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## From the President

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Dear ESCoP members,

Six months have elapsed since the last newsletter. Since that time we had many activities and developments in our society. Maybe the most important was our bi-annual conference that was held in Leiden last September. Like the previous meetings the Leiden Conference was an outright success in many aspects. The context of the conference was wonderful. Leiden with its beautiful streets, canals and bridges created the atmosphere for informal evening meetings that foster research collaborations. Scientifically the conference was excellent. The key note talks by Daniel Schacter, Phil Zelazo and Victor Lamme were stimulating and challenging; in addition, there were many interesting symposia, individual talks and posters. I was specially impressed by the wide range of topics covered in this conference, reflecting the success of the Society in attracting researchers from many subfields. The size of the conference was again very large with more than 600 contributors and more than 700 participants from over 15 countries. It is my belief that the increasing success of our conferences over the years is an index of the growth and importance that the Society is taking within the Cognitive Psychology community and that we should expect that the Society will play an even bigger role over the coming years. The organization of the meeting was perfect, despite the large number of participants and the lack of support from

specialised agencies and personnel, every aspect of the organization ran very smoothly and the few small problems were very rapidly solved. Although at the conference I had the opportunity to compliment the organisers for the professional way in which they ran the whole event, I would like to repeat my congratulations to Bernhard Hommel, Simone Akerboom, Guido Band, Sacha Bem, Wido La Heij, Albertien Olthoff, Hanneke van Oers, and Gezinus Wolters for the great job that they did in putting an excellent conference together.

Personally I very much enjoyed encountering so many of you at the conference and exchanging impressions. Particularly I enjoyed the meeting with the ESCoP local officers and the opportunity that this meeting provided to hear the voices of the different countries represented in the Society. All their suggestions and comments regarding the way the society should go will be commented and discussed in the next committee meeting. Some officers agreed to write short reports about the state of ESCoP and Cognitive Psychology in their countries. We have the first of these reports in this newsletter.

At the conference, the results of our call for the young researchers' prizes and awards were announced. Mark Knauff, who was in charge of the whole procedure, has a more detailed report in this newsletter, but I want to congratulate María Ruz (Universidad de Granada) for getting the young researchers award and Chiara Della Libera (University of Verona), Roi Kohn Kadosh (Ben Gurion University) and Mikoley Hernik (University of Warsaw) for each getting a projects award. I am very pleased that we received many high quality submissions. I wish the winners every success in their research careers.

In the last committee meeting we also decided about some actions that we want to take for the next few years. Thanks to the good work of our treasurers, the Society is in good financial health and we are ready to invest some more money in scientific programs and activities. It is the belief of the entire committee that we should invest every effort to represent the interests of the members by providing support to scientific initiatives from which our members can benefit. Over the years we have been able to partially support conferences, symposia and other scientific activities always depending on budget availability. Now, because of our healthy financial situation, we decided to establish a five years plan with specific budgets and deadlines for the different scientific events. In this plan we placed special emphasis to Summer Schools by setting aside 20.000 (every two years) for them. We hope that this amount of money will encourage prospective organisers to present proposals, so that the Society can have a Summer School every non-conference year, as it was originally planned. Some more details about this plan are spelled out by our treasurer, Bernhard Hommel, in another section of the Newsletter. You should pay attention also to the deadlines for the young researchers program and for support for external activities.

Although we did not have this plan at work yet, last year the Society was really active. Beside our bi-annual conference we provided partial support to the Summer School on the topic of "Neuroscience of Number Processing" organized by Carlo Umiltà in cooperation with an EU network that took place in Erice Sicily last July, and to the 12th International Summer School in Cognitive Science, organised by Boicho Kokinov in Sofia (Bulgaria) last July. To my knowledge both schools were highly successful and the society's funds were well invested in students' grants.

