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EDITORIAL

Welcome to another year of SASP and the first Newsletter of the year, again under the editorship of the Murdoch team. We are in countdown mode to the annual conference, although it seems a long time coming this year with the conference being held in July. Everyone should have full details available from Mike and Yoshi in Melbourne.

This is the last year of Graham Vaughan's Presidency and we have the farewell message from Graham later in this issue. Mike Innes will be taking over as President this year. We also wish to welcome Patrick Heaven, who has assumed the position of Secretary this year following Ruth Scott's long tenure. We want to say a big thanks to Ruth for her sterling efforts in the role of Secretary, especially in the initial years of the Society. We are sure that there will be a formal thanks to Ruth at this year's AGM. We are also saying farewell to Julie Duck as Treasurer and a thanks for all the work done, again in the initial years to get the financial side of the Society working and healthy.

There are a number of issues that the society should be taking on this year and we can raise them initially here in the hope that there can be further discussion at the conference and elsewhere.

Membership Matters

The first is the matter of membership and the health of the Society. We have always been a small group and there is a heavy reliance upon the role of postgraduate students as members to keep our numbers large. As a group, we may be affected by changes in the nature of research funding to universities which have been introduced by DETYA. There will be a heavier reliance for funding on research student

completions. Although not in itself a bad thing, when this is coupled with the need for universities to identify areas of research strength into which more scholarships for research will be directed, then there is the risk that psychology, and social psychology in particular, may not be identified by the universities as being within the areas of strength, resulting in fewer students doing PhDs in the future. That will impinge on the health of schools of psychology and then upon our Society's health.

As part of the duties as Director of Science in the APS, Mike Innes is surveying schools of psychology to find out what universities are doing in establishing areas of research strength within their research management plans and where psychology sits within these plans. This information should be of interest to all psychologists and help policy makers plan for change in the uptake of psychology.

Social Psychology in the National Context of Change

The matter of membership can be looked at more broadly too. We need always to think about where the future of social psychology will be. Will there always be a time when social psychology will be regarded by anyone as important? Take a recent statistic plucked from the Annual Report of the British Psychological Society. The membership of the Social Psychology Section of that Society shows a drop of 25% since 1995! Membership of the BPS has not declined in that time, so there has been a shift of people away from social psychology, or at least an active involvement in it, to other areas. The membership of other sections of the BPS also show decline, so the drop in social may be a facet of a broader move towards more professional/applied areas of the discipline. Whatever the reason, there are threats to the

viability of the scientific, or systematic, parts of the discipline.

As part of this general trend there are some surveys being carried out into the applications for psychology places in universities across Australia, as some schools are reporting downward trends (although this is not uniform). If there is a drop off in interest in psychology this has implications for the place of social psychology within the discipline and within the universities. We all need to be vigilant of the environment in which we are behaving.

Federal support for Research and Change

Which brings us to another aspect of the environment, the federal political environment. As all will know, there have been significant changes in the federal support for science and research in the last few months (although the next few months electorally may change this). Science with the Big S has been given a big "tick" from the Prime Minister. This was shown in the significant inclusions in the PM's Innovation Statement of recommendations from the Chief Scientist's Report. But social and behavioural sciences have not been so supported. The APS and the National Committee for Psychology have been lobbying to attempt to change the views of policy makers regarding the role of psychology in a society undergoing significant social and economic change. As we all know this is an arduous job not noted for a high success rate. Again, as social psychologists we need to think about the role that we play in engendering an appreciation of our discipline in a changing society.

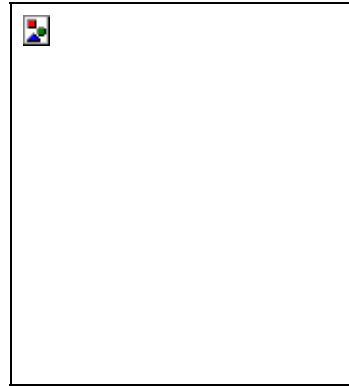
I hope that there may be opportunities at times during the forthcoming conference for a consideration by the membership of these and related issues.

