking

INRODUCTION

This is a suitable time to devote attention to the challenges of psychology education – to both the learning and teaching of psychology. Recently, interest in research concerning the learning and teaching of psychology has been growing rapidly in many countries, on different continents. It is clear that our exchange of ideas regarding this topic should be international.

A recent initiative addressing the teaching and learning needs of psychology in the 21st Century has been undertaken by the Partnerships Program (P-3) of the American Psychological Association. One of these programs is a project entitled “Teaching a Global Psychology: International Dialogue”. This program brings together leaders from secondary, college and university education in psychology from around the world to encourage internationalisation of the discipline. The project aims to develop a productive exchange of ideas and information among teachers, educational leaders and students of psychology in the international community.

The meeting of the P-3 participants was successfully held in Washington, D.C., in August 2000. Plans for future cooperation and communication were developed, including the decision to hold International Conference on Psychology Education, in St Petersburg, Russia, during the summer of 2002.

GOALS OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will launch an international network of teachers, scholars and researchers in the field of psychology education. There is a compelling need for greater understanding of how psychology is taught in different countries. However, it is difficult to obtain a coherent picture of how psychology is taught around the world, or to find any comprehensive description of a general system of psychology education for many countries.

The first goal of the conference is to compile, describe, and summarise information on how psychology is taught internationally.

The second goal of the conference is to exchange information and knowledge on research in the area of teaching and learning psychology.

PARTICIPANTS

Associations and Societies:

- Partnerships Program of the American Psychological Association
- Section of Psychology Education of RPS (Russia)
- Society for the Teaching of Psychology of the APA (USA)
- Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools of the APA (USA)

- Association for the Teaching of Psychology (UK)
- Section of Psychology Education of BDP (Germany)
- Union of Psychology Teachers (Germany)

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THE CONFERENCE VENUE

The Conference will be held at the Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, in the centre of the beautiful city of Saint Petersburg. Being the time of the famous White Nights of St Petersburg, June is a wonderful season in this magnificent city. This is the time, when the citizens of St Petersburg make use of the light nights to promenade and party in the city and by the river Neva.

Different options for accommodations will be offered. In addition to the good university hotel located near the university buildings in which conference events will be held, several other hotels are within walking distance. All of these buildings are in the central part of St Petersburg. Details concerning options for accommodations will be included in the second announcement.

Teachers of psychology, educational leaders, scholars, and researchers in the teaching and learning of psychology in all settings are encouraged to request additional information about the conference. We hope to raise funds to help offset expenses of participants with low-incomes.

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THE PAUL BERTELSON AWARD

The Paul Bertelson award is designed to honour scientists at a relatively early stage of their scientific career, who have made an outstanding contribution to European Cognitive Psychology. Candidates should normally have completed their doctoral thesis no more than 8 years before nomination, and be under 35 years of age. However, the committee do not wish to discriminate against researchers who have, for example, taken maternity leave or made career switches. The committee also recognises that differences exist across Europe in research training procedures. Therefore, a case may be made to the jury if there are reasons why the criteria should be interpreted flexibly.

The Procedure

1. A call for nominations of candidates is published in the newsletter and in the European Journal of Cognitive Psychology.
2. The call for nominations is organised by the executive committee of ESCoP.
3. Nominations should be sent to the ESCoP Secretary.
4. The executive committee of ESCoP will nominate a jury of four members and one chair. The latter will be a member of the executive committee. Following a decision about the award, the jury will be dissolved.
5. The tasks of the jury are: (a) to select the most appropriate recipient of the award on the basis of nominations received; (b) to send a short report about its activity to the Society Secretary. This report will summarise the deliberations of the jury and will include all documentation received (letters, reviews, etc.). In reaching their decision, the jury may ask for external reviews, in which case the reviewer should be independent of the nominee (i.e., not from the same department, nor a supervisor, nor a direct collaborator). An award will be made to one person only in a particular round, and the jury may decide that no award is to be made.
6. The jury makes its decision independently and in confidence.
7. The Secretary will contact the award winner and inform them of the decision. The nominators will be informed by the Society Secretary of the outcome of the selection procedure. It will be left to these nominators to decide whether to inform their nominee of the outcome.
8. A presentation will be made to the award winner at the next ESCoP conference, following which the award winner will present a key-note lecture.