During the year 2006 the society will also be very active. First, ESCoP is sponsoring the third European Workshop on Working Memory that will take place in Genova (Italy) from June 7 (Wednesday) to June 9 (Friday), 2006. The focus of this new edition of the workshop will be "Working memory and its relationship with long-term memory and attention". As previous editions of the workshop we expect it to be a success. Second, from June 11<sup>th</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup> an ESCoP Summer School on Human Memory will take place in Bubión-Granada (Spain). The scientific committee is composed of Angel Fernández, Cesare Cornoldi, Maria Brandimonte, André Vandierendonck and myself. We are all really committed to make it a great event both in scientific and social terms.

Last year we were very successful in recruiting new members into the society. We have just reached 480 with an increase of 80 members in 2005, my warmest welcome to all of them. I am very pleased that some of these new members are from Eastern European countries from which we did not have any representation before. I sincerely hope that in the future we have many more members from the Eastern European Community. In this context I want to thank and congratulate Marilou Vandierendock for the great job that she is doing in handling new members and helping old members with small problems. She has also taken care of updating the members' addresses for Psychology Press, so all of you should be receiving EJCP without problems.

As many of you probably know, this year is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Society. It all started 20 years ago in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, with only 5 people (Allan Baddeley, Wolfgang Prinz, Jonh Michon, Paul Beterlson, Janet Jackson). Since that year the ESCoP conference travelled to many cities (Madrid, Cambridge, Como, Paris, Elsinore, Lissbon, Rome, Würzburg, Jerusalem Gent, Edinburgh, Granada and Leiden). Each one of these moves meant an increase in the number of members participating in the Society up to the 480 members that we have recently reached. This steady growth of the society over the years is an index of the success of previous efforts. I think it is a good moment to thank the founders of the society for the pioneer work that they put into it. It is also a good moment to look back and try to reconstruct the history of our society. In the last committee meeting, we decided to start a historic archive of ESCoP, so we are asking you to send us those materials (proceeding, photographs and so on from previous conferences, summer schools and meetings) that you might think of historic interest. I very recently learnt that one of the ESCoP pioneers, Janet Jackson, died last January. Although, for personal reasons, in the last stage of her life she retired from participating in ESCoP activities, during many years she was completely committed to the society and contributed largely to it. We should all remember her for this.

I want to conclude this letter with an expression of gratitude to Patrick Bonin who was the secretary for the last couple of years. Due to unforeseen workload at his University he had to step down from the ESCoP committee earlier this year. I think that we should all be grateful for his work and efforts to push the society forward. I also want to wish the best success to Diane Pecher who took over the role of secretary last September. I am positive that it will be a great pleasure to collaborate with her.

With my best wishes

Teresa Bajo  
President

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## 15<sup>th</sup> ESCoP Conference in Leiden 2005

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### **Cognitive psychology is hot!**

As the organizing committee for ESCoP Leiden we could not help looking back at the excellent organization of ESCoP Granada. In fact, we were a bit worried this summer. After an extremely wet and grey period, even the most optimistic of us had visions of ESCoP visitors being confined to a conference venue surrounded by rain, without being able to enjoy the cultural heritage and historical center of Leiden. Fortunately, the weather during the conference switched to what one might expect in Granada or Marseille! Strolling through the inner city at night, one could see lots of conferees discussing science at the dinner tables

along the canals. It was a great pleasure to see all these heated conversations on cognitive psychology.

And how was the conference? Let me start with some numbers. The tendency for ever increasing numbers of visitors seems to reach an asymptote. After Ghent 1999 (400 participants), Edinburgh 2001 (600 participants) and Granada 2003 (900 participants), we were happy to welcome again more than 700 visitors from 31 countries in Europe and beyond. The difference in size with our North-American colleagues at Psychonomics (966 submissions this year) is decreasing. Indeed, we can say that cognitive psychology is hot in Europe

But *how* is cognitive psychology doing in Europe? With regard to the themes investigated it is hard to draw conclusions from the published proceedings. For example, the Edinburgh conference was a joint ESCoP/BPS conference, attracting a much broader audience and generally every conference attracts disproportional numbers of local visitors. Having said this, we notice that cognitive psychology becomes more diverse, spreading to other disciplines (developmental, social, clinical and neuropsychology). While classical themes such as perception, attention and language continue to be studied, there is an increasing interest in themes that have long been atypical to our interest in analytic information processing. A telling example is the interest in consciousness, coincidentally referred to by all three plenary speakers, albeit in different contexts. Also remarkable is the rising interest in embodied cognition. Not only was the biological basis of behavior addressed in the three keynote lectures and twelve organized symposia, the role of emotions and motivation on information processing (hot cognition in the words of Phil Zelazo) appears to be a topic that receives warm attention.

