

Introduction from the President

As I take over the presidency of our Society for a two-years term, I am pleased to report that ESCoP appears to be thriving: With 401 members and a solid financial position despite the turmoils of the global economy, we are now set to hold our first meeting in Poland, where Edward Nečka and colleagues are busy composing, with the help of our members, an excellent and very rich program. Krakow is, and of itself, a city well worth visiting, with spectacular architecture that reflects its grand history as well with the bustling night life that delegates will no doubt find particularly conducive to stimulating scientific brainstorming. The executive committee, which visited the local organizers in November 2008, was extremely impressed with the wonderful conference facilities. Overall, I am convinced our XVIth Conference will be a major success. On a sadder note, our gathering in Krakow was also marked by the news that Paul Bertelson had passed away on November 26th, 2008. Paul was one of the "founding fathers" of ESCoP and a truly outstanding scientist. If the sense of loss is palpable amongst us, we can perhaps take solace in the fact that Paul's memory will continue to inhabit the Society for many years to come.

Let me also take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to our departing and incoming officers. Teresa Bajo, Markus Knauff, Geoff Underwood, have now left the executive committee after having served the Society in different functions for several years. We thank them for their excellent contributions. They are replaced by Nachshon Meiran, Andrea Kiesel and Nuria Sebastian, whom we gratefully welcome on the committee. As you know, Nuria is our new President-Elect. Together with Claus Bundesen as Vice-President and myself as President, she completes the "triumvirate" that now oversees the Society, so implementing for the first time the structure envisioned in our recently adopted new constitution. Transition is also marking the Society's Journal, as André Vandierendonck will soon be stepping down as Editor of the *European Journal of Cognitive Psychology*, to be replaced by Janet van Hell, who has already begun processing new submissions as Editor-Elect.

Looking forward to meet you again in Krakow, let me close by reminding our membership of the many opportunities the Society offers for the more dynamic amongst us: From Activity funding to Early Career award, there are now more opportunities than ever to solicit assistance and advice from ESCoP. Learn about these possibilities by visiting our website, by contacting your local officer, or by participating to the business meeting, which continues to represent your best opportunity to voice your concerns and discuss your ideas about how to further improve your Society!

Axel Cleeremans

XVIth ESCoP Conference in Krakow - news from the organizing committee

We are pleased to inform that the organization of the XVIth ESCoP conference, to be held in Krakow, Poland, between September 2nd and 5th this year, is making good progress.

The program of the conference is almost completed. Four keynote speeches will be provided by Anette Karmiloff-Smith (Broadbent lecture), Simon Farrell (Bertelson award), Ellen Bialystok and Randall Engle. Twelve submitted symposia have been accepted. We've also obtained 545 regular submissions. Almost all of them have been accepted for presentation. However, due to the limited number of talk slots, some of them were moved to poster sessions. The final program is available at our webpage, although some small changes are still possible if there are suggestions from interested persons.

We are now working on the new, more informative version of the conference webpage - please check in the middle of May. It contains more detailed information about Krakow and the conference itself.

The conference dinner on the Saturday evening will take place at the Wieliczka salt mine museum. The participants will use the miners' elevators to get down there. Please have a look at the webpage to notice that there are two versions of the conference fee. You can choose between basic fee (materials, coffee, lunches but no conference dinner and salt mine excursion) and extended fee (including salt mine excursion and conference dinner).

