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## Secretary's word

You won't be surprised to learn that the Granada conference was the centre of Society activities this year, and indeed provides a focus for the current newsletter. The size and success of the recent conference was such that the Society can feel positive about its status and development, and on behalf of the Society I thank Teresa Bajo and her team for putting on such a great event. I hope there will be more reports on the conference to come: some delegates had agreed to write a short piece but were unable to send something in by the deadline. Yet, it is not just the meeting that signals the strength of European Cognitive Psychology. The growth in the journal, in terms of the number of issues as well as the impact factor, and further increase in the membership, reflect the solid state of the Society. A revamped web site, at [www.escop.org](http://www.escop.org), will I hope be developed over time to act as a venue for the Society to organise and promote its activities, and provide and positive public face for cognitive psychology in Europe.

This will be the last newsletter that I produce, as Patrick Bonin is taking over the reigns and will be the Society Secretary from 2004. Sheer pressure of work and the commitments that accompany the Secretary position have meant that I had to step down earlier this year. Nonetheless, I believe that the three years for which I have acted as Secretary have been very successful for the Society and led to an important period of growth in the size and stature of the organisation. For that, we should be grateful to the

efforts of the committee and indeed to the many members who have, in different ways, contributed to the productive functioning of ESCoP. I have enjoyed nurturing and encouraging the aspirations of both individuals and the Society as a whole, and I wish Patrick well as he moves to Society onwards. It has been a pleasure to meet so many members and I look forward to strengthening the friendships that have emerged.

John Towse, October, 2003

New Society Members. There has been another surge in new members since the last newsletter. A warm welcome is extended to new members, and some returning members:

Joke Torbeyns (Leuven, Belgium)  
Deirdre Leonard (University of Bristol, UK)  
Dr. Nicola Gutiérrez Palma (Universidad De Jaén, Spain)  
Dr. Carlos Gomez-Ariza (Universidad De Jaén, Spain)  
Dr. Marco Zorzi (Universita di Padova, Italy)  
Dr. Yaffa Yeshurun (University of Haifa, Israel)  
Dr. Antonio Maldonado (Universidad de Granada, Spain)  
Dr. Pascal Huguet (Universite Aix-Marseille 1, France)  
Prof. Kenneth Gilhooly (University of Paisley, UK)  
Dr. Koen Luwel (University of Leuven, Belgium)  
Ángel Correa Torres (Universidad de Granada, Spain)  
Ana Belen Chica Martinez (Universidad de Granada, Spain)  
Marin Espinosa Garcia (Universidad de Granada, Spain)  
Ma Concepcion Castellanos Baena (Universidad de Granada, Spain)  
Alicia Callejas Sevilla (Universidad de Granada, Spain)  
Dr. Laura Campos (Universidad de Granada, Spain)  
Dr. Pilar Gonzalvo (Universidad de Granada, Spain)  
Dr. Richard Tunney (Keele University, UK)  
Konstantinos Priftis (Padova, Italy)  
Dr. Martin Pickering (University of Edinburgh, UK)  
Dr. Mike Page (University of Hertfordshire UK)  
Dr. Christian Olivers (Vrye Universiteit, The Netherlands)  
Karen Mortier (Vrye Universiteit, The Netherlands)  
Lorenza Colzato (Leiden University, The Netherlands)  
Dr. Annalena Venneri (University of Hull, UK)  
Dr. Constanze Cordula Vorwerg (Universitat Bielefeld, Germany)  
Mieke Soetaert (University of Mons-Hainaut, Belgium)  
Dr. Claus-Christian Carbon (Freie Universitat Berlin, Germany)  
Dr. Rebecca Bull (University of Aberdeen, UK)  
Jonas Vibell (University of Oxford, UK)  
Ruth de Diego Balaguer (Universitat de Barcelona, Spain)  
Juan Manuel Toro (Universitat de Barcelona, Spain)  
Dr. Jaap Murre (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)  
Esther Van Den Bos (Leiden University, The Netherlands)