Australian Research Council

All members should know that the changes in the ARC are coming on stream. The program managers have largely been appointed. The manager looking after psychology is Professor Doug McEachern, a political scientist at the University of Adelaide. The Expert Assessment Panels have been appointed and the teams of assessors who are to read large groups of applications are being approached. So the changes are here.

We hope to see you in Melbourne in July.

Ngaire Donaghue
Mike Innes
Iain Walker



President-elect Mike 'Dubya' Innes

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Prez's Words

You will see elsewhere in this Newsletter that the post of Treasurer is due to be filled at this year's conference. Julie Duck has done an excellent job for us in this respect. Now, she does assure us that it is not onerous! So please don't be shy in putting your name forward, or in persuading a colleague to have a go.

The executive is conferring right now about putting the SPSP Exchange Scheme, initially fostered by Margaret Foddy, into effect. Right now, we have a nomination for an American visitor to come later this year. This is the first time that this initiative has been put to the test.

That reminds me to mention that scarce commodity, money. We voted some years ago to keep the subscription as low as possible, on the grounds that money should not simply be accumulated in order to have a nest egg. In practice, there are a number of future recurring items that we need to keep in mind. Among these, we pay for the AJP annual payment for publishing the Conference Abstracts, make a contribution towards the cost of a keynote speaker, give some support to postgrads (financial members) to attend the conference,

and will launch the SPSP Exchange Scheme. Consequently, the sub has crept a little, so the future may involve a further increase or a membership drive, or both. Julie will be able to give us her thoughts on this in July.

The conferences this year look exciting, and our thanks to our Melbourne colleagues for their continuing hard work on this front. I am pleased to announce that Leon Mann has agreed to be the President's Speaker at SASP 2001 -- since neither you nor I want your President giving a presidential address twice!

See you soon,
Graham

Messages from your Secretary and Treasurer

After many years of untiring service, Ruth Scott has decided to retire from the post of Secretary, SASP. I am sure all of you would like to join me in thanking Ruth for her dedication and devotion and wishing her well as she returns to Townsville, where she and Bill had their first taste of Australia in the 1970s. Thank-you Ruth, and all the best for your second life in Townsville!

I am beginning to wonder whether my rush of blood to nominate for Secretary was such a good idea. In any event, it turns out I was the only nominee. You'll be able to contact me via snail mail at the Department of Psychology, University of Wollongong, NSW 2522 or via email at Patrick_Heaven@uow.edu.au

Patrick Heaven



Secretaries' day in the bar.

Postgraduate Representative's Report

With the Melbourne conference fast approaching Emiko Kashima has been working hard to organise the post-grad pre-conference. The two topics for the 2001 workshop will most likely be:

- (1) Effective Oral Presentation of a Research Paper, and
- (2) Conducting Research Involving Cross-Cultural and Cross-Ethnic Groups.

We put these suggestions to the sasp-grad email list and received quite a deal of support for both of the topics, so we look forward to another successful pre-conference! If any PGs have suggestions for future workshop ideas please do not be shy in offering them to the conference organisers. The pre-conference is designed specifically for post-grads and recent graduates so our input is always welcomed!

Post-grads looking to share accommodation or other travel expenses for the 2001 SASP meeting are encouraged to use the sasp-grad email list to get in contact with others <sasp-grad@explode.student.unsw.edu.au>, or feel free to email me if you would like help finding someone: sphodgki@central.murdoch.edu.au.

Also remember that SASP PG travel grants are available each year to PGs who are presenting papers at the SASP conference and need financial assistance. Just contact a member of the SASP executive or ask your supervisor to find out more.

Our sincere congratulations to Dr Andrew Guilfoyle and Dr Louise Roufeil. Andrew was recently awarded his PhD by Murdoch University, for a thesis entitled 'The challenge and the promise: A critical analysis of prejudice in intergroup attribution research'. His work was supervised by Iain Walker. Louse has just completed her PhD at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst, under the supervision of Associate Professor Graham Tyson. Her research topic was 'Maternal self-efficacy and outcome expectancies: Predicting adjustment to first-time motherhood'. Louise would like to take the opportunity to thank her examiners who are current SASP members... "who I hold in the highest regard - so, thanks to them for their helpful comments, too!".