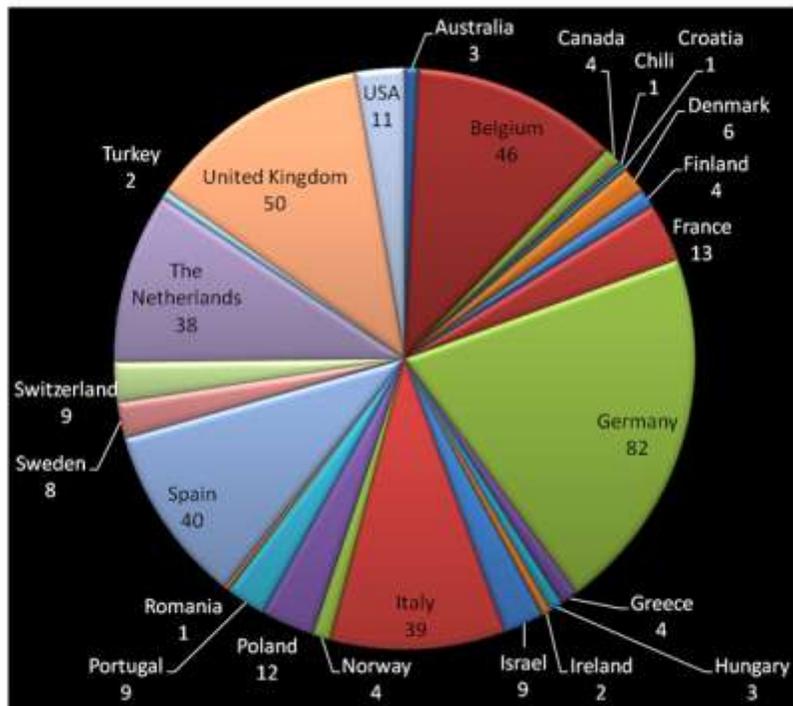
Please also consider to book the accommodation in the nearest future. You could use our reservation page in the registration system (conference discount applied) or find your place to stay on your own.

Looking forward to seeing you in Krakow

The local organizing committee

News from the treasurer.

ESCOP has welcomed 41 new members in 2009 already, which amounts to currently 401 members (299 full members and 102 associate members); this number will undoubtedly further increase until the Krakow meeting. The distribution of members (see graph) shows few surprises, but two tendencies are remarkable: as compared to 2007 we lost 21 members in the UK and were able to attract 15 more in Belgium. The institutional hit list is led by Ghent University, which by now counts no less than 26 ESCOP members!



The financial situation is still healthy and leaves ample operational space. In 2009 we had receipts over € 25,634.75 vis-à-vis expenses of € 15,583.28, which amounts to an overall balance of € 137,361.69 as of 31.3.2009.

Bernhard Hommel (with thanks to Marilou Vandierendonck)

News from the Journal

In 2008, we opened the journal for brief articles. This had a big effect on the number of submissions; the number went up from 100 to 146, with 102 regular and 44 brief article submissions. The brief article category is a big success. We expected this, because in previous years when this category did not yet exist, we already received several “brief article” submissions each year. Thus far, 40 articles have been accepted: 26 regular, 14 brief articles; 72 submissions were rejected (50 + 22); 7 submissions are being processed (6 + 1). For the remaining 27 (20 + 7) submissions, it depends on decisions by the authors what will happen next.

In 2009, we published a special issue on “Ageing, Cognition and Neuroscience” (issues 2-3, March-May); the paper copy just came out. The remaining 6 issues are reserved for regular and brief articles. This way, we hope to decrease the publication delay, which is now on average 14 months, which is much too long. The special issue on “Modeling

Word Recognition And Reading Aloud” is due to appear in 2010. Thus far 3 papers have been accepted for this issue.

At the end of 2009, André Vandierendonck’s editorial term will come to an end, and Janet van Hell will be appointed as editor from 2010-2013. As of January 2009, Janet van Hell serves as editor-elect and handles all incoming manuscripts. She is fortunate to start off working with an excellent team of Associate Editors: Valérie Camos (Université de Bourgogne, France), Andrew Conway (Princeton University, US), Elizabeth Franz (University of Otago, New Zealand), Addie Johnson (University of Groningen, Netherlands), Mei-Ching Lien (Oregon State University, US), Timo Mäntylä (Umeå University, Sweden), Manuel Perea (Universitat de València, Spain), and Klaus Rothermund (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Germany). The team’s expertise covers the major fields in Cognitive Psychology, and also reflects the international focus of EJCP. In the course of 2009, three to four additional Associate Editors will be appointed. By that time, we will have more insight into which expertise is still missing --and which fields enjoy a high number of submissions-- so that we can cover the broad field of Cognitive Psychology and best serve the community of cognitive psychologists. We will keep you posted in the next ESCoP newsletter.