Dr. Paola Dussias	(Penn State University, USA)
Maria Flecha-Garcia	(The University of Edinburgh, UK)
Prof. Walter Perrig	(Universität Bern, Switzerland)
Maria Funes Molina	(University of Granada, Spain)
Joaquin Martinez Vaquero	(University of Granada, Spain)
Dr. Klaus Oberauer	(University of Potsdam, Germany)
Pedro Guerra	(Universidad de Granada, Spain)
Davi Bugmann	(University of Plymouth, UK)
Dr. Romke Rouw	(University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
Dr. Elisabeth Bacon	(Hôpital Civil de Strasbourg, France)
Sacha Helfenstein	(University of Jyväskylä, Finland)
Dr. Clare Walsh	(Brown University, USA)
Dr. Arnaud Rey	(Universite de Bourgogne, France)
Dr. Jean Baratgin	(Universite De La Mediterranee, France)
Dr. Salome Pinho	(Rua Do Colegio Novo, Portugal)
Dr. Pío Tudela Garmendia	(Universidad de Granada, Spain)
Dr. Josephine Cock	(Universität Bern, Switzerland)
Dr. Mariaelena Tagliabue	(Universita Di Padova, Italy)
Doris Eckstein	(Bern, Switzerland)
Abdrabo Soliman	(University of Aberdeen, UK)
Dr. Lee Wickman	(University of Manchester, UK)
Dr. Roberta Daini	(University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy)
Maria Chiara Passolunghi	(University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy)
Cristina Fonti	(Universita Di Padova, Italy)
Zaira Cattaneo	(University of Pavia, Italy)
Maria Chiara Fastame	(University of Pavia, Italy)
Natale Bonfiglio	(University of Pavia, Italy)
Stephanie Ortigue	(Functional Brain Mapping Laboratory, Geneva, Switzerland)

## From the President

Dear ESCOP members,

After the Granada Conference our Society is engaged in another year of activities. Obviously the biennial General Conference of the Society remains its main event and offers the possibility of having a representative overview of the state of the Cognitive Psychology in Europe and of the healthy conditions of the Society. The Granada Conference was a success from many points of view and we are grateful to Teresa Bajo, Juan Lupianez and their colleagues who were able to coordinate the Conference and to give it a warm Spanish atmosphere. The number of attendants was very high, higher than in any of the preceding meetings, and confirmed a general trend for a continuous increase in the participation. Maintaining the same increase rate we should expect about 1150 people in Leiden, at 2005 Conference, and more than 1300 at the 2007 Conference (which could be held in Southern France, maybe in Marseille, if the efforts of Jonathan

Grainger and his colleagues are successful). An impression I share with many other colleagues is that also the quality of the presentations and of the posters was very good, offering to everybody an important update of the research carried out in their specific research area.

Such a large attendance and such a high level of the papers have a series of implications. Are we happy with this size? How can we manage with these large groups of people and papers? How can we give a more prominent place to the posters and to the associated sessions? Would it be better to have an Annual Meeting and give priority for the oral presentations to people who have not presented at the preceding Conference? Can we take advantage of the experiences of the Psychonomic society meetings, which share many features with ours? I expect that, in the next months, these and other related topics will be object of discussion between members and will be brought to the consideration of the Committee and of Bernhard Hommel who will organize the Leiden Conference.