Finally, we are seeking nominations for PG rep. I hope there are some enthusiastic nominees out there who are looking to get more involved in SASP. It is a very rewarding position that doesn't involve much work. The terms are usually for two years. There is a nomination form at the end of the Newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all in Melbourne in July!

Cheers,
Shari Hodgkinson

CONFERENCE REPORTS

Ninth Brisbane Symposium on Social Identity Brisbane, Australia. 16-17 March 2001.

This year's Brisbane Symposium on Social Identity, the Ninth in the series that first started in 1992, was held over two days, March 16 and 17. BSSI is one of the most significant activities of the Centre for Research on Group Processes (CRGP). This year the meeting was jointly sponsored by CRGP and the University of Queensland's Centre for Organisational Psychology. The conference organisers were Joanne Smith, Michael Hogg and Robin Martin. Blake McKimmie was our powerpoint guru.

The venue was Customs House, the University of Queensland's downtown riverside location, allowing people to come and go by CityCat and to gain sustenance at the many bars, cafe's and restaurants overlooking the Brisbane river and the Storey Bridge.

There was a varied group of 49 delegates: 27 people from UQ, 3 from USQ, 3 from Griffith, 2 from QUT, 4 from LaTrobe, 3 from ANU, 3 from the United States, 3 from the Netherlands, and one from Germany. There were 14 presentations. The speakers were Marilyn Brewer (Ohio State), Scott Reid (UQ), Brendan McAuliffe (UQ), Melissa Lehman (LaTrobe), Margaret Foddy (LaTrobe), Sabine Otten (Jena), Stephen Wright (University of California, Santa Cruz), Joel Cooper (Princeton), Blake McKimmie (UQ), Ken Mavor (USQ), Anne O'Brien (UQ), Bernd Irmer (UQ), Michael Platow (LaTrobe), and Matthew Hornsey (UQ). There was particularly lively discussion this year, and some of the themes that kept coming up related to motivational aspects of social

identity processes (dissonance, optimal distinctiveness, uncertainty reduction), self-extension processes and the inclusion of the group in the self, trust and reputation, and intergroup contact.

The traditional conference party was held at Michael Hogg's house, where we observed the established convention of eating sushi, pizza and timtams - washed down with lashings of wine and beer. On this occasion the late stayers were the ANU/LaTrobe crowd who only left when Scott Reid embarked on yet another very scary tale of his boyhood in New Zealand.

For further information about this BSSI, future BSSIs, and other CRGP activities, please contact Michael Hogg or Joanne Smith.

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The Sydney Symposium of Social Psychology (SSSP): A review of the first four years

The Sydney Symposium of Social Psychology (SSSP) was started four years ago at the University of New South Wales and has since become one of the few successful international psychology symposium series held in Australia. Over the past four years, our Symposia (organised in collaboration with Kip Williams and Ladd Wheeler) were able to attract leading researchers to Sydney, and made it possible for numerous Australian researchers and students to interact with them within the intimate context of a small group meeting. This article will explain how the Symposium operates, and reviews its activities so far.

Objective and procedures. Each Sydney Symposium deals with a different middle-level topic in social psychology (see below), and this has become our 'niche' among international meetings. We announce the topic and publish an open invitation to apply to prospective participants around June every year using email bulletin boards (SASP, SPSP, SESP, EAESP). Organisers of the various symposia (Joe Forgas, Kip Williams and Ladd Wheeler) then select about 15 papers to create an interesting and coherent program. The number of applications has been increasing exponentially, so inevitably,

a growing number of applications are unsuccessful.

Invited presenters are asked to submit a full draft of their paper several months before the Symposium. Draft papers are placed on our dedicated website (www.sydneyseminar.unsw.edu.au) to be available to all participants. Papers are further revised before the meeting in the light of other contributions, and a further revision is undertaken after the meeting. The final papers are published as a book in the SSSP series (see below).

