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PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND BESTOWS HONORARY FELLOWSHIP AWARD TO SATHS COOPER

On 7 April 2014 The Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) presented an Honorary Fellowship to IUPsyS President Saths Cooper for his outstanding contribution to psychology. The ceremony was held before a distinguished audience consisting of former PSI Presidents, current officers, present and recent Council members, members of PSI Council’s standing committees, and representatives of fellow Health and Care Professions, the National Educational Psychological Services and the Northern Ireland Branch of the British Psychological Society. Cooper was accompanied at the ceremony by IUPsyS Secretary-General, Ann Watts.

This was indeed a landmark day for the Society with Cooper joining former PSI member of staff, Ann Jevans, and Nobel Peace Prize winner, John Hume, as only the third Honorary Fellow in the 44 year history of the Society. The day began with a live radio interview on RTE Radio 1’s flagship mid-morning current affairs programme Today with Sean O’Rourke during which Cooper spoke about his experience under Apartheid, his days as a student activist resisting Apartheid, his time on Robben Island and the influences that led him to pursue a career in psychology. Following the interview Sean O’Rourke commented on how interesting and nostalgic he had found the interview in light of his own time reporting on behalf of Irish media on the first democratic elections in South Africa. A podcast of the interview can be assessed at http://www.psihq.ie/page/art/158/0

PSI President, Dr Margaret O’Rourke, chaired proceedings and the Honorary Fellowship ceremony was preceded by the inauguration of the re-launched PSI Award for Equality and Inclusive Practice (EQuIP). Dr Paul D’Alton, PSI President-Elect and Co-Chair of the Society’s EQuIP Committee, spoke about the work of the committee and the background to the re-launch of the EQuIP Award with the aim of broadening the base of potential nominees to include academics and authors as well as practitioners.

In presenting the award of Honorary Fellowship to Cooper, PSI President O’Rourke expressed her pleasure and honour at being able to make the award on behalf of the Society. Margaret read a eulogy which summarised Cooper’s professional life and achievements. She spoke of Cooper’s days as a student and his journey through higher education and professional training which was punctuated by periods of house arrest and incarceration for opposing the Apartheid regime of the time. Margaret also summarised Cooper’s significant professional achievements, including his leadership role in shaping policy and legislative frameworks in South Africa, in helping to unify the discipline of psychology in South Africa, as a founding member, President and first Fellow of the Psychological Society of South Africa (PsySSA) and, most recently, as President of the International Union of Psychological Science. Margaret concluded her eulogy by describing Cooper as an inspiration to fellow psychologists having achieved so much in a context that would have overwhelmed the majority of us. In accepting the award, Professor Cooper spoke graciously about PSI and of leading PSI figures with whom he has had the pleasure to work over the years, notably Eunice McCarthy, Mitchel Fleming, Michael Drumm, Eric Brady and Gerry Mulhern (PSI Managing Director). Cooper reminded the audience of the collegial ties between the PSI and PsySSA, who share a Memorandum of Understanding signed by himself and then PSI President Mitchel Fleming in 2008 in Dublin. He complimented PSI on its impressive international activity and presence over the years and encouraged the Society to continue to prioritise its international role in forums such as the International Union. Cooper then went on to describe his journey in psychology and the reason he chose psychology over the other subjects of law and politics which he studied at university, namely that, given his experiences under Apartheid, he considered psychology to be the most suitable route into a profession. Cooper concluded his address in a most apt way by describing psychology as a ‘noble profession’, a description intended to inspire and one with which all present could readily identify.
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Saths Cooper is interviewed on RTE Radio 1 Today with Sean O’Rourke.

Saths Cooper pictured with current PSI President and ten former Presidents (from left: Desmond Swan, Michael Drumm, Rosaleen McElvaney, Euncie McCarthy, Mary Morrissey, Saths Cooper, Margaret O’Rourke, Carol McGuinness, Eric Brady, Hannah McGee, Mitchel Fleming and Seamus McLoone)

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ICP 2016

ICP 2016 will be held in Yokohama, Japan from 24-29 July 2016 and is organised around the following theme:

Diversity in Harmony: Insights from Psychology.

For more information, click the link below.

http://www.icp2016.jp/
The Russian Psychological Society (RPS) is the largest and the oldest association of psychologists in Russia. Founded in 1885 it now has more than 50 regional branches and more than 5,000 professional psychologists as active members. The Russian Psychological Society is closely connected with the Russian Educational-Methodological Council, Ministry of Education and Science of Russia, Russian Emergencies Ministry (EMERCOM of Russia), Federal Institute of Development of Education, League of National Health, Russian Academy of Education, as well as different universities and schools. Cooperation with these organisations is evidenced not only by means of their presence in RPS as members, but mainly as partnerships in carrying out mutual projects such as the elaboration of federal educational standards for primary schools with the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia and Federal Institute of Development of Education; organization of certification procedures of psychological services of EMERCOM; elaboration of “Psychology” as a facultative discipline for high school students (classes 10-11) together with Ministry of Education and Science of Russia.