For the moment the Society has a biennial Conference and this can give the impression that the year without the Conference (for example the incoming 2004) is a silent year. This is misleading as the Society has an ordinary life which involves the activity of its Committees and of the Journal, and has also a series of special events. For example, in Spring 2004 there will be, in Naples, a workshop on Cognitive Psychology in Europe, organized by Maria Antonella Brandimonte, in conjunction with a Committee meeting (with the favourable consequence that the meeting will be at no cost). Again, in Spring, there will be a workshop of an ESCOP network on Working Memory organized in Beaune, France. Other meetings are expected to have the sponsorship of the European Society. In particular, we are close to finalising the organizational details of two Advanced Schools (the new name for Summer Schools) for young researchers which should be organized by Lars Goran Nilson in Stockholm and by Carlo Umiltà in Italy. The Swedish School will be focused on cognitive aging, a research area in which there are important developments and is a good example of how research in Cognitive Psychology can have practical implications and uses. The Italian School will treat cognitive and neuropsychological aspects with a particular attention to mathematical cognition. Members will obtain mail information about these Schools and other related activities in the next months. I expect that, in particular, the Advanced Schools will have a considerable power of attraction. Advanced Schools are small group intensive residential Seminars where young brilliant researchers refine their training in their specific research area, have the opportunity of listening and meeting important researchers of the area and sometimes, under the supervision of a tutor, have the opportunity of making their own presentations. The preceding Summer Schools had a positive impact and contributed to train researchers who later acquired relevant positions within our scientific community. Given the importance of these Schools, the Society continues to encourage potential organizers and gives financial support to them.

As you already will know, the Society has an Advisory Board, from which we expect to receive suggestions and insights for an improvement of the Society profile, and a pool of local officers. A local officer represents a country within the Society and has the main role of increasing the visibility of the Society in his country and knowledge within the

Society about the scientific research in Cognitive Psychology running in his country. List of the local officers and other useful information can be found in our website. I hope that local officers will be able to develop new ideas and new activities and the countries at the moment without local officer will find one.

I am pleased to conclude this my short note with an expression of gratitude to John Towse, Lancaster, UK, who, as Secretary of the Society in the last years, carried on the largest effort within the Society, managing an impressive number of different points, with his usual competence, authoritativeness and accuracy. John will conclude his job in December 31 and we all will miss him and his precious help. I wish the best success in his role to the new Secretary Patrick Bonin, Clermont Ferrand, France. I also anticipate that in 2004 a few members of the Committee will conclude their term and the Society members will be invited to vote for two new members. I remind you that all the work of the members within the Society is made on a volunteer basis without any payment. Therefore we are particularly grateful to colleagues who devote part of their time to the Society and will appreciate contributes which will be given by other members.

With my best wishes

Cesare Cornoldi  
President

## Advisory Board

The formal structure of the Society includes an Advisory Board, which provides way of overseeing the operation of the Society. Advisory board members are experienced academics with knowledge of the Society. I am delighted to be able to note that several members of the Advisory Board have agreed to continue in their role for a further term. I therefore recommend to you the following Board members and ask for your approval that they be re-appointed:

Alan Baddeley  
Paul Bertelson  
Giovanni Flores d'Arcais  
Herbert Heuer  
John Michon  
Wolfgang Prinz  
Carlo Umità

I also would like to recommend the appointment of two new members to the Advisory Board, to provide continuity when current personnel step down:

Johannes Engelkamp  
Joachim Hoffman

Please contact me as Secretary (e.g. [j.towse@lancs.ac.uk](mailto:j.towse@lancs.ac.uk)) or contact a committee member to register your views on these recommendations. Thank you.

## ESCoP SPONSORS SPECIALIZED WORKSHOP SERIES

At the ESCoP committee meeting held in Edinburgh on December 9, 2000, the committee decided to sponsor a new series of initiatives. With the biannual conferences growing in size, the committee feared that opportunities for intensive discussions on important new developments would be curtailed. Therefore, it was agreed to give moral support and a modest financial sponsoring to initiatives that offer a forum for such discussions. The committee's idea was also that there should be some continuity in the actions taken.