As cognitive psychologists, we are excited about all the scientific progress that was reported in the talks in Leiden. As organizers, we are grateful to all the participants for the enthusiasm and the ever increasing presentation quality. As colleagues, we look back on a great opportunity for meeting our dear society fellows. We invite you to join us in our warm memories by watching the pictures on <http://www.escop.nl/conference> (menu item Pictures). Meanwhile, we look forward to the next opportunity to meet the European cognitive psychology community in Marseille for ESCoP XV in 2007.

*Guido Band*

On behalf of the organizing committee consisting of

*Bernhard Hommel* (chair)

*Simone Akerboom* (took care of the good food at the conference and for the events in Pieterskerk)

*Sacha Bem* (maintained a positive financial balance that will benefit the society)

*Wido la Heij* (fixed all technical problems before you even noticed them)

*Hanneke van Oers* (knew all the mail by heart and managed our administration and the proceedings)

*Albertien Olthoff* (our mental coach)

*Gezinus Wolters* (built the balanced program)

and lots of volunteers of Leiden University

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## *A Note From The Treasurer*

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*Members per country*

AUSTRIA	1
AUSTRALIA	2
BELGIUM	43
BULGARIA	1
CANADA	5
CHILE	1
DENMARK	5
ESTONIA	1
FINLAND	7
FRANCE	25
LUXEMBOURG	1
GEORGIA	1
GERMANY	76
GREECE	3
HUNGARY	8
ICELAND	1
IRELAND	1
ISRAEL	12
ITALY	46
JAPAN	1
NORWAY	7
POLAND	8
PORTUGAL	14
ROMANIA	4
SPAIN	45
SWEDEN	9
SWITZERLAND	9
THE NETHERLANDS	58
TURKEY	3
UNITED KINGDOM	74
USA	12
	<b>484</b>

The society has seen a dramatic increase in membership. We now have 484 members including no less than 80 new members in 2005! It is particularly encouraging that not only the number but also the spreading across countries increases and that we have more and more members from Eastern European countries.

As reported at the Leiden meeting, the society is in excellent financial shape, not the least because of the increase in membership. In 2005 (as of 15.8.2005), the receipts ( 36.304) exceeded the expenses ( 32.386), and the current total balance amounts to 94.670.

Based on these figures, the committee felt encouraged to engage in a more active financial policy over the coming five years. The idea is to keep 60.000 as a reserve on a saving account (this is about what is needed to run the society for two years without income) and to spend 18.000 per year to stimulate scientific activities, in addition to the other necessary expenses. These activities will be supported:

- Student prices and student research funding: 4.000 per year
- Meetings, colloquia, etc: 4.000 per year
- Organization of ESCOP summer schools: 10.000 per year

Bernhard Hommel



*Our treasurer, Bernhard Hommel, and our president, Teresa Bajo, at the meeting in Leiden*

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## Academic career and meritocracy

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*Brief report on the Women in Cognitive Science meeting, satellite meeting ESCoP 2005, Leiden, the Netherlands (August 31, 10.00-12.00 am)*

In response to informal conversations with several ESCoP members and inspired by successful meetings of Women in Cognitive Science held in conjunction with meetings of the Psychonomic Society in the US (see <http://psych.rice.edu/wics>), Janet van Hell, Teresa Bajo, and Judith Kroll decided to organize a European meeting on Women in Cognitive Science at the ESCoP 2003 conference in Granada. During this well-attended meeting, seven cognitive scientists from different countries presented data on the position of women cognitive psychologists in academia. Data showed that, across all European countries and the USA, women are well represented in cognitive psychology/science Ph.D.-programs (in many programs approximately 60% of the Ph.D.-students are women), but are underrepresented in higher academic positions.