Finances. The first symposium was entirely supported from my research funds. Subsequent symposia received support from the University of New South Wales, and most recently, also from Macquarie University. Most of our funding goes to providing a relatively modest travel subsidy of between \$500 - \$1000 to presenters, depending on the cost of attendance and the distance they have to travel. Invited overseas visitors have to find additional funding – often thousands of dollars – to attend. The fact that so many of them were willing to do this, and undertake the long and costly trip to Australia, attests to the success of our Symposium and their interest in Australia.

We also make it possible for non-presenting participants to attend the Symposia. Applications to attend are invited around November each year, and early application is encouraged as places are limited. We ask participants to pay a registration fee, discounted for graduate students, as a contribution towards the considerable cost of staging the Symposium.

Overview of past four Symposia, and the SSSP book series. Contributions to the Sydney Symposia are published every year in what has now become a highly acclaimed new book series. The topics of the past four symposia, and the resulting books are summarised below:

Forgas, J. P. (Ed.), (2000). *Feeling and thinking: The role of affect in social cognition*. New York: Cambridge University Press (ISBN 0521 64223X).

This book deals with the role of affect in how people think and behave in social situations. Chapters discuss the relationship between feeling and thinking, the cognitive antecedents of

emotion, and the influence of affect on social judgments and behaviors. Contributors include Robert Zajonc (*Stanford*), Jim Blascovich (*California*), Craig Smith & Leslie Kirby (*Vanderbilt*), Eric Eich & Dawn Macauley (*British Columbia*), Len Berkowitz et al. (*Wisconsin*), Leonard Martin (*Georgia*), Daniel Gilbert (*Harvard*), Herbert Bless (*Mannheim*), Klaus Fiedler (*Heidelberg*), Joseph Forgas (*UNSW*), Carolin Showers (*Wisconsin*), Tony Greenwald, Marzu Banaji et al. (*U.Washington/Yale*), Mark Leary (*Wake Forest*), Paula Niedenthal & Jamin Halberstadt (*Indiana*).

Forgas, J. P., Williams, K. D., & Wheeler, L. (Eds.), (2001). *The social mind: Cognitive and motivational aspects of interpersonal behavior*. New York: Cambridge University Press (ISBN 0524 770920).

How do people's thoughts and motives – their 'social mind' – influence their interpersonal strategies? This book seeks to link social cognition with social behavior, and argues that success in relationships, group behavior and strategic interaction is directly determined by how people perceive and interpret the social world around them. Participants included Bill and Claire McGuire (*Yale*), Susan Andersen (*NYU*), Roy Baumeister (*Case Western*), Joel Cooper (*Princeton*), Bill Crano (*Claremont*), Garth Fletcher (*Canterbury*), Joseph Forgas (*UNSW*), Pascal Huguet (*Clermont*), Mike Hogg (*Queensland*), Martin Kaplan (*N. Illinois*), Norb Kerr (*Michigan State*), John Nezlek (*William & Mary*), Fred Rhodewalt (*Utah*), Astrid Schuetz (*Chemnitz*), Constantine Sedikides (*Southampton*), Jeffrey Simpson (*Texas A&M*), Richard Sorrentino (*Western Ontario*), Dianne Tice (*Case Western*), Kip Williams & Ladd Wheeler (*UNSW*).

Forgas, J. P., & Williams, K. D. (Eds.), (2001). *Social influence: Direct and indirect processes*. Philadelphia: Psychology Press.

This book integrates recent developments in social influence research, and argues that social influence encompasses both implicit and explicit, cognitive and behavioural phenomena. Contributors were Robert Cialdini (*Arizona*),

Bibb Latané and Marty Bourgeois (*Florida Atlantic & Wyoming*), Rich Petty (*OSU*), Ap Dijksterhuis (*Nijmegen*), Mark Schaller (*British Columbia*), Barbara David and John Turner (*ANU*), Joseph Forgas (*UNSW*), Herbert Bless (*Mannheim*), Steve Harkins (*Northeastern*), Eric Knowles (*Arkansas*), Robin Martin and Miles Hewstone (*Cardiff*), Sik Hung Ng (*Hong Kong*), Russell Spears (*Amsterdam*), Kip Williams and Lara Dolnik (*Macquarie*), Chuck Stangor (*Maryland*), Fritz Strack (*Wuerzburg*) Debbie Terry and Mike Hogg (*Queensland*), James Tedeschi (*SUNY*).