To put an example, the committee immediately approved a proposal to start a series of small workshops or symposia in the domain of working memory. For these European Working Memory Symposia (EWOMS) a steering committee consisting of Alan Baddeley, Teresa Bajo, Cesare Cornoldi, Graham Hitch, Bob Logie, Elisabeth Service, John Towse and André Vandierendonck (initiator) was approved and a first meeting was organized in September 2002 in Ghent on the topic of "executive functions". The meeting lasted three days, had 26 oral presentations and 12 posters and was attended by 54 people. Both in terms of representation and in terms of discussion this was a highly successful meeting. At that meeting the idea grew to organize an international conference on working

memory in 2004 (Kyoto, Japan). The decision was also taken to have a second European workshop in 2004. This meeting, EWOMS-2, is now being prepared. It will be held at Beaune (France) from 22 to 24 April 2004 and its central topic is developmental aspects of working memory. The meeting is being organized by Pierre Barrouillet (University of Burgundy at Dijon, Pierre.Barrouillet@u-bourgogne.fr) and Valérie Camos (University René Descartes, Paris, camos@psycho.univ-paris5.fr). At the time of writing, there are still places available for talks and posters in this meeting.

Members of ESCoP are invited to consider similar initiatives. At the Granada conference, I learned that many people working in the domain of numerical cognition would be interested in a similar initiative for this domain. I can imagine that similar initiatives might be considered with respect to word recognition, sentence parsing, reasoning and others. All such initiatives are welcome. The basic conditions are these:

1. there is a specific research domain that has already a solid basis in Europe; the domain should be sufficiently broad to make sure that different topics of interest can be highlighted in successive meetings;
2. a steering committee of 5-8 persons (preferentially all members of ESCoP) takes responsibility to sustain the initiative over the years to come and to find people who take responsibility for the organization of a meeting
3. the meetings are restricted in size to ensure that discussion and debate form a most important ingredient of the meeting
4. the initiative and the steering committee is approved by the ESCoP committee

If this all works, the organisers must secure some financial support to get the meeting going and ESCoP is prepared to give a financial support in the range of 500-1000 euro.

We, at ESCoP committee, look forward to new initiatives along these lines because we firmly believe that such focused symposia with much opportunity for discussion also involving younger people (PhD students, postdocs) will contribute to the continuing growth of cognitive psychology and cognitive science in Europe.

André Vandierendonck

Advanced School, 2004

We plan to run the advanced school on Cognitive Aging on June 21-23 2004. It will take place at small conference center outside Stockholm in very nice surroundings.

The school will contain the following topics:

1. Cognitive aging: General trends
2. Cognitive aging: Neural mechanisms
3. Dementia
4. Training and intervention
5. Individual differences

Lars-Goran Nilsson

ESCoP in Granada, September 2003-09-26

I was genuinely looking forward to attend the ESCoP XIII conference in Andalusia this year! The program of the conference appeared to be really promising and the context of the conference site in Granada seemed to be absolutely magnificent. Indeed the conference very much satisfied my expectations as ESCoP XIII turned out to be scientifically very interesting and extraordinary well organized. The smooth coordination of the many oral sessions and the organization of the social after-events impressed many of the attendants. The organizers have set high standards for future ESCoP conferences indeed! Additionally the beautiful historical environment and the Andalusian bright blue sky provided the right atmosphere for scientific discussion.

I fully enjoyed the many oral and poster presentations, which covered a large variety of topics: from highly represented domains such as memory and language to less represented (but equally interesting) topics such as action or emotion. I do believe that the large diversity of topics at present and former meetings is still one of the most important assets of the ESCoP conference format. Undoubtedly, getting in touch with cognitive domains other than one's own broadens the mind and informs about new developments which might prove useful to one's own research activities. The only drawback of the many submissions is that it was frequently hard choosing between parallel sessions. To have a thorough look at a selection of the many (416!) posters turned out to be a real "Mission impossible".

It was a beautiful ending of the summer both for scientific and cultural reasons and Granada with its magnificent Alhambra proved to be the unique host city for ESCoP. I cannot wait for the next ESCoP conference to be organized in Leiden, the Netherlands.

