



Report 2013-2015

of the

Board of Scientific Affairs

**To the EFPA General Assembly in Milano on
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Executive summary

The activities of the Board of Scientific Affairs have dealt with several issues related to scientific research in psychology. In particular, the Board has discussed how to stimulate the adoption and use of recent scientific findings by professional psychologists; has nominated members for two Committees for the EFPA Prizes; has organized a Symposium on "Promoting Evidence-Based Practice in Psychology?" for the ECP 2015. The Board has also monitored progress of the European Psychologist and of the search for the journal's new Editor-in-Chief; and has monitored ECP 2015 (Milan) and started the monitoring of ECP 2017 (Amsterdam).

Introduction

This report covers the activities of the Board of Scientific Affairs performed during the period July 2013 – June 2015. In that period the BSA has had four meetings. Each meeting consisted of a pre-agenda meeting and meal, followed by a meeting throughout the following day. There has also been an intense exchange by e-mail in order to reduce costs but assure activity. The meetings have been productive and the members of the Board have contributed by working individually and/or in small groups in addition to taking part in the discussion during the meetings. Most of the issues of the Work Plan have been addressed, and for several of them outcomes in terms of documents and/or actions have been produced.

Activities

1. Further collection of information, analyses, and proposals about best practices and successful cases of transfer of research into practice.
 - 1.1. Activity: Discussion on how to stimulate the adoption and use of recent scientific findings by professional psychologists.
 - Discussion about criteria for inclusion and examples;
 - Preparation of up to three cases of successful or potentially successful transfer by each member;
 - Planning a Survey through the MAs;
 - Organization of a ECP2015 Round Table
 - 1.2. Achievements:
 - a. Report of cases by members of the Board at the London meeting;
 - b. Symposium on "Promoting Evidence-Based Practice in Psychology"
Conveners: *Torun Lindholm, Daryl O'Connor*

Presenters: *Torun Lindholm, University of Stockholm; Daryl O'Connor, University of Leeds; Remo Job, University of Trento; Matthias Ziegler, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin.*

2. Project about Research impact in Europe.
 - 2.1. Activity: decisions about collecting examples of European psychological science having impact on policy, society and wellbeing; discussed the BPS website hosting examples for the impact of science on practice; deciding to ask EC for political and technical support;
 - 2.2. Achievements: A fully developed proposal would be available by the end of the year.
3. Activity in support of *European Psychologist* and its development.
 - 3.1. Activity: exchange of e-mails with Professor Alexander Grob, Editor-in-Chief. Discussion of the annual Reports.
 - 3.2. Deliverable: Feed-back to the Editor
4. Contribution to the procedure for the new Editor-in-Chief for *European Psychologist*.
 - 4.1. Activity: informal discussion in the Board about the expected characteristics of the candidates; exchange of e-mail with Professor Alexander Grob and Dr. Robert Dimbleby for the Publisher on procedures for contacting potential candidates; colloquia with potential candidates (AG, RD, RJ) (January-April 2015); evaluation of the candidate Professor Peter Frensch and his endorsement as next Editor-in-Chief of *European Psychologist* by the BSA (April 2015); xxx meeting Berlin (May 2015).
 - 4.2. Deliverable: Identification of a Candidate and feedback to the Editor, the EC, the Publisher, and the Candidate about the Board evaluation.
5. Nomination of two members of the Board for each of the "EFPA Prizes for Scientific Merits" Committees.
 - 5.1. Activity: discussion of the criteria and nomination of the members.
 - 5.2. Achievement: Members of the Aristotle Prize: José Maria Prieto and Matthias Ziegler (replaced by Remo Job for 2014); Members of the Comenius Prize: Torun Lindholm (replaced by Remo Job for 2014), Daryl O'Connor.
6. Liaison with the Board of Prevention and Intervention.
 - 6.1. Activity: convergence on the need of interactions with other Boards (e.g. Ethics, Professional Development; Prevention and Intervention) for setting up protocols about evidence-based practice. We singled out the Board of Prevention and Intervention for sharing our views and proposals especially regarding the promotion of evidence-based practice .

- 6.2. Achievement: Matthias Ziegler has been nominated liaison with the Board of Prevention and Intervention

Meetings:

1. November 29/30 2013, Madrid. Meeting with members of the Spanish MA and regular meeting.
2. May 30/31 2014, London. Meeting with members of the BPS and regular meeting.
3. November 7/8 2014, Berlin. Meeting with the President of the German Association of Psychology and regular meeting.
4. Planned: July 2015, Milan.

Information & recommendations for GA & Member Associations

The General Assembly is asked to take notice of the following:

The BSA proposes that each Member Association be active in setting up an annual day for scientific research to promote psychological science; to increase awareness about psychological research both in professionals and in the general population; to highlight the contribution of psychological research to society.

Members of the group:

Active Members:

Austria: Professor Barbara Schober
Czech Republic: Professor Marek Blatny
France: Jean-Yves Baudouin
Germany: Prof. Dr. Matthias Ziegler
Italy: Professor Remo Job - Convenor
Norway: Gerd Kvale
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Russia: Sergey B. Malykh
Slovakia: Ivan Sarmany Schuller
Spain: José M. Prieto
Sweden: Torun Lindholm
Turkey: Umit Akirmak
United Kingdom: Daryl O'Connor

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Corresponding Members:

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EC Liaison Officer:

Christoph Steinebach