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Introduction by the Secretary

I am very pleased to announce the first Call for participation in the 14th ESCoP Conference which will take place in Leiden (The Netherlands) from 31st August to 3rd September 2005. The details concerning the Call are presented in this Newsletter. Our thanks go to Bernhard Hommel, our ESCoP treasurer for his past, present and future involvement in the organization of this conference. We all hope it will be as a great a success as these conferences have been in the past.

An information questionnaire about Cognitive Psychology in Europe and the Society was prepared by Cesare Cornoldi, the President, and myself. It was sent to the Local Officers (apologies to any of them who may not have received the questionnaire because of a change of email address we were not aware of). The results will be presented in the next Newsletter. The questionnaire is not intended to be a scientific study but to reflect the state of Cognitive Psychology in Europe.

I want to thank Marilou Vandierendonck, our ESCoP Administrator, for the excellent job she has done in sorting out the ESCoP membership list. We now have an up-to-date list of members which I will use to prepare a new Membership Directory. This, I hope, will be ready and sent to all members during 2005. Please note the change of Marilou Vandierendonck's email address: marilou.vandierendonck@telenet.be

2005 will see several changes: (1) our Society will have a new President as of January 2005, together with newly elected Committee Members; (2) a new Editor for the Journal of the Society ("The European Journal of Cognitive Psychology"). In January, a business meeting of the new team will be held in Leiden.

Patrick Bonin - ESCoP Secretary

From the President

Dear ESCOP members,

We are coming to the end of another year in the life of our Society and are entitled to be reasonably optimistic about its fortunes. As you know, the operation of the Society relies heavily on the good will of some of its members and its budget is based on the finances it gets from membership fees as well as from a number of special activities. In some ways, it is a miracle that this and other scientific organizations are able to get on with their affairs while also promoting culture and events. We are also happy to see that ESCOP's financial situation, even in absence of any external support, is fairly healthy and that we can afford to invest in new endeavours.

In the case of our Society, we can also say that ESCOP's history has paralleled the political history of the Continent, offering its modest contribution to enhancing contacts between European countries and to the creation of a European self-identity. We hope that what has recently happened on the political scene, with the extension of the European Union to include 15 new countries, will be mirrored within ESCOP, allowing us to reach increased membership from East European countries. Unfortunately, at the moment the East European countries are still underrepresented in our Society, but we hope to see a better balance between Western and Eastern countries in the near future. A first step in this direction was taken through the appointment of local officers for many countries including some that are underrepresented in the Society. Recently, we sent out a questionnaire to these officers to obtain information on the state of Cognitive Psychology in their countries. On the basis of the responses we received, it seems that in some countries Cognitive Psychology has not yet fully developed, whereas in others there are well qualified researchers who have not yet had the opportunity to establish stable ties with the Society. The next step must be to integrate such researchers into our Society, and we will have to reflect on how to facilitate this process.

The new year will be characterised by a series of ESCOP-related events and activities, but the most important event will be the Bi-annual Conference which will be held in Leiden at the end of August 2005. Please visit the conference website for the relevant information:

Website: <http://www.escop.nl/conference/>

The Conference will have the traditional structure with invited lecturers, symposia, individual papers and posters. The Bertelson lecture will be given by Kim Graham (information about the Bertelson competition can be found in the Newsletter). The Broadbent lecture will be given by Daniel Schacter, and a NVP (Nederlandse Vereniging voor Psychonomie) lecture will be given by Sarah-Jayne Blakemore. Bernhard Hommel, who is chairing the Organizational Committee, recommends that you make an early hotel reservation in order to avoid the risk of having to search for accommodation in Amsterdam or in another location near Leiden on arrival. (But do bear in mind that the Netherlands is a small country

and that Amsterdam airport and the other Dutch towns have very good train connections to Leiden).

We have not been as successful as we had hoped in the organisation of Summer Schools for young researchers. So far, we have been able to cooperate with the European network NUMBRA in the organisation of a Summer School on "Neuroscience of number processing" which will be held in Erice, Sicily (Italy), 3-10 July 2005 (see information below). Erice is a fascinating village on the top of a hill bordering the Mediterranean sea, and is a perfect place for promoting peaceful concentration and scientific exchange. For a number of reasons, we had to postpone the School on Cognitive Aging, but we have also received several suggestions for other Schools in the future both in Germany and in Spain (I remind you that we decided to call these Schools 'Advanced Schools' because they can be conducted at any period during the year).