Special attention was paid to organization of anti-tobacco and drug usage prevention programs together with the League of National Health and State Duma of the Russian Federation. In 2013 position of head medical psychologist in the Russian Ministry of Health was established and RPS works closely with the Ministry of Health in order to promote EuroPsy standards. In 2014 the Russian Psychological Society awarded the first 100 EuroPsy certificates to the representatives of the nine universities from Russia. This event has had a great impact on the further development of collaboration between RPS and EFPA. The Russian Psychological Society invites international reviewers and authors to contribute to the leading Russian psychological journal, Psychology in Russia: State of the Art: www.psychologyinrussia.com.

More information about RPS can be found at www.psyrus.ru
The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) partners with the National Research Council of Canada to maintain Canada’s membership in IUPsyS. The CPA is Canada’s national collegial association for psychology, with 6,900 members representing all aspects of the discipline and is currently marking its 75th anniversary. The association’s activities develop from the vision that the science, practice and education of psychology has broad and deep relevance to public policy and the public good. To this end, the CPA is very busy, for example, with its annual convention of 1,400 attendees, as well as its quarterly publication Psynopsis; its three peer-reviewed journals; its accreditation of clinical training programs and internships; its international activities through IUPsyS; and member involvement in individual member associations (e.g., IAAP, IACCP, etc.). In addition:

- CPA’s Executive Officers speak as witnesses when invited to various Canadian Standing/Senate Committees on such topics as eating disorders amongst girls and women, and best practices and barriers to the training and practice of health professionals in Canada.

- In November 2013, the CPA hosted a Summit on the Supply, Need and Demand of Psychologists in Canada. Over 75 participants attended to hear 16 different presenters from Canada, the U.S. and Australia. A proceedings report is being drafted, which will be used to guide future advocacy efforts. Issues discussed included: early career, internship demand/supply, training, continuing education, science funding, filling knowledge translation gaps, training and recruiting academics, and data gaps.

- The CPA responds to governmental requests for expert consultation; most recently we contributed a response on Canada’s science and technology agenda, and noted key issues of relevance to the CPA from budget 2014.

- CPA’s Deputy CEO serves as Chair of the Canadian Consortium of Research – the largest advocacy coalition in Canada, focused on research funding and support for post-secondary education.

- The CPA also advocates directly in behalf of Canadian psychology in the granting council system for scientific research.

- Many Canadian psychologists teach and undertake research internationally. For example, many culturally diverse societies (like Canada) are experiencing problems in understanding and managing intercultural relations among their populations. One of our two IUPsyS delegates, Dr. John Berry, coordinates an ongoing study of the psychological bases for these difficulties in 24 countries.

- The CPA, together with MITACS, is in discussions with the International Association of Applied Psychology to host the International Congress of Applied Psychology in Montreal in 2018.

For additional information on the CPA and its various activities in support of the science, practice and education of psychology, please visit the CPA’s website (www.cpa.ca) or contact the CPA at cpa@cpa.ca.

Visit www.cpa.ca
A reminder that registration is open for the 28th International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP) that will take place from 8-13 July 2014 in Paris.

Information about registration is available at: http://www.icap2014.com/registration

The 17th European Conference on Personality (ECP17) will be held at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, from July 15 to July 19, 2014. The conference is co-organised by the European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP) and the Institute of Psychology at the University of Lausanne. The biannual ECP conference is an important event for the promotion and exchange of the most exciting research in personality. Registration is now open.

For more information click here.

The 23rd biennial meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) will be hosted by East China Normal University and will be held in Shanghai, China from 08 – 12 July, 2014.

For more information click here.

The 72nd Annual Meeting of the International Council of Psychologists will be held in Paris, France from 13 – 15 July 2014 and is organised around the theme of “International Perspectives on Global Issues”.

For more information click here.
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ISSC FUNDING PROJECT

The International Council for Social Science (ISSC) has opened a call to fund projects wherein social scientists work with natural scientists. The Transformations to Sustainability Programme will promote research on the important and innovative processes of social transformations needed to secure effective, equitable and durable solutions to some of today’s most urgent challenges of global change and sustainability.

For more information click here.

ICSU YOUNG SCIENTISTS NETWORKING CONFERENCE

The second DFG/ICSU/ISSC Young Scientists Networking Conference on Integrated Science, on the topic of “Ecosystems and human wellbeing in the green economy,” will be held at Villa Vigoni, Italy, from May 25-31, 2014.

For more information click here.