Call for nominees

You are invited to propose persons that fulfil the requirements for the Bertelson Award, to be presented at the XIIIth Conference in Granada. Please send your proposal together with a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae to Dr John Towse (as Society Secretary), to arrive no later than September 30, 2001.

A formal letter of nomination would ideally cover several issues concerning the nominee, including:

- The general themes of their research.
- Their most significant research findings, and most important theoretical contributions.
- The degree to which the nominee's work has stimulated research among others.
- A comparison of the nominee with others in their field(s).

Call for summer school organisers in 2002 or 2003

Summer schools represent central activities of the Society and the organisation of a good summer school is an important task. We are looking forward to receiving proposals from members willing to organise a summer school, preferably in 2002. The committee is interested in summer schools that incorporate European developments in cognitive psychology and/or contain an interdisciplinary approach. The committee suggested summer schools on the topics of Memory, Thinking and Reasoning, or Attention and Spatial Cognition would be timely. However, proposals on other topics are equally welcome.

Previous organisers of summer schools have been successful in obtaining grants that covered a substantial part of the costs (the last event, for example, was supported by the Volkswagen Foundation). The society guarantees a support of €7000 for the organisation of a summer school. This amount is estimated to cover about one third of the actual costs. Please send your proposals to the secretary before June 30, 2001. Members who are interested in laying on a summer school are welcome to make informal contacts with the Secretary and to discuss relevant issues.

Proposed changes to the constitution

At the next Society business meeting, to be held in Edinburgh in September, the committee will propose to the members a number of changes to the constitution. These are briefly outlined below; please contact me if you have any views you wish to express on these issues before the meeting.

Confidentiality of elections. The election process for committee members is to be amended slightly, so that it is more transparent that the process is confidential. Specific procedures will be proposed at the meeting. A further suggestion agreed by the committee is that the Secretary will refrain from nominating committee members in future, to avoid any appearance of bias or preference for one or other candidate.

Member status and subscriptions. The status of members of the Society is being altered, and there is an accompanying proposal for a change in subscription fees. The categories and fees to be introduced for the year 2002:

Full Members	€70
Associate Members	€45
Student members	€20

The latter category will be open to individuals of graduate status for three years only, and, in contrast to the other categories, will not include a subscription to the journal.

The category of affiliate membership is to be dropped, and current affiliate members will be made full members of the Society, which accords with their career status.

Retired members. Coming into effect from 2002, the committee proposes that membership fees for retired academics will be reduced to the level of student members.

ESCoP meeting in Edinburgh, September 2001

The 12th conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, from Wednesday 5th until Saturday 8th of September this year. The conference is co-organised with the Cognitive Psychology Section of the British Psychological Society (BPS), and this collaboration between the two societies has led to a very substantial increase in the number of abstracts that have been submitted. There were, in total, 591 submissions, from which 18 symposia, 180 individual oral presentations, and 270 posters were accepted. Around half of the participants are members of ESCOP and around one third are members of the BPS Cognitive Section. This has produced an exciting scientific programme covering all the main areas of contemporary cognitive psychology. This coverage is reflected in the wide range of symposia shown below, with the symposium convenors shown in parentheses.

- Age of Acquisition (Viv Moore)
- Attention and eye movement control in reading (Ralph Radach)
- Change blindness and visual attention – (Phillippe Schyns and Vicki Bruce)
- Age and frontal lobe functions (Louise Phillips)
- Age, intelligence and problem solving (Louise Phillips and Ian Deary)
- Cognitive Neuroimaging (Annalena Venneri)
- Cognitive Representation of Action (Wilfried Kunde and Tom Beckers)
- Executive Processes in Working Memory (Robert Logie)
- 2001 – A Face Odyssey (Tim Valentine)
- False Memory (Amina Memon & Guiliiana Mazzoni; Elizabeth Loftus – discussant)
- Representation and processing of idiomatic expressions (Patrizia Tabossi)
- Individual Differences in Working Memory (Cesare Cornoldi)
- Language Comprehension (Martin Pickering)
- Perceiving Dynamic Objects and Events (Karen Lander and Ian Thornton)
- Retrieval Processes in Episodic Memory (Karl-Heinz Baeuml and Johannes Engelkamp)
- Temporal dynamics of visual search (Glyn Humphreys)
- The cognitive psychology and neurophysiology of time (Vitalij Tatko)
- Visual and cognitive information processing in reading (Alan Kennedy)