As far as membership is concerned, so far 386 members have paid their fee for 2004 and we are ready to send out the forms for 2005. We ask members who have changed their address to notify Marilou Vandierendonck of their new postal and email addresses. Marilou looks after the Society's secretarial work. Journals, Newsletters and announcements sometimes get lost because of incorrect addresses. Marilou informs us that her e-mail address will be changing in 2005, and is already in use now. The provider is the same but will act under the company's name. The address will be **marilou.vandierendonck@telenet.be** (instead of @pandora.be).

At the end of 2004, several members' tenure of Society positions will terminate. In particular, I will quit the position of President of the Society, and will remain a member of the ESCOP Committee for 2 years as Past President and Rosa Sanchez, Asher Koriat and Robert Logie will cease to be members of the Committee. Furthermore in 2005 Claus Bundesen will conclude his work as Editor of the European Journal of Cognitive Psychology. I am grateful to all of them for the enthusiasm and substantial help they have contributed to the life of the Society. Also thanks to them, Committee meetings have not been boring administrative necessities but instead exciting events in which we have discussed Cognitive Psychology and the life of the Society. As it happens, I am writing this in Oslo, where I am spending a short period with Asher, who agrees with me that the organization of ESCOP is far better than that of other scientific societies that we are familiar with. It was a pleasure to have him, Bob and Rosa on the Committee and I hope they will maintain, in other forms, their willingness to support ESCOP's activities.

As far as Claus is concerned, we have all witnessed the high quality of his work for our Journal. In recent years, the European Journal of Cognitive Psychology has achieved greater influence and has become better established. In particular, I am appreciating Claus's ability to attract good articles and negotiate well with our publisher. One particularly important step was to increase the number of editions of the Journal, and consequently its impact, at no extra cost. You will find in this Newsletter a short presentation by Claus of the Journal's activity. We all have to make an effort to foreground the Journal as the primary source of information for Cognitive Psychology in Europe and to refer to it in our publications.

The procedure for the election of the new Editor of the European Journal of Cognitive Psychology, of the new members of the ESCOP Committee and of the President of the Society has been completed. In accordance with the Statutes, the new Editor of the European Journal of Cognitive Psychology was elected by the members of the Committee. We welcome Andre Vandierendonck as the new Editor. I am happy to report that Andre has accepted the position. Andre himself was surprised because his candidacy was actually proposed by members of the committee without his knowledge. Andre possesses both many years of Editorial experience and extensive familiarity with the Society, and will be perfect in maintaining the contacts between the Journal and the Society.

As far as the other ESCOP positions are concerned, three candidates for membership of the Committee and one for President were proposed before the end of June deadline, thus achieving the minimum requirement. There was consequently no ballot and the candidates were automatically elected to the positions for which they were proposed. Therefore I am pleased to announce that Teresa Bajo will be our next President for the years 2005 and 2006, and that Axel Cleeremans, Markus Knauff, and Geoffrey Underwood will be the new Committee members for the years 2005-2008.

On behalf of the Society and of the Committee, I congratulate them most sincerely, thank them for agreeing to work for the Society, and wish them every success in their activities within ESCOP.

I am happy to inform you that the ESCOP Committee has decided to grant Alan Baddeley and Paul Bertelson "honorary membership" of the Society in recognition of their extraordinary scientific achievements and their contribution to the development of cognitive psychology in Europe. They will both receive a medal in Leiden during the next ESCOP Conference, and will be granted membership of the Society. I am extremely pleased to congratulate Alan and Paul, and to thank them for their important contribution to Cognitive Psychology and to the Society.

Cesare Cornoldi
ESCOP President

15th ESCoP Conference in Leiden 2005 (Bernhard Hommel)

***** Call for participation *****

From Wednesday August 31st to Saturday September 3rd, 2005, Leiden University will host the 14th conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCoP). The organizers welcome you all and hope that the conference will be as successful as the preceding conference in Granada, 2003.

Leiden, The Netherlands is a friendly, historical city with excellent cultural facilities. Moreover, Leiden is at the heart of the metropolitan area Randstad, which also includes Haarlem, Amsterdam, The Hague, Delft, Rotterdam, and Schiphol Airport.

We strongly recommend that visitors to the ESCoP conference arrange hotel accommodation as soon as possible because Leiden is a popular city for tourism, and the conference takes place during the holiday season.

Details of the conference and the organizers can be found at <http://www.escop.nl/conference/> and more details will be provided as they become available. For now, we want to draw your attention to the time schedule for submissions.

Time schedule

To December 1st, 2004:

Informal suggestions for symposia had to be posted with the organizers (e-mail to info@escop.nl) who will use these suggestions to design a contemporary and balanced program.

Suggestions could also be made by individuals who do not wish to act as organizers.