The aim of the ESCoP-2005 Women in Cognitive Science meeting was to provide more insight into the basic mechanisms involved in this situation (the 'how' and 'why' of the leaky pipeline after Ph.D). Another goal was to discuss ways to improve the prospects and opportunities for the many promising women Ph.D.-students so that universities can benefit fully from the available research potential, talent and their investments in scientific training. Professor Naomi Ellemers (Leiden University), a leading scientist on intergroup relations, social inequality and career development was invited to give a lecture on academic career development focusing on ambitious Ph.D.-students.

The 2005 meeting was held just before the formal start of the ESCoP conference. After an introduction of the goals of the meeting by the organizers, professors Randi Martin and Judith Kroll discussed their recent activities on Women in Cognitive Science in the USA. In the remaining hour, Professor Naomi Ellemers gave a lecture, entitled '*Making a career in science: The illusion of meritocracy*', followed by a discussion with the audience. Professor Ellemers presented recent research findings and social psychological theories on the psychological mechanisms that contribute to the illusion that career development in academia

depends only on scientific merit. She convincingly demonstrated that this illusion can lead women (and men) to experience self-defeating emotions, lose self-confidence, and perform suboptimally. In the final part of the meeting, in lively interaction with the audience, professor Ellemers discussed strategies young researchers can use to enhance their performance and optimize their well-being while pursuing a career in science. Although they may have lost some meritocratic illusions, the women and men in the audience gained valuable knowledge for a promising academic career.

*Janet van Hell (Radboud University, the Netherlands) and Teresa Bajo (University of Granada, Spain; President of ESCoP)*

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## On the European Journal of Cognitive Psychology

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The journal is receiving submissions at a regular rate. Thus far there is an increase of submissions of about 35%. The number of pages published annually by the journal was increased in 2004 to 896. In 2006 there is a new increase to 960 pages. This increase allows us to continue to publish thematic issues. After having announced this at the business meeting of the Leiden conference, two excellent proposals were submitted. You can find the open calls for these issues below. The policy of the journal is to continue to publish regular and short research reports. In addition, there is also a need for good theoretical articles and literature reviews. A complete statement of the editorial policy of the new editorial team can be consulted on the website of the society (<http://www.escop.org>). This text will also appear in the first 2006-issue of the journal.

### *Call for Papers 1*

The *European Journal of Cognitive Psychology* invites manuscripts for a special issue on *Verbalizing Visual Memories*.

How may language shape our thoughts and perceptions? It has often been assumed that remembering difficult-to-describe visual stimuli, such as faces, is essentially non-verbal. However, a number of studies have demonstrated that verbally describing a visual memory of a face can either interfere with or facilitate subsequent visual recognition. Indeed, verbal facilitation of visual memories has been observed in a number of studies. Verbal interference (commonly termed 'verbal overshadowing') also has been observed. Nevertheless, accounts of these phenomena remain controversial, and there is no clear consensus. The *European Journal of Cognitive Psychology* will be publishing a special issue on current research concerned with the role of verbal processing in visual memory.

The guest editors of this special issue are Toby J. Lloyd-Jones, Maria A. Brandimonte and Karl-Heinz Bäuml. The deadline for receipt of papers is *March 31, 2006*. Papers can be submitted by email to [reviews@psyppress.co.uk](mailto:reviews@psyppress.co.uk) and further details on manuscripts submission and instructions for authors can be found on the Journal website at [www.psyppress.co.uk/ecp](http://www.psyppress.co.uk/ecp). *Please be sure to specify in your cover letter that the submission is intended for this special issue.* All papers will be peer reviewed

## Call for Papers 2

The *European Journal of Cognitive Psychology* invites manuscripts for a special issue on *Bridging Cognitive Science and Education: Learning, Memory, and Metacognition*.