The current, 4th Symposium has just finished (March 2001) and dealt with *'The social self: Cognitive, interpersonal, and intergroup perspectives'*. Contributors were Roy Baumeister (*Case Western*), Monica Biernat (*Kansas*), Marilyn Brewer (*OSU*), Joel Cooper (*Princeton*), Mike Hogg (*Queensland*), Chris Crandall (*Kansas*), Joe Forgas (*UNSW*), Tom Gilovich (*Cornell*), Ed Hirt (*Indiana*), Bill Ickes (*Texas*), Yoshi Kashima (*Melbourne*), Marianne LaFrance (*Yale*), Mark Leary (*Wake Forest*), Diane Mackie (*California*), Bertram Malle (*Oregon*), Sabine Otten (*Jena*), Fred Rhodewalt (*Utah*), Eliot Smith (*Purdue*), Dianne Tice (*Case Western*), Kip Williams (*Macquarie*), Steve Wright (*Santa Cruz*). The book will be published by Psychology Press, Philadelphia.

Finally, we should mention that all Sydney Symposia feature extensive informal discussion periods, and a rich social program designed to allow participants to interact in a variety of situations. We had uniformly positive comments from past participants – indeed, many people have now attended more than one symposium. For further details, including announcements, programs, abstracts and photos of past symposia please look at our website at www.sydneysymposium.unsw.edu.au.

La Trobe Workshop in Social Psychology

La Trobe social psychologists held their third annual Workshop in Social Psychology in December of 2000 on the topic of Fairness and Justice. As in the past, we brought together a small group of people working specifically on this topic for two days of paper presentation and discussion. The main purpose of the workshop was to exchange ideas and learn about the work that other Australian social psychologists are

doing in the specific topic area. In total, we had about 20 people participating, and a lot of good discussions and lively debates. Papers were presented by Deirdre Drake (Edith Cowen), Grania Sheehan (Australian Institute of Family Studies), Robert Boeckmann (Flinders), Mark Nolan (ANU), Tom Tyler (New York University), Michael Wenzel (ANU), Norm Feather (Flinders), and Margaret Foddy (La Trobe).

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

SASP 2001 Conference, Melbourne

This year's Annual SASP conference will be held at the University of Melbourne, from Thursday, 12 July, 2001 to Sunday, 15 July, 2001. The conference will overlap with the The Asian Association of Social Psychology Annual Conference, which runs from Tuesday, 10 July, 2001 to Friday, 13 July, 2001.

On Thursday night, there will be a joint SASP and AASP dinner, at which Professor Sik Hung Ng will be the keynote speaker. The dinner will be held at the Royal Melbourne Exhibition Hall (the venue where the first Commonwealth Parliament was seated). On Saturday afternoon, Professor Cecilia Ridgeway will be our second keynote speaker.

This year's Thursday workshops will be geared toward post-graduates, but interested academics may also attend. As in the past, there will be two half-day sessions on Thursday, 12 July, 2001. The morning session will be presented by Michael Platow on the topic of Giving Professional Presentations. He will outline important aspects of presentation design, delivery and defense. The afternoon session will be on the topic of cross-cultural and interethnic research. Presenters of this session will be announced shortly.

Please note that we have extended the abstract submission deadline to 30 April to provide people with more opportunity to make submissions. Submissions should be made to:

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**Ninth Annual Preconference on Small Groups
Spokane, WA, October 18, 2001**

Small Groups Takes Center Stage: How Small Group Research and Theory Relates to and Enriches Other Traditional Domains in Social Psychology

The 9th Annual Conference on Small Groups, organized by Marty Kaplan and Margaret Foddy, will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology on Thursday, October 18th at the West Coast Grand Hotel at the Park in Spokane, WA. This year's theme, "**Small Groups Research Takes Center Stage**" presents an integrated program by a diverse and distinguished group of scholars exploring the bonds between small groups research and theories on the one hand, and other traditional domains of social psychology on the other hand. Presentations will discuss these inter-relationships, and show how knowledge in other domains has been advanced by current work in small groups (and vice-versa).