To January 1st, 2005:

Symposia can be formally submitted by filling out a web form that will soon become available on the website (see menu item Submit). The rules for formal symposium proposals are as follows:

The proposal should contain an overarching title and abstract (maximum 150 words) and a list of preferably five or six committed speakers, including a maximum of one discussant.

There should be an organizer who is in charge of balancing the symposium and forwarding individual submissions.

The conference organization reserves the right to reject individual submissions after accepting the symposium to which they refer.

To February 1st, 2005:

Individual presentations, contributions to symposia, and posters can be submitted by filling out a web form that will soon become available on the website (see menu item Submit).

To May 1st, 2005:

Registration at a reduced fee. See the website (menu item Register) for details.

On the European Journal of Cognitive Psychology

2004 has witnessed a substantial increase in the frequency of publication of the European Journal of Cognitive Psychology. The number of yearly issues has been increased from four to six, and the total number of pages has been increased by 40% (without affecting the price paid by ESCoP for supplying copies of the journal to members of the Society). The change was made in response to an increase in the number of high-quality papers submitted to the journal. The high rate of good submissions continues, and the bimonthly publication rate will be maintained. In addition to normal issues, three special issues are in the pipeline: a special issue on Dual-Task Performance edited by Guido Band and Pierre Jolicoeur; a special issue on The Role of Spatial Dimensions in Congruency Tasks edited by Bernie Caessens, Wim Notebaert, Eric Soetens, and Boris Burle; and a special issue on The Contribution of Cognitive Psychology to the Study of Individual Differences edited by Cesare Cornoldi.

27 November 2004

Claus Bundesen

Membership

*** Annual fee**

The annual fee for membership of ESCoP runs from January to December of the year. For anyone who has not yet paid their fee, please do not forget to return the form which has been sent to you to our Administrator: Marilou Vandierendonck (ESCoP Administration, C/O Marilou Vandierendonck, Bernard Hamelinckstraat, 3, B-9031 Gent-Drongen, Belgium). For any questions concerning the fee, you may also contact Marilou Vandierendonck by email

*** New Society Members**

There has been another surge in new members since the last newsletter. A warm welcome is extended to new members, and some returning members.

Paul Bertelson Award 2005

Immediately after the Granada conference, nominations for the 2005 Paul Bertelson Award were solicited. Nine candidates were proposed. One of these did not meet the age criteria set out in the rules and did not enter the competition. A committee of eight proximal peers was set up consisting of Max Coltheart, Sergio Della Sala, Wolfgang Prinz, Patrick Rabbitt, Ardi Roelofs, Kimron Shapiro, Jan Theeuwes and Annalena Venneri. This committee ranked the eight candidates on the four criteria "outstanding contribution", "general qualification", "range of activities" and "international interactions". The result was that Kim Graham emerged as the best of these eight candidates.

Nominated for the award by Bob Logie, Kim Graham obtained her BSc in Psychology from Edinburgh University and her PhD from Cambridge University in 1996. Quoting from the jury report: "Kim Graham's research has involved the innovative use of the progressive neurological disorder of Semantic Dementia to inform theories of human long-term memory. Her findings in such patients have challenged the dominant theories of long-term memory, including Tulving's Episodic/Semantic distinction, Squire's Consolidation theory, and Nadel and Moscovitch's Multiple Trace theory. Her more recent work includes novel functional imaging experiments and the integration of human data with animal models of memory and perception."

On behalf of ESCoP I wish to thank the committee members for undertaking and completing this challenging task within the temporal and procedural constraints imposed by the ESCoP committee. I also congratulate our new Bertelson Award winner of this well-deserved prize. Finally, ESCoP also thanks all the members who nominated such excellent candidates whose talents made the jury's task more difficult than can possibly be imagined.

André Vandierendonck
ESCoP Liaison to the Jury

News of forthcoming meetings

➤ The **15th ESCoP Conference** is to be held in Marseille (south of France) at the end of August-beginning of September 2007

➤ The **Center for Cognitive Science in Torino (Italy) is organizing the XXVII annual meeting** of the Cognitive Science Association. I am in charge of spreading the news on the web to interested parties and naturally thought that ESCOP would be interested in publishing this announcement. I contacted Axel Cleermans who suggested I consult you. Below is the text-only version that we prepared for the international mailing list: <http://www.psych.unito.it/csc/cogsci05/>

➤ **NUMBRA / ESCOP Summer School "*Neuroscience of number processing*"**

Erice, Sicily (Italy), 3-10 July 2005

Participants

- Maximum number of participants: 40
- Participants will be invited to prepare and present posters
- a few studentships will be available (see below)

Administrative issues

Participants will pay a fee of 700 Euro (for a one-week school). This covers transport from Palermo airport to Erice and back, full board accommodation (including three meals), and a half or full-day outing. Participants should arrange and pay for their own travel to Palermo (many low cost flights include Palermo as a destination).