André Vandierendonck
Editor EJCP

Janet van Hell
Editor-Elect EJCP

CALLS FOR ESCoP AWARDS & FUNDING

Bertelson award

Beginning in 2001, the Paul Bertelson Award is granted every two years to an outstanding young scientist for making a significant 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 does not wish to discriminate against researchers who have, for example, taken maternity leave or made career switches. The committee also recognizes 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.

A committee of peers rates each candidate on four criteria: (1) the candidate's general scientific achievements, (2) the international character of the candidate's work, (3) the range and (4) the outstanding character of the candidate's contribution. The winner receives his/her award at the next ESCoP Conference. On this occasion he/she will give a lecture. The winner is also invited to write an article that will be published in the European Journal of Cognitive Psychology.

You are invited to nominate persons for the Bertelson award 2011. Please send your proposal together with a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae to [Dr Diane Pecher](#) (as Society Secretary), to arrive no later than April 1st, 2010. 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?).

ESCoP Early Career Publication Award

The ESCoP Early Career Publication Award (€1000) is offered to a member of ESCoP who was the first author of their best article accepted for publication in 2008. The article must have been accepted for publication while the applicant was a PhD student or within a year after the date on which the applicant received his or her PhD. The author should send a copy of the publication, the date of acceptance, and the date on which they got their PhD (if applicable) to the ESCoP Secretary, [Dr Diane Pecher](#). Applications should be sent before May 1st 2009. A jury of three members nominated by the ESCoP Committee will decide before July 31st 2009. Only one submission per person will be considered.

ESCoP Summer School

ESCoP is offering partial funding for summer schools with a maximum of €20.000. The Committee aims at organizing a bi-annual summer school, in the even-numbered years. Potential organizers are invited to send a proposal to the ESCoP Secretary, [Dr. Diane Pecher](#). The deadline for proposals for a summer school in 2010 is December 1st 2009. The ESCoP Committee will select the most appropriate candidate.

ESCoP Activity Funding

ESCoP is offering partial funding for activities such as meetings, colloquia, etc. that are organized by ESCoP members, for an amount of up to €2000. Proposals should be sent by email to the ESCoP Secretary, Dr. Diane Pecher. The committee will take a maximum of two months from the date of submission to evaluate the proposal and communicate the final decision.

Proposals should not exceed 1500 words and should specify:

Place and Date of activity

Organisers

Topic of the activity, including relevance for ESCoP

Program, including names of speakers

Intended audience (number of people, students or senior researchers, from which field)

Detailed budget

Other

2009 Oswald-Külpe-Award for the Experimental Study of Higher Mental Processes

Announcement and Application Instructions

Honoring the great tradition of the Würzburg School of Psychology and its founder Oswald Külpe, the University of Würzburg invites nominations for its Oswald-Külpe-Award, which is conferred biennially in a special ceremony.

The purpose of the award is to recognize exceptional scientific contributions to the experimental study of higher mental processes. The previous winners were Profs. Asher Koriat of the University of Haifa, Israel, and Richard E. Nisbett, University of Michigan, USA.

For the third time, the Oswald-Külpe-Award will be presented in Würzburg on November 20, 2009 by the president of the university and the chair of the psychology department. It includes a cash prize of € 4.000,- and the winner's expenses for travelling and accommodation.

Eligible are scientists of all nationalities and without any age restrictions. The only criterion is the candidates' proven excellence in experimental research on higher mental processes. This may pertain to different areas of psychology.

Applications and nominations must be received by 1 June, 2009. They should include

- a letter addressing the candidate's merits with respect to the criterion of the award;
- a current curriculum vitae and bibliography;
- the names of two distinguished colleagues who are willing to write letters of recommendation.

Materials should be sent to the chair of the psychology department:

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Job Market