Program (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM)

- ❑ **Dominic Abrams** (University of Kent). *Groups and individuals: The primacy of both.*
- ❑ **Constantine Sedikides** (Southampton University). *On the link between personal and social identity.*
- ❑ **Rupert Brown** (University of Kent). *Social Identity Theory's contribution to our understanding of some (inter)group phenomena.*
- ❑ **R. Scott Tindale** (Loyola University of Chicago). *So what's groupy about social cognition (and other unrelated musings from a small group researcher)?*
- ❑ **Wendy Wood** (Texas A & M University). *A groupy perspective on attitudes: The study of social influence.*
- ❑ **Karen Hegtvedt** (Emory University). *Doing justice to the group: Examining the role of the group in justice research.*
- ❑ **William P. Smith** (Vanderbilt University). *Social comparison and social status: A two-way street.*
- ❑ **Lynn Smith-Lovin** (University of Arizona). *Network structure and its effects on groups and group members.*

To Register, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and mail it (with the registration fee in **U.S. dollars**) to Marty Kaplan by **September 15**. Cost for the conference will be about \$50 (US) which includes a continental breakfast, catered lunch, and refreshments. We are also planning a dinner for interested attendees at one (or more) fine Spokane restaurant(s). Arrangements for the optional dinner will be made at the meeting. Any questions about the preconference can be directed to either Marty (martin.kaplan@csun.edu), or Margaret (m.foddy@latrobe.edu.au). Registration confirmation will be sent via e-mail.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Leon Mann (University of Melbourne) has been elected President of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia for a three year term, 2001-2003.

Kip Williams has moved to Macquarie University, as Chair/Professor. Consequently, social psychology at Macquarie has considerable research space now, as well as a much greater 'presence'.

Ladd Wheeler moved from the University of New South Wales to Macquarie University at the same time as Kip Williams, so they can more easily continue their work together and go to the Macquarie Driving Range.

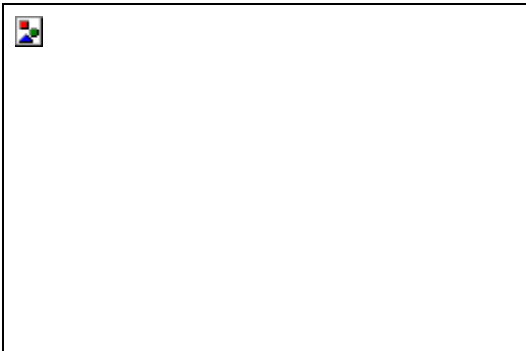
Stephanie Moylan (a recent PhD of Joe Forgas's at UNSW) has taken a position in I/O psychology in the department at Macquarie. Steph is a social psychologist by training, with I/O interests.

The School of Psychology, UNSW has made four recent appointments relevant to areas of social psychology:

- **Prof. Bill von Hippel**, Ohio State University, will join the department in August. Bill has published extensively in areas of attitude measurement and attitude change, and has also made an important contribution to the study of prejudice and discrimination.

- **Dr. Courtney von Hippel**, also from Ohio, will also start in August. Her area of interest is applied social psychology and organisational psychology, and personnel selection and personnel management issues in particular.
- **Dr. Richard Kemp**, from the University of Leicester, UK has started work at UNSW in March. Richard is interested in forensic psychology, and issues related to eyewitness testimony in particular.
- **Dr. Jane Goodman-Delahunty** was a practising judge in the US before joining our department. Jane is also interested in issues related to legal and forensic psychology, and courtroom decision-making and practice in particular.

