**Report of BPS Research Board, 12th February 2021, Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**New BPS Research and Ethics Guidance**

New best practice guidance for working with human participants during Covid-19 has been published: <https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/new-bps-research-and-ethics-guidance>

**Print to Digital**

It is anticipated that the new digital publication system will be launched in September 2021. Report on this will be available shortly, and the link will be circulated.

**COVID-19**

**COVID-19 Co-ordinating Group**, chaired by David Murphy and Professor Daryl O’Connor with priority workstreams being listed at: <https://www.bps.org.uk/coronavirus-resources/coordinating-group>

**Psychology Department Covid-19 Impact Survey**

The report is currently being written and will be published in 4-6 weeks.

**Impact of COVID-19**

Concerns relating to developmental research have been raised by the Developmental Psychology Section.

**Board of Trustees**

Auditors and budget were approved. Long standing review of the organisation continues. The Spearman Medal, awarded in recognition of outstanding published work in psychology, is currently being reviewed.

**Membership**

Voting took place for an Early Career Representative on Research Board.

There is a vacancy for Animal Welfare Portfolio Holder; expressions of interest are welcome.

**Priority Work Streams**

**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)**

Update from the Deputy Chair, Dr Sue Sherman, who noted that the blind reviewing of grant schemes was working extremely well.

Update from the EDI taskforce included a presentation by Dr Nasreen Fazel-Short, Chair, and Dr Sue Holttum with BPS support from Debra Malpass.

**REF 2021** – Further sub-panel appointments have been made with the exception of a health psychologist. Timetable for REF remains largely unchanged. Deadline for submissions is 31st March 2021 but in light of COVID, a mechanism is in place for emergency extension requests.

**Open Science**

**UK Reproducibility Network (UKRN)**

Joint BPS/UKRN webinar, The Truth About Open Research, took place, 13th November 2020. It included five lightning talks with 123 attendees.

**APA-DGP-BPS Preregistration Task Force**

A webinar has taken place with around 1500 attendees. The Psychological Research Preregistration-Quantitative (PRP-QUANT) template is nearly ready.

**Open Data Steering Group**

The Position Statement on Open Data is available at: <https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/www.bps.org.uk/files/Policy/Policy%20-%20Files/Open%20data%20position%20statement.pdf>

**COVID-19 Research Resources Hub**

More resources continue to be added: <https://www.bps.org.uk/coronavirus-resources/external/research>

**Internet Mediated Research Task and Finish Group**

Draft guidance has now had wide consultation and is due to be presented at the next Research Board.

**Events**

**Research Day 2020**

The Psychology Research Day is an annual event, held in partnership with Senate House Library. Last year, it was held virtually, 26th November 2020. A total of 30 speakers from 25 different institutions gave eight short talks and five panel sessions to 230 attendees. The next Research Day is being planned for April 2022.

**Knowledge Exchange/Public Engagement Activities**

**Sense About Science**. The BPS entered into a formal partnership with Sense About Science for its Voice of Young Science programme and Peer Review Week in 2020, which had been extended for a further 12 months. The first workshop is scheduled for 26th March 2021: <https://senseaboutscience.org/activities/voys-workshop/>

**I’m a Scientist Partnership 2021**. The BPS has been in yearly partnerships with I’m a Scientist, Get me out of here (or more recently, I’m a Scientist, Stay at Home) since 2016. Events are being planned for March, June and November: <https://imascientist.org.uk/>

**Psychology Postgraduate Affairs Group (PsyPAG)**

The future of PsyPAG is being considered in terms of it becoming an integrated part of the BPS rather than a separate entity financially supported by the BPS.

A written report on their activities was received with the 2021 Annual Conference being planned for July: <https://psypagconference.co.uk/>

**Code of Human Research Ethics**

The Code underwent revisions in 2020 and the revised draft was approved.

**Reports from Standing Committees and Responsibility Holders**

**Editorial Advisory Group (Journals) and Editorial Support Group (Books)**

A written update was provided by Dr Katherine Berry, new Chair of EAG.

**History of Psychology Centre**

A written update was provided by Claire Jackson, Archive Manager.

**Member Networks**

Two Memoranda of Understanding were approved: 1. Political Psychology Section, and 2. Japan Society for Developmental Psychology.

**Reports from Representatives to External Organisations**

**European Federation of Psychologists’ Association (EFPA) Board of Scientific Affairs**

Response to COVID collated from over 40 associations is at: <http://www.efpa.eu/covid-19>

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 19th May 2021 at 11am.

Professor Jan Noyes, AHPD Representative, 12th February 2021