

## **Report of BPS Research Board, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

### **DOIs and Member Network Periodicals**

A new digital system will be in place by Autumn 2021; a tender call has just been sent out.

### **Psychology Department Covid-19 Impact Survey**

The survey data is currently being analysed having been collected from students (1500+) and staff (~350). It should be available in the next few weeks. Initial findings suggest that issues relate to workload and well-being across the participant groups.

### **Board of Trustees**

A review of strategy is being planned as time-wise this is now due.

There has been no increase in subscription fees which has been very welcome.

**COVID-19 Co-ordinating Group:** <https://www.bps.org.uk/coronavirus-resources/coordinating-group>

Tips, advice and links to articles are available at: <https://www.bps.org.uk/coronavirus-resources>

### **Print to Digital Presentation**

An overview of this project was given by Dawn Morris, Preparation for Publication Manager, BPS.

### **Priority Work Streams**

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) – the taskforce is meeting virtually every 3 weeks and intends to embed EDI into everything the BPS does.

Blind reviewing trial – a report has been positively received on the use of blind review for the Undergraduate Research Assistantship Scheme.

REF 2021 – statement last week concerning the review of REF. See: <https://www.ref.ac.uk/> Deadline for the nomination of additional sub-panel members was extended until 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The BPS met this deadline with a number of panel member suggestions.

Open Science:

UK Reproducibility Network (UKRN). Joint webinar, The Truth About Open Research, is planned for 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020. See: <https://www.bps.org.uk/events/truth-about-open-research>

APA-DGP-BPS Preregistration Task Force. A free event is being planned.

Open Data Sandpit. The Position Statement on Open Data is available at:

<https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/open-data-position-statement>

Internet Mediated Research Task and Finish Group. Guidance being compiled by this group is nearly complete.

Grants Review. The Section Initiatives Fund is currently being revamped and will be relaunched.

Awards Review. All of the BPS awards are currently being reviewed and an EDI evaluation carried out.

Events. Research Day Event 2020 is being planned for 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020. See:

<https://www.bps.org.uk/events/psychology-research-day-2020>

### **Psychological Contributions to Fair Benefits System**

A task and finish group to support this policy work stream is being proposed.

## **Reports from Standing Committees and Responsibility Holders**

### **BPS Conferences 2020**

This year, the annual conference was a virtual event held on the same dates as previously planned. Feedback was extremely positive and attendees were generally very happy with the online version of the conference.

Two careers events, Careers in Psychology, and Your Future in Psychology, are being scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021, respectively.

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

Remits for the journals are being reviewed.

### **History of Psychology Centre**

A written update was provided by Claire Jackson, Archive Manager. Some activities still remain on hold as the team are working from home.

### **Reports from Representatives to External Organisations**

Reports were received from PsyPAG, EPS and AHPD.

A virtual PsyPAG conference was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 which was well-attended. Feedback from delegates suggested that they would like a mixture of synchronous and asynchronous content for the 2021 conference. A COVID-19 microgrant initiative for postgraduates has been launched, and a Psychologist Trainee Practitioner award has been included in the PsyPAG awards for the first time.

The next meeting of the European Federation of Psychologists' Association (EFPA) Standing Committee on Traffic and Transport is planned for July 2021.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 11am.

Professor Jan Noyes, AHPD Representative, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020