Elie Ratinckx  
Ghent University



## News of forthcoming meetings:

### **2nd International Conference on Working Memory**

-Behavioural and Neural Correlates-

**August 17-20, 2004**

**Kyoto International Conference Hall Kyoto, Japan**

*Members of the Scientific Committee for the conference are:* Naoyuki Osaka (Chair of Scientific Committee and Organising Committee), Nelson Cowan, Shintaro Funahashi, Robert Logie, Akira Miyake, Mark D'Esposito, Michael Kane, Mariko Osaka, Satoru Saito

*Other participants will include* Alan Baddeley, Randall Engle, Graeme Halford, Graham Hitch, Randi Martin, Ian Neath, Michael Petrides, Klaus Oberauer, André Vandierendonck, Paul Verhaeghen

It is anticipated that the conference will involve a single session for oral presentations plus two poster sessions, and that the majority of the presentations will be in the form of posters.

For further details see: <http://square.umin.ac.jp/jswm>

For enquiries about the conference please send an e-mail to:

[icwm2004@bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:icwm2004@bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

or contact one of the scientific committee members

From Professor Annalena Venneri (Hull, UK)

The First Congress of the European Neuropsychological Societies will be held in Modena (Italy) from 18-20 April 2004. For information please visit the following website:

<http://www.planning.it>

From Dr. Boris M. Velichkovsky

The First Russian Conference on Cognitive Science will be held in Kazan' on Volga (Russian Federation), October 9-12, 2004. Among invited speakers to the conference are Konstantin Anokhin, Michael Posner, Wallace Chafe, Michael Tomasello, Tatyana Chernigovskaja, Helge Ritter, Boris

Velichkovsky. Deadline: March 1st 2004. For more information please visit the following website:

<http://www.ksu.ru/cogsci04>

## Forthcoming events at Mitteleuropa Foundation:

(1) Nancy J. Nersessian

Creativity and Conceptual Change: A Cognitive-historical Approach  
October, 27-28, 2003

Sessions:

Model-based Reasoning Practices in Conceptual Change  
The Cognitive Basis of Model-based Reasoning  
Conceptual Change in Doing and Learning Physics  
Interpreting Practice: The Challenge of Integrating the Cognitive, Social, and Cultural Dimensions

Each session comprises a two-hour lecture. Ample time will be allocated to discussion.

(2) The Depictive Space of Perception. A Conference on Visual Thought, 7-9 June, 2004

Speakers:

Albertazzi (Trento University), The depictive space of seeing  
T. Economou (Georgia Tech)  
F. Fol Leymarie (Brown University), The computation of visual fields in arts  
J. Koenderink (Utrecht University), The geometry of pictorial space  
M. Leyton (Rutgers University and D.I.M.A.C.S.), A generative theory of shape  
G. van Tonder (Kyoto Institute of Technology), Order and complexity in naturalistic landscapes

J. Willats (Birmingham University), Some structural equivalents shared by Paul Klee's paintings and children's drawings  
D. Viswanath (UC Berkeley), Perceptual representation of surfaces and objects and the implications for Design  
A. Zimmer (Regensburg University), Visual art and visual perception: an uneasy complementarity  
S. Zucker (Yale University), Visual Computations and Visual Cortex

Further information available from <http://www.mittleeuropafoundation.it>

The Centre for Psycholinguistics at the University of Antwerp (<http://cpl.ufsia.ac.be>) is looking for a predoctoral research assistant for the project: "The interaction between phonology and orthography in the process of visual word recognition: Does dependency cause unity?"

The position will be available from January 1st, 2004 for the duration of 2 years. The candidate we are looking for has a master's degree (or equivalent) in psychology, linguistics, informatics, or a combination of these. Experience with psycholinguistic experiments and knowledge of Dutch is advisable but not mandatory. Enquiries and applications to Dominiek Sandra ([dominiek.sandra@ua.ac.be](mailto:dominiek.sandra@ua.ac.be), 0032-3-220-4247) or Heike Martensen ([heike.martensen@ua.ac.be](mailto:heike.martensen@ua.ac.be), 0032-3-220-4244). Please respond before 24.11.2003.