La Trobe social psychology has a new staff member, **Art Stukas**, who arrived in October 2000. Art got his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota, with supervisor Mark Snyder. His research interests are behavioural confirmation and disconfirmation of interpersonal expectations, reactions to prejudice and discrimination, and volunteerism and community service. SASP members will get to meet him at the Melbourne conference in July.



Two young men in ties plot revolution at the ASSA.

NOTICES

SASP-SPSP International Teaching Fellowship Scheme

The Australasian Society of Social Psychologists (SASP) would like to propose a joint initiative with the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) to co-sponsor a series of International Teaching Fellowships. The scheme would support one-week expert-led graduate workshops in Australia and North America. The scheme would be modeled on the recently announced exchange between SPSP and the European Association of Experimental Social Psychology.

The aims of this scheme are:

- a) to foster international cooperation between members of these two organisations;
- b) to provide an opportunity for groups of graduate students to receive intensive specialist education from an academic expert from overseas;
- c) to provide an opportunity to build links between groups of researchers and research institutions within a geographical region.

The scheme will operate on a trial basis for the first two years. Two Fellowships will be awarded each year, one to be hosted in Australia, the other in North America.

The scheme operates as follows. A host institution (e.g., a university psychology department in North America) arranges an invitation to a distinguished scholar from overseas (e.g., somewhere in Australia) to provide one week of instruction and supervision for a group of graduate students. The host institution, together with other participating departments must cover all costs of accommodation, meals and entertainment.

In addition to providing official backing (e.g., the title of the Fellowship) and coordination for this scheme, SASP and SPSP will provide financial and material support. Each Fellow will receive a stipend from SASP and SPSP amounting to \$2000. This may be used to cover travel or other expenses including those of companions.

The host institution need only have a few graduate students who participate, but must arrange that students from other neighboring institutions also participate for the full week. At least one, and preferably 2 or more other institutions should send graduate students to participate. The total number of students should be between 8 and 16. The organization of the

week's activities is flexible but should ensure that as many graduate students as possible are able to gain from a mixture of large and small-group or one-on-one interaction with the Fellow. The week should include social as well as academic activity, and should include ways of ensuring that links and communications are set up on a longer term basis among the participants.

Procedure for Applications

One Fellowship will be awarded to an institution in Australia and the other to an institution in North America. The host institution organiser must be a member of SASP or SPSP, respectively (or both). The Fellow visiting North America must be a member of SASP and the Fellow visiting Australia must be a member of SPSP.

The host organiser should prepare a 2 page application that provides an explanation of how the expertise offered by the Fellow will provide education in an aspect or area that is not normally covered by faculty already working among the host-site group of departments. The application should describe how many students will participate, and from which departments or institutions. In addition there should be a summary of the type of social and extra-curricular activities that will be arranged around the Fellow's visit (e.g., the visit could be attached to the end or start of a conference, there could be other academic events linked to the visit, and there might be a trip to a regional tourist attraction, museum, exhibition, or other event), and what steps will be taken to ensure that the network of participating graduate students is sustained after the conclusion of the Fellow's visit. The application must include a copy of the proposed Fellow's vita, and of a letter from the proposed Fellow stating that, if the Fellowship is granted, he or she will accept the invitation.

Priority will be given to proposals that best meet the criteria of bringing international social psychological expertise to a wider group of graduate students. Applications from institutions with limited resources or access to such expertise will receive higher priority.

The application should be submitted by email to the SASP Secretary, Patrick Heaven (Patrick_Heaven@uow.edu.au). Applications are considered jointly by representatives of the

Executive Committee of SASP and SPSP. Proposals must be for meetings to be held at least 6 months later. This allows time for the meetings to be publicised in SASP and SPSP bulletins and newsletters and to ensure that participation is as full as possible. Deadlines for applications are March 15th and September 15th.

After the Fellowship, the host organiser must provide a brief report summarizing the week's activities and the list of participants, for publication in the SASP Newsletter and in the SPSP newsletter *Dialogue*.

The Australian Center on Quality of Life

The Australian Center on Quality of Life has created a new web-site (<http://acqol.deakin.edu.au>). ACQOL has the aim of facilitating research into quality of life. To this end the site contains several types of resources including the following:

- * A Directory of Instruments with over 550 entries;
- * A Bibliography with over 6,000 entries; and
- * Data sites with 19 entries.