Learning and memory processes have been examined intensively in the field of Cognitive Psychology, with significant advances in recent years. The focus of this special issue is on the effects of learning and memory strategies (including *rehearsal, spacing, generation, etc.*) on long-term test performance. Submissions should include empirical research that will contribute to our knowledge of learning, and to our understanding of *learning how to learn*—the central core of *metacognition*. In addition to examining the effectiveness of learning and metacognitive strategies, we seek articles that would be of particular interest to researchers in the field of education.

The guest editors of this special issue are Lisa Son and André Vandierendonck. The deadline for receipt of papers is *March 31, 2006*. Papers can be submitted by email to [reviews@psypress.co.uk](mailto:reviews@psypress.co.uk) and further details on manuscripts submission and instructions for authors can be found on the Journal website at [www.psypress.co.uk/ecp](http://www.psypress.co.uk/ecp). *Please be sure to specify in your cover letter that the submission is intended for this special issue*. All papers will be peer reviewed.

André Vandierendonck  
Editor-Elect

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## Young Researchers

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It is a great pleasure for the ESCOP committee to announce the three young researcher grants and the young researcher award. Both programs have been implemented this year for the first time to support young and highly talented researchers from the European Cognitive Psychology community. From now on they will be announced every year.

The intention of the grant program is to fund up to three phd research projects for an amount of up to 1000 € each. PhD students from all areas of cognitive psychology could apply and can apply next year, but we explicitly encourage doctoral students belonging to economically disadvantaged groups and countries.

The young researchers award has been implemented to appreciate high quality publications of associated members who are the first author of a publication in the years 2004 and 2005. Applicants have to be phd students or researchers in their first postdoc year and associated members of ESCoP.

We received 7 applications from 7 countries for the grant and 5 applications from 4 countries for the award. They all were evaluated by a jury of three members of the ESCOP committee. The jury for the grant consisted of Diane Pecher, Claus Bundesen, and Markus Knauff. The jury for the award consisted of Axel Cleeremans, Geoffrey Underwood, and Markus Knauff.

The student grants this year will be given to the following three students – in alphabetical order:

**Chiara Della Libera** from the University of Verona in Italy to support her project on

*Visual selective attention and the effects of monetary rewards*

**Mikoley Hernik** from the University of Warsaw in Poland for his project on the *Priming of goal identification in adults*

**Roi Kadosh** from the University of Ben Gurion in Israel to support his phd project on the *Size congruity effect*

All these projects were selected on the basis of scientific quality and the impression of the committee that the project more desperately needs financial support than other applications.

For the young researcher award it was much easier, because nothing else but the scientific quality of the submitted paper was taken into account.

The winner is:

**Maria Ruz** from the University of Granada in Spain for her paper *Inattentional Amnesia to words in a high attentional load task. Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience (2005).*

Congratulations to all of them.

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## Cognitive Psychology in Norway

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Norway is so long that if you picked it up at the northernmost point, just north of the cognitive psychologists in Tromsø, and flipped it around the southernmost point, a few hours drive south of those in Bergen and Oslo, it would reach down to the Alps. However the population is only 4.5 million, and accordingly there are only 4 universities.

In Bergen, Oslo and Tromsø there are labs of cognitive psychology, whereas in Trondheim there is very little research that could be called classically cognitive. All four universities are strong in biological psychology, with varying degrees of integration of cognitive research, researchers and principles. There are also a few cognitive psychologists in business schools and in health psychology units, generally active in fields like decision-making, creativity, thinking and reasoning.

At the Leiden conference there were 14 delegates from Norway, from 3 universities. This is the equivalent of France and Britain having 200 delegates each, so by that measure Norwegian cognitive psychology is thriving! Due to the vast distances, there is however no national or Scandinavian forum for cognitive psychology, and so the ESCOP conference has become the main meeting place for Norwegian cognitive psychologists.

Until very recently the only game in town for students of psychology in Norway was to take a clinical degree before a PhD. This has been a structural obstacle to recruitment of students to cognitive PhDs, but may now be changing with the advent of Masters degrees at all four universities. Also, when in 2003 the international committee appointed by the Norwegian Research Council published its report on psychological research in Norway, all the cognitive research groups received positive evaluations, which will hopefully have consequences for funding in the near future.

