



Division of Occupational Psychology

Newsletter – Jan 2021

Message from the new chair

Welcome to our January newsletter and my first introduction as chair. I'd like to start by thanking Jon Cox who completed his two-year term at our AGM this month. Jon continues for a year as vice-chair and I look forward to working with him.

We said farewell to several colleagues: Hannah Azizollah, Jo Cook, Ingrid Covington, Vicki Elsey, Roxane Gervais (treasurer), Rob Goate and Rainer Kurz. Collectively they had given over 40 years of service to the DOP. At the same time, new committee members were elected: Andrew Clements (treasurer), Christeen George, Jonathan Passmore and Noreen Tehrani, along with Lorraine Falvey and Christine Hamilton (secretary) who re-joined from the previous committee. Each will take up lead roles to help progress committee work on behalf of the DOP membership. Look out for an update in the February newsletter.

Starting a new year - and starting up a new committee - presents opportunities to reflect as well as to look ahead. In 2021 we take forward the review of DOP roles and structures and address how we meet member needs. It will be a time of refocusing and realignment.

Communication is key to this. At our AGM I mentioned the Chair Surgeries. Operating 15-30 minute slots, the first surgery is on February 2 between 5 pm and 7 pm. If you would like to discuss ideas, questions or feedback about DOP, [please get in touch](#).

The committee will meet [six times in 2021](#) starting in February when we set out our priorities for the year, look at new DOP specific proposals, and discuss how we engage with the society's initiatives, including the BPS mentoring programme currently under development, as well as our support for the EAWOP Congress in 2022.

There is much good work that we can do, and I'll keep you informed of developments. In the meantime, at our AGM I announced an ambition: to seek

committee support for an initiative that will create NHS internships, lasting two years, for QOP2 candidates. Already successfully operating for health psychology trainees, this would reduce barriers faced by our trainee occupational psychologists, raise NHS awareness of our field, and ultimately contribute to safe and effective patient care. This will be discussed at the committee meeting in February and is but one of the things we can do to make a difference.

An exciting time awaits us, and I'm delighted to be able to serve as your chair for the next 24 months.

Janet Fraser

Chair, BPS Division of Occupational Psychology

DOP 2021 Virtual Conference



Simon and I had an interesting time pulling the DOP's first ever virtual conference together and are pleased with the result. A special conference edition of OP Matters will give comprehensive coverage of the event.

In the meantime, we can tell you that 679 people registered, including 69 non-members and a record-breaking student representation with 168 of the students who are the future of this division.

There were a few technical glitches, and sound quality was rightly criticised for some parts of presentations; also, some had not appreciated how much the first day was designed to support our students and early career members. The DOP will pay especial attention to feedback for future events.

Ian Bushnell & Simon Toms - conference chairs

OP Matters - Conference Special Edition

OP Matters, the DOP magazine, will host a special edition about our inaugural virtual conference which took place on the 7 and 8 of January. We would welcome reviews, research summaries, presenter experiences, delegate impressions, interviews, information pieces, and any other kind of follow-up article of potential interest to our members.

Anyone interested in submitting an article, please [email the DOP chair](#) or [email the editor](#) before the end of January.

Further information about OP Matters including submission guidelines and a style guide may be [found online](#).

EAWOP Congress 2022: Convenor opportunity

As advertised on Wednesday, 13 January, the BPS is seeking to appoint a convenor to work closely with the taskforce members and senior BPS staff in the planning, delivery and review of the EAWOP Congress 2022 event.

The closing date for applications is **9 am on Friday 22 January 2021**. Interviews will take place on **Wednesday 27 January 2021**.

To apply for the role or find out more about the job requirements or terms of reference, [please visit the BPS website](#).

EAWOP Congress 2022 Task Force: members sought

Expressions of interest are invited from DOP members wishing to serve on the group organising the 2022 EAWOP Congress. Members will participate in meetings and carry out a range of tasks and activities to support the successful delivery of this high profile, international event.

For details and to request a statement of interest form please [contact Kelly Longmuir](#). The deadline for applications is **9 am on Friday 29 January**.

The BPS is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion and we encourage applications from all backgrounds.



Upcoming Online Events

Coaching and Neurodiversity - Improving wellbeing

25 January 2021 9:30 am - 11:00 am

[Free registration for DOP members.](#)

How to support the health and wellbeing of workers effectively

23 February 2021 9:30 am - 11:00 am

[Free registration for DOP members and MSc students on BPS accredited courses.](#)

Find Your Focus: A Marketing Strategy to Move your Independent Practice Forward Without Overwhelm

28 January 2021 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

[Free registration for Special Group of Independent Practitioners \(SGIP\) Members, BPS Members £48.50, Non-Members £80](#)



2021 EAWOP virtual one day conference

May 27, save the date!

“Viral Strain? Working life during the COVID Pandemic” is a thematic conference devoted to sharing and learning from the exciting and impactful research that many work and organisational psychologists have been doing in the past year on Covid-19 issues in relation to work organisation, mental health and work-life balance.

This virtual conference will be available at discounted rates for DOP members (£20) and DOP student members (£10). Keep an eye on future DOP newsletters for updates and conference link.

Could you help future proof DOP training?

The BPS Partnership and Accreditation Team are looking for DOP members to help its DOP Training Committee.

The committee promotes excellence in psychology education and training to ensure that students and academics have access to high-quality teaching and learning, now and in the future.

Current members tell us that being on the committee has given them valuable insights into different approaches to training the psychologists of the future, and it offers them the opportunity to network with and learn alongside a diverse range of professional colleagues.

[Find out more and how to apply.](#)



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