The four invited speakers, **Irving Biederman** (ESCoP Broadbent lecturer), **Alfonso Caramazza**, **Jan Theeuwes** (ESCoP Bertelson award winner) and the 2001 winner of the BPS Cognitive Psychology Section Award (to be announced), complete this high quality scientific program.

The presentations are organised in five parallel sessions, with 20 minutes for each talk, starting on the Wednesday afternoon and finishing on Saturday afternoon.

To help participants relax after such intense cerebral stimulation, the local organising committee has arranged for a social event for every evening. On the first day, there is a conference reception (kindly sponsored by Psychology Press) in the National Scottish Museum, a disco/Ceilidh and buffet on the Thursday, the formal conference dinner on the Friday, and whisky tasting plus Ceilidh on the Saturday. In case you didn't know, a Ceilidh is a party with traditional Scottish music and dances, that are generally easy enough for cognitive psychologists to learn. It should interest fitness freaks and amateur ethnologists alike, as well as being a good social event.

Last but not least, Edinburgh is one of the world's great cities, and apart from being a major attraction in itself, it provides the perfect base for exploring the Scottish Highlands. Moving north from Edinburgh the scenery is simply breathtaking, and southern Europeans will appreciate the cool breeze and (occasional) gentle drizzle as relief from the fierce heat of summer in other parts of the world.

Details about the conference, a preliminary scientific programme, and the conference registration form are all available from the conference WEB site

<http://escop.psy.ed.ac.uk/>

The conference organisers look forward to seeing you in Edinburgh.

Robert Logie (Chair), University of Aberdeen
Louise Phillips, University of Aberdeen
Annalena Venneri, University of Aberdeen

Martin Corley (Deputy Chair), University of Edinburgh
Martin Pickering, University of Edinburgh
Richard Shillcock, University of Edinburgh

Vicki Bruce, University of Stirling
Philip Smith, University of Reading
Jonathan Grainger, Université de Provence

European Psychologist

“European Psychologist” is a journal published by the European Federation of Professional Psychologists’ Association. It aims to integrate psychological knowledge across all specialisations and to give an overall picture of psychological thinking in Europe. This is why it provides a good platform to report about new insights in cognitive psychology to European psychologists. For these reasons ESCOP has decided to cooperate with the journal and encourages cognitive psychologists to write to European Psychologist about their research and its applications. In this way, we can make cognitive research visible and make them familiar and understood in European discourse on psychological issues.

Pertti Saariluoma

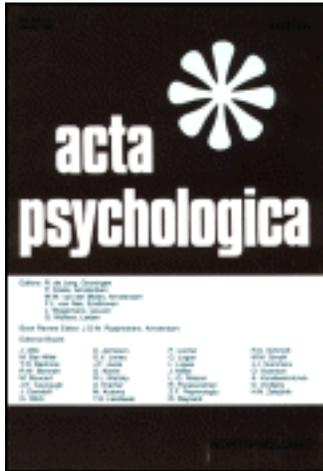
Calls for ESCoP XIV, the Society conference in 2005

As members will know (and can find more details elsewhere in the newsletter) the next conference is to be held in September in Edinburgh. The following conference, ESCoP XIII will be held in Granada in 2003. Although the idea of ESCoP XIV, for 2005, must seem like an awfully long way away, we must start thinking about this meeting soon, in order to have time to prepare proposals and consider them well in advance, and to ensure arrangements are in place for another superb meeting that will continue to enhance the reputation of the Society. We therefore are making a call for proposals for ESCoP XIV. If you are interested in organising a conference, and have a suitable location, then please get in touch with the President or Secretary who can provide more details about what is involved and what information needs to be collected for a proposal to be considered.

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