The Research Council is by far the most important local source of funding for basic psychological research, awarding grants for middle-size projects and postdocs. Funding of PhDs is almost exclusively from the universities, where they are treated as staff rather than as students. This is good and bad, because while it ensures “doctorands” a living wage, an office etc, it makes them expensive and so there are fewer of them per researcher than might be found in other countries. I should just mention that although Norway is not a member of the EU, it participates fully in EU scientific activities and that is therefore another source of funding.

The emphasis on clinical psychology mentioned above has also meant that the Norwegian Psychologists Association has reserved membership to clinicians, meaning that few of the cognitive psychologists who are eligible choose to be members. Again this restrictive practice appears to be changing, in the light of changes at the European level, and so there is reason to believe that cognitive psychology should get stronger in Norway in the near future.

*Tim Brennen.*

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## Paul Bertelson Award

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A call for nominations for the Bertelson award, a Society prize designed to honour scientists at a relatively early stage of their scientific career who have made an outstanding contribution to European cognitive psychology.

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. You are invited to nominate persons for the Bertelson award, to be presented at the XVth Conference in Marseille, 2007.

Please send your proposal together with a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae to the Society Secretary, to arrive no later than December 30th, 2005.

ESCoP's Secretary: Dr Diane Pecher

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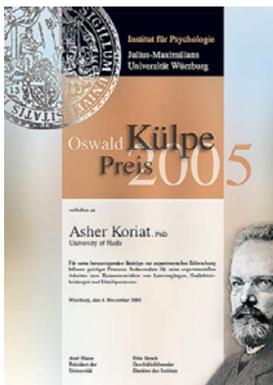
Your letter of nomination should cover several issues concerning the nominee, including:

- A supporting statement of no more than 100 words indicating why you think they should receive the award
- The general themes of their research.

- Their most significant research findings, and most important theoretical contributions. Please identify 3 representative publications.
- The degree to which the nominee's work has stimulated research among others.
- A comparison of the nominee with others in their field(s). The committee assessing the nominations will consider the general scientific qualifications (e.g. the productivity and the quality of research of the candidate and the degree to which they have been responsible for work in multi-authored papers) the range or breadth of scientific contributions, and the international nature of their work (have they worked with and do they collaborate with international researchers, and shown evidence of influence and work beyond national boundaries?).

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## Külpe Prize



The first Oswald Külpe Prize was awarded to Asher Koriat (University of Haifa)

Oswald Külpe founded the Institute of Psychology at the university of Würzburg in 1896. He and his colleagues performed seminal experimental studies of human judgements, thinking and will which became known as the “Würzburg School”. Honoring this tradition and thanks to an anonymous donation the Institute of Psychology of the University of Würzburg announced the Oswald Külpe Prize which will be conferred every two years.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the Oswald Külpe Prize was conferred for the first time. The laureate was Asher Koriat from the University of Haifa who received the Prize “in recognition of his outstanding contributions to an experimental analysis of higher mental processes; in particular



for his work on the interplay between Learning, Memory, and Judgement.”

The picture shows Asher together with Wolfgang Schneider (Vice President of the University) and Fritz Strack (Head of the Institute) at the awards ceremony in Würzburg.

## Call for nominations and proposals

### ESCoP Committee Members and President

In 2007 Cesare Cornoldi, Maria Brandimonte and Claus Bundesen will leave the committee, and the current president, Teresa Bajo, will become vice president. Therefore new committee members and a new president will need to be elected. Members can nominate candidates for these positions. Nominations can be sent to the secretary, Diane Pecher, at [pecher@fsw.eur.nl](mailto:pecher@fsw.eur.nl).

### 2009 ESCoP Meeting

The ESCoP Committee would like to invite members to send in proposals for the organization of the 2009 conference. Proposals can be sent to the secretary, Diane Pecher, at [pecher@fsw.eur.nl](mailto:pecher@fsw.eur.nl). The deadline for proposals is 31 January, 2006.