Altogether 26 studentships will be available to cover the summer school fees, 16 reserved for Numbra young researchers, and 10 will be funded by ESCOP. Selected students from less-favoured regions (e.g., Eastern Europe) may be eligible for a travel grant sponsored by Numbra.

Scientific program

The summer school will offer a series of lectures covering the very latest methods in cognitive neuroscience, such as genomics, diffusion tensor imaging, and near-infrared spectroscopy. Lectures on more established cognitive neuroscience methods (e.g., fMRI, neuropsychology, etc.) will offer a review of both the methodology and its application to research on number processing.

A. Methods for cognitive neuroscience

1. *Genetics / cognitive genomics*
2. *fMRI design*
3. *ERP and MEG*
4. *NIRS*
5. *Diffusion tensor imaging (DTI)*
6. *TMS*
7. *Single cell neurophysiology*
8. *Neuropsychology*

B. Number processing

1. *Infant studies*
2. *Genetic studies*
3. *Animal behaviour*
4. *Neuroimaging Computational modeling*
5. *Mathematical modeling*

Applications

Applications and requests for information should be sent by mail or e-mail to Prof. Carlo Umilta, Director of the Summer School, Psychology, Via Venezia 8, 35131 Padova, Italy
Carlo.umilta@unipd.it

Applications should include a CV of the candidate, and a description of his/her interest in the School

For further information

Consult the ESCOP site

Advertising

➤ **COGNITION.** The Psychology Department at LEHIGH UNIVERSITY invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor, effective Fall 2005. We seek a cognitive psychologist with interests in higher thought processes or the interface between higher level cognition and more fundamental processes of perception, attention, learning, memory, and language. Specific areas of interest might include knowledge representation and thinking, metacognition, learning, executive and strategic processes, the language-cognition interface, or cultural variation in cognition, among others. Quantitative strength including ability to contribute to graduate training in statistics and/or modeling is a plus. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain a vigorous research program that will attract external funding and contribute to the department's distinctive undergraduate and Ph.D. programs (see www.lehigh.edu/~inpsy/inpsy.html). Ability to contribute to interdisciplinary initiatives in Information Science and Technology/Cognition and Communication in the Digital World is also important. Please send a vita, statements of research and teaching interest, representative papers, and three letters of reference to: Barbara Malt, Cognition Search Committee, Lehigh University, Department of Psychology, 17 Memorial Drive East, Bethlehem, PA 18015-3068. Review of applications will begin December 1. Lehigh University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

➤ **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.** The Psychology Department at LEHIGH UNIVERSITY invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level, effective Fall 2005. We seek candidates whose interests situate development in social and cultural contexts (from families, classrooms, workplaces, and relationships to racial or gender subcultures and other cross-cultural arenas). Specific area of expertise is open, but candidates with a socio-cultural perspective on the development of mind and self -- including (but not limited to) such areas as emotional development, identity, self- and social understanding, peer relations and peer culture, and/or social competence -- are especially encouraged to apply. Candidates with applied developmental interests in these areas are also welcome, and strength in quantitative or qualitative methods is a plus. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain a vigorous research program that will attract external funding and contribute to the department's

distinctive undergraduate and Ph.D. programs (see www.lehigh.edu/~inpsy/inpsy.html). Ability to contribute to interdisciplinary programs such as Women's Studies, Global Development and Social Change, or Cognitive Science is also important. Please send a vita, statements of research and teaching interests, representative papers, and three letters of reference to: Ageliki Nicolopoulou, Social Development Search Committee, Department of Psychology, 17 Memorial Drive East, Lehigh University, Bethlehem PA 18015-3068. Review of applications will begin November 1. Lehigh University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

➤ The Universities of La Laguna and Almería (Spain) offer a doctorate program in Cognitive Neuroscience which has been awarded a Quality Mention by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science. Information can be found at <http://www.neurocog.ull.es/eng/doctorate>

➤ Some positions as PhD student at the University of Trento are available. See http://www.unitn.it/ricerca/dottorati_form_av/ciclo_20/bandi.htm

➤ **Information requested from two ESCoP Members**

1 We got a payment on name of Miss Stéphanie Ortique, as associated member' but no address"

2. "Mr Arturo Ramirez Gonzales from Spain made a transfer for a full member, but we can not find any address."

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