It also contains links to other related sites, theses, links to chat groups, etc.

Since this site is maintained by Deakin University, all available information can be scanned or downloaded free of charge. You are also welcome to submit additional information or documentation for inclusion at any time.

Your comments are most welcome and should be addressed to Bob Cummins cummins@deakin.edu.au

BOOKS BY MEMBERS

Renshon, S., & Duckitt, J. (Eds.), (2000). *Political psychology: Cultural and crosscultural foundations*. London: Macmillan/ New York: New York University Press. (ISBN 0-333-75103-5 (hardcover), ISBN 0-333-75104-3 (paperback)).

Psychology permeates political life, but culture is at the core of both. Re-establishing a distinguished tradition, this work draws on anthropology, political science and psychology to build a firm

substantive foundation for a modern cultural and cross-cultural political psychology. Beginning chapters by Renshon and Duckitt, Lucian Pye, Marc Howard Ross define the historical and conceptual bases of this new subfield. An innovative forum of expert views on critical methodological issues follows. Then, chapters by Kwok Leung and Walter Stephan, Jos Meloen, and John Duckitt explore the cultural bases of political conflict and ethnocentrism. In section III, Allen Johnson, Fatali Moghaddam and David Crystal, Shalom Schwartz and Anat Bardi, and Ofer Feldman examine political psychology and cultural change in diverse cultural contexts such as South America, Japan, Iran, and Eastern Europe. Finally, chapters by George DeVos, John Berry and Rudolf Kalin, and Stanley Renshon, focus on the dilemmas of identity and diversity in multicultural societies.

Suls, J., & Wheeler, L. (Eds.), (2000). *The handbook of social comparison: Theory and research*. New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum.

Comparison of objects, events, and situations is integral to judgment; comparisons of the self with other people comprise one of the building blocks of human conduct and experience. After four decades of research, the topic of social comparison is more popular than ever. In this timely handbook a distinguished roster of researchers and theoreticians describe where the field has been since its development in the early 1950s and where it is likely to go next.

Contents and Contributors

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OBITUARY

Claude Shannon (1916-2001)

Claude Shannon's work on telephone systems in the 1940's was instrumental in creating the field of cognitive psychology that we know today. His work, *The Mathematical Theory of Communication*, published in 1949, created

information theory and the formulation of the effective communication channel when the rate of information emanating from the source could be matched by the receiver, with rate measured in the abstract concept of the "bit". This revolution in telecommunications technology was enormous.

This is so much taken for granted today, but the change that occurred in the ability to quantify information and the subsequent realisation that we could incorporate into psychology the conception of the human operator as a channel of communication with limited channel capacity, was enormous. The work of Broadbent and the other Cambridge people and the Harvard people including Bruner, Millet et al created a whole new world, influenced by people other than Shannon of course, but immensely influenced by the mathematical work.

Social psychology is a beneficiary of the changes that took place in the 1950s, never so quantified as other domains, but nonetheless changing the conception of the human respondent. We are all Shannonites today without very many of us realising that we are.

If Shannon had not lived we have to believe that something similar to his accomplishment would have emerged, authored by someone else. The digital revolution would have occurred anyway, inevitable due to Enigma and decoding and other wartime developments. But that should not prevent us on commenting on the passing of someone who must have been quite remarkable but who was also relatively unknown.

Mike Innes



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Spokane, WA, October 18, 2001

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The 9th Annual Conference on Small Groups, organized by Marty Kaplan and Margaret Foddy, will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology on Thursday, October 18th at the West Coast Grand Hotel at the Park in Spokane, WA. This year's theme, "***Small Groups Research Takes Center Stage***" presents an integrated program by a diverse and distinguished group of scholars exploring the bonds between small groups research and theories on the one hand, and other traditional domains of social psychology on the other hand. Presentations will discuss these inter-relationships, and show how knowledge in other domains has been advanced by current work in small groups (and vice-versa).

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