



Division of Occupational Psychology

Newsletter – July 2021

Message from the Chair

Welcome to our July newsletter. Things have relaxed a little over the summer but we're still pushing ahead with priority work for the division. This includes:

- developing our new structure of interest groups, task and finish groups, sub-groups and sub-committees
- holding discussions about how best to offer member benefit through our divisional magazine
- preparations for setting out our business plan for next year

The DOP Executive met in July and the EDI Task and Finish Group (TGF) has held two meetings. We now have an [Equalities page](#) on the DOP microsite where you can find out more about the members of the EDI TFG.

Coming up in early August we'll be holding our next committee meeting, once again with a very full agenda.

Looking further ahead into the autumn:

- We'd like to invite you come along to and meet our new BPS President, Katherine Carpenter, at a special [DOP virtual Town Hall session](#) at 12 noon on **Wednesday 15 September** when you can ask questions and hear about what she is doing in her new role. Open to all DOP members, the Townhall will be held by Zoom. We hope you can join us.

Other up-coming activities have a climate emergency focus:

- In September, Dr Jan Maskell (DOP Going Green) presents at the Scottish Interdivisional Event on Climate Change when she will speak about: *The Role of HR and it's overlap with Occupational Psychology and sharing pro-environmental behaviours in the workplace.*
- Then in October, the DOP will host a free webinar open to all: *Climate action: what does this mean for the occupational psychology curriculum and OP practice?* We'll share the booking details when these become available.

Also, in October we collaborate with the Society of Occupational Medicine in delivering: the Health Challenges of new ways of working following Covid.

Between now and August 9, please consider taking part in the society's constitutional consultation (see separate newsletter item). This involves important proposed changes for the society, and members are encouraged to take part in the consultation.

Finally, just a reminder that engaging with you continues to be a top priority for the DOP committee, and there is an open invitation to share feedback, ask questions and discuss issues. You are all welcome to book a slot at my monthly surgeries or to arrange an alternative time to speak. Just get in touch.

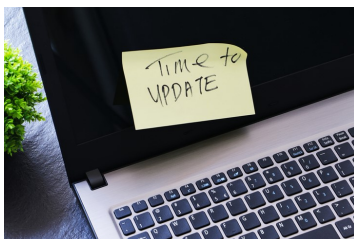
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Wednesday 4 August, 5pm - 7pm.

Janet Fraser

Chair, BPS Division of Occupational Psychology

QOP2 Trainee Update



Earlier this summer we heard from stage 2 candidates about ways that the DOP can support trainees during their journey towards chartership. Networking opportunities form part of this and the feedback received has been shared with the DOP committee and the QOP Board.

We're working on this right now and a proposal will be considered at the DOP committee meeting in August. So, watch this space.

De-mystifying the stage 2 qualification webinars: calling all supervisors and assessors

Earlier this year the DOP Committee agreed to produce webinars targeted at MSc students and others considering whether to become chartered by completing the stage 2 qualification.

We're now at the planning stage and actively looking for QOP2 supervisors and assessors to join discussion panels during the webinars. For an informal chat about what's involved, please contact our education and training lead, Christeen George.

BPS launches constitutional review

The BPS is asking for members' views on proposed reforms that broadly fall into two categories:

1. **Changes to our membership grades.** These have been designed in partnership with a member reference group and refined through a number of member consultations during this year.
2. **Changes to our governance.** These were approved by our Board of Trustees in 2018/9, but in some cases require constitutional amendments.

This work is now approaching its final stages, which will involve sharing our proposals with the Privy Council, which must agree them before they come into effect.

Before we do this, we want to offer members the opportunity to comment on any aspect of the proposals. You can do this by [emailing them](#).

The final stage would then come early in 2022, following Privy Council agreement, which would see the society asking members to formally agree to the changes so that they can come into effect and the rules can be changed.

There is also a [new webpage](#) (you will need to be logged in to access) that outlines in detail the changes being proposed to both membership grades and governance processes.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions, get in touch with using the email address constitutionalreview@bps.org.uk.

The email address will remain open for your feedback until **9am on Monday 9 August**.

EAWOP 2022 Congress: “Interventions at Work: Integrating Science & Practice” - Workshops have been announced

Our half-day and full-day workshops are now available to delegates attending the EAWOP Biennial Congress in Glasgow (11-14 January 2022). Workshops always form an important part of the event, and 2022 will be no exception!

You can find out more about the workshops, along with other fringe events, on the EAWOP website. If you submitted a paper to the Congress, we would like to draw your attention to the BPS Early Career Conference Bursary Scheme.

Bursaries are available to support society members, who are UK early career psychologists, to attend (physically or virtually) any academic conference, either in the UK or internationally, relevant to their work. Each bursary consists of up to £250 (UK) or £500 (international) to contribute towards the costs of registration and travel. You can apply for the bursary online. Applications close on 1 October.

Do you have news or events to include in this newsletter?

If you have any news, events or other items you would like to submit to the monthly DOP newsletter, please email the communications lead before the 12th of the month.





Submit your abstract for the European Congress of Psychology

Submissions are now open for the 17th European Congress of Psychology, which will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia in from 5-8 July 2022.

Organised by the Slovenian Psychologists' Association under auspices of our colleagues at the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations, the event will be a celebration of psychology across Europe.

The main theme of the event is 'Psychology as a Hub Science', and submissions are sought on numerous different topics and in different formats relating to this theme

Full details and guidelines are available on the [ECP 2022 website](#). The deadline for submitting is 10 November.

New members and chair needed for HCPC Council

The Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC) is currently looking to appoint **two new registrant council members** and **one lay member**. This is an opportunity to play a pivotal role in health and care regulation, and help drive progress on key issues such as equality, diversity and inclusion.

The HCPC regulates approximately 290,000 professionals in 15 professions across the UK. Its statutory duty is to protect and promote the health, safety and wellbeing of the general public. The three new members will be joining at a critical moment as the Council responds to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Applicants for registrant membership must be on the HCPC register, while

applicants for lay membership should not be HCPC registrants but may be, for example, members of the BPS or the Association of Educational Psychologists.

The deadline to apply is 2 August 2021. Full details about how to apply are set out in the application pack on the HCPC website.



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