### ESCoP Young Researchers Grant Program

The ESCoP offers grant funding for European graduate students to conduct research currently in its initial development. The program will fund up to three research projects for an amount of up to 1000 € each. The award will be given to students belonging to disadvantaged groups and countries. PhD students from all areas of cognitive psychology can apply. Interested applicants should send a two pages presentation of the project including financial request, a support letter by an ESCoP member and the candidate's CV to the ESCoP secretary, Dr. Diane Pecher, [pecher@fsw.eur.nl](mailto:pecher@fsw.eur.nl). Applications should be sent before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. A jury of three members nominated by the ESCoP Committee would decide before July, 31<sup>st</sup>.

### ESCoP Young Researcher Award

The ESCoP is offering a young researcher award (1000 €) to the associated member who was the first author of the best publication in the year 2005. Applicants must be doctoral students or researchers in their first postdoctoral year and associated members of ESCoP. The author should simply send a copy of the publication and CV to the ESCoP Secretary, Dr. Diane Pecher, [pecher@fsw.eur.nl](mailto:pecher@fsw.eur.nl). Applications should be sent before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. A jury of three members nominated by the ESCoP Committee would decide before July, 31<sup>st</sup>.

### ESCoP Activity Funding

The ESCoP is offering partial funding for activities such as summer schools, meetings, colloquia, etc. Proposals may be sent to the ESCoP Secretary, Dr. Diane Pecher, [pecher@fsw.eur.nl](mailto:pecher@fsw.eur.nl). The deadlines for proposals are May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, and October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

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## News of forthcoming meetings

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*10th Panhellenic Conference of Psychological Research*  
1-4 December, 2005, Ioannina, Greece

Information at: <http://www.elpse.gr>

### *EWOMS III - 2006*

We are pleased to inform that the 3rd European Working Memory Symposium (EWOMS-3) will take place in Genova (Italy) from June 7 (Wednesday) to June 9 (Friday), 2006.

The theme will be "Working memory and its relationship with long-term memory and attention".

The Faculty of Education will host our meeting.

John Jonides, Juan Pascual-Leone, and Carlo Umiltà have accepted to participate as invited speakers.

The scientific program will be scheduled from Wednesday to Friday, because we have considered that some colleagues might prefer to keep their time free on the weekend. In June the weather in the region is likely to be fine and pleasant, and yet the season is not overly touristy.

We have prepared a website of the conference, which shall be updated periodically with all sort of information, from the scientific program to practical matters. Its address is: [www.disa.unige.it/ewoms-3](http://www.disa.unige.it/ewoms-3). Through the website you can register and submit the abstracts of your scientific contributions. The deadline for submissions is January 15th, 2006. There is also an email address, [ewoms-3@nous.unige.it](mailto:ewoms-3@nous.unige.it) which you can contact for any enquiry.

Following the tradition of the first two EWOMS, we intend to ensure intense scientific discussion during the whole symposium, which will not be divided in parallel sessions but will only include plenary sessions, with sufficient time for real discussion. Consequently, the number of oral presentations will be limited to 25. Poster presentations will also be included in the program, and sufficient time allowed for poster discussion. We expect about 60 persons to attend the meeting, so that active interaction can take place among all participants, both in plenary sessions and informally during the breaks.

We invite you not to wait the last moment for your hotel reservation. In those days there will be other conferences and meetings in town and the hotels are likely to be rather full. Please see the hotel information on the website, and if possible make your booking well in advance.

The organising committee: Sergio Morra, Guido Amoretti, M.Carmen Usai, Paola Viterboi, Roberta Camba, Sara Spotono

### *Summer Course Neuropsychology Across the Lifespan*

19 June – 14 July, 2006, Xylocastro, Greece.

Organized every year by The Vivian Smith Advanced Studies Institute of the International Neuropsychological Society.

Information at: <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/clinicalneuro/institute/>

### *26th International Conference of Applied Psychology*

16-21 July 2006, Athens, Greece

Information at: <http://www.iaapsy.org>

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## ESCoP Summer School on Human Memory

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## Bubi3n-Las Alpujarras (Granada, Spain, 11-24 June, 2006)

### Scientific Committee

- Teresa Bajo
- Angel Fern3ndez
- Cesare Cornoldi
- Maria Brandimonte
- Andr3 Vandierendonck

### Purpose of the Summer School

Memory plays so central a role in cognitive functioning that research trying to understand the cognitive and neural bases of the processes and systems underlying different forms of memory expressions has flourished over the years. The purpose of the Summer School is to bring together young European researchers and leading scientists in the field of human memory, with the aim of working jointly on new methodological approaches and recent research developments. The Summer School aims to provide the attendees with the opportunity to initiate contacts that may lead to longer-term cooperation on research. Specialists in the various areas of research will offer extended lectures covering both the very latest and the more established methods in the study of human memory, as well as describing their most recent results, providing a thorough review of methodological and theoretical issues. In the context of an intensively cooperative experience, participants will be involved in numerous formal and informal discussions that, hopefully, will lead to advances in the integration of established findings, in the discovery of new problems, and in the generation of new ideas and approaches.

### Topics

1. Memory Systems.
2. Working Memory Research.
3. Skilled Memory and Long Term Working Memory.
4. Monitoring and Control of Memory.
5. Activation and Inhibition in Memory.
6. Memory Distortions.
7. Prospective Memory

### Invited Speakers and Tutors

- Lars Nyberg, University of Umea Sweden
- K. Anders Ericsson, Florida State University USA
- Asher Koriat, University of Haifa, Israel
- Robert Bjork, University of California, Los Angeles, USA
- Elisabeth Ligon Bjork, University of California, Los Angeles, USA
- Marcia Johnson, Yale University, USA
- Maria Antonella Brandimonte, University of Naples, Italy
- Cesare Cornoldi, University of Padova, Italy
- Andr3 Vandierendonck, Ghent University, Belgium
- Angel Fernandez, University of Salamanca, Spain
- Teresa Bajo, University of Granada, Spain

## Organization

**Invited speakers** and tutors will fully participate in the lectures and discussion sessions. Invited speakers would lecture on a focus topic within their area of expertise on memory research. Each working day will start with a lecture by an invited speaker followed by discussion. These sessions will last three hours. The second working session in a day would consist of discussion of seminal papers on the topic of the lecture. The discussion sessions would be conducted under the supervision and the direction of the tutors. Participants would be divided into smaller groups for these sessions and each group will be assigned a tutor. **Tutors** would be members of ESCoP with long tradition on memory research. They would also be invited to give an hour lecture summarizing their research. In addition, all **students** will be required to present a poster, which will be on display for the entire duration of the School. Posters will be presented formally at special sessions. In the afternoons, students will be asked to work on group's projects on topics related to their research interests that will be presented at the end of the school. Tutors will supervise these projects. The official language of the School will be English.

### Participant's Selection and Application

Twenty five students will be accepted to participate in the summer school. Student candidates should send the application form (Available at [http://www.escop.org/forms/summerschool\\_application.doc](http://www.escop.org/forms/summerschool_application.doc)), a CV, a support letter from a ESCoP member, and a one-page letter of motivation before February 10th to Teresa Bajo, Departamento de Psicología Experimental, Campus Universitario Cartuja, Universidad de Granada, 18071 Granada, Spain, mbajo@ugre.es (electronic submission is preferred). Preference will be given to doctoral students in their final stages toward their degree (expecting to defend their thesis in 2006) and postdoctoral researchers (two years after obtaining Phd). We encourage pre and post doctoral students belonging to under-represented groups and countries but we will also try to achieve a balance over all (European) countries. The Summer School fee is €350, which covers transport from Granada airport to Bubión and vice versa, full board accommodation (including three meals and coffee breaks), and a half-day outing. All participants should arrange and pay for their own travel to Granada. The deadline for payment of the School fee will be May 1st.

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