

## Welcome

Hello,

I am very pleased to welcome you to the first PsyPAG newsletter designed to keep you up to date with PsyPAG's latest news, activities and support we have available for UK psychology postgraduates. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and find it useful.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to all involved in the design and production of the newsletter. We are always keen to hear your opinions so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any feedback and/or suggestions to assist us with future editions of the newsletter.

Laura Neale  
PsyPAG Chair

## PsyPAG News

### Teaching Survey 2013

I am pleased to report that myself and Emma Jackson recently submitted an article to Psychology Teaching Review on the findings of the Psychology Postgraduates' teaching experiences survey. We received **140** individual responses to the survey and are very grateful to everyone who took part. Due to the volume of responses to open questions the submitted paper focussed on experiences of teaching research methods. Survey respondents reported positive overall experiences of teaching and saw it as an important part of their careers. Qualitative findings allowed us to identify the positive aspects of this experience such as finding it rewarding to help students. Our findings also identified challenges in teaching research methods such as confidence and student disengagement. These are areas where PsyPAG can aim to target our training workshops in the future. We are also writing up our findings related to the experience of transitioning from student to teacher and hope to be able to share these soon.

Emma Davies  
PsyPAG Vice Chair

## PsyPAG workshops

### Conducting research in NHS settings

In November, PsyPAG funded a workshop that aimed to inform postgraduates about conducting research in NHS settings. This was attended by thirty Masters, PhD and professional doctorate students. The keynote speaker for the day, Dr. Sara Tai discussed the importance of ethics and how the structure of ethics committees has changed. The workshop also covered completing your NHS Ethics application, recruitment, working with key stakeholders, looking after yourself, and effectively disseminating your results. Attendees reported finding the workshop helpful, supportive and beneficial. Attendees also appreciated the chance to meet other research students to increase their network and hearing from people who had been through the process.

### Advice and inspiration: Getting published and planning your career

The pre-CogDev 2013 conference postgraduate workshop was a great success! Delegate numbers were high, with many providing positive feedback concerning the content of the workshop and quality of the speakers. The most popular aspects of the workshop were the advice given on 'getting published' from Professor Margaret Harris and Professor Robert Johnston, and the five different speakers giving advice on career planning provided a wide range of experiences from working abroad, teaching fellowships, and postdoctoral positions and application process in academia. Overall, the organisers were very pleased with the outcome and extend thanks to PsyPAG for making it possible!

You can learn more about PsyPAG workshops at <http://www.psypag.co.uk/workshops/>

**Next: Systematic reviews in qualitative and quantitative research** - 17th January, Psychology Department, Oxford Brookes University.

For further information or to request a registration form, please contact [marta.wanat-2011@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:marta.wanat-2011@brookes.ac.uk).

## Quarterly

### Voice of psychology postgraduates

We encourage a variety of submissions: especially topics of individual expertise and interviews with professional researchers and psychologists. There is a rolling submission process; for up to date submission deadlines, please get in touch with the editorial team ([quarterly@psypag.co.uk](mailto:quarterly@psypag.co.uk)).

The Quarterly is freely distributed to all postgraduate departments in the UK. If your department does not currently receive the Quarterly, please contact us at: [info@psypag.co.uk](mailto:info@psypag.co.uk)

 @psypAGQuarterly

We tweet about study tips, research across the whole field of psychology and upcoming events of interest to postgraduates.

## Annual Conference Update

### Past...

28<sup>th</sup> Annual PsyPAG Conference took place at Lancaster University from the 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> July, with 145 delegates in attendance.

Some of the highlights included:

- 89 oral presentations across 13 themed symposia and 9 general talk sessions,
- 3 noted Keynote speakers, Professor Charlie Lewis, Emeritus Professor Graham Hitch and Professor Rob Briner who all gave excellent and engaging presentations,
- 7 workshops which gave delegates a chance to learn new skills and discuss current topics in Psychology research

### Future...

We are delighted to announce that PsyPAG's **29th Annual Conference** is to be held at Cardiff Metropolitan University from **23rd - 25th July 2014** (put these dates in your diaries!).

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## Bursaries and Awards

PsyPAG awards a number of bursaries to help psychology postgraduates attend conferences and other events, both at home and abroad.

Further information and application form are available at <http://www.psypag.co.uk/bursaries/>

We award:

Travel Bursaries up to £50

Conference Bursaries

Domestic up to £100

International up to £300

Workshop/training/study visit bursaries to help you with course fees or other costs up to £100

The deadline for the next round is **10th February!**

PsyPAG also recognises outstanding research at masters and doctoral levels offering:

PsyPAG Masters Award

PsyPAG Rising Researcher Award

Further details on how to apply are available at <http://www.psypag.co.uk/awards/>

## Get involved

PsyPAG provides support for psychology postgraduates in the UK, acts as a vehicle for communication between them and represents postgraduate students within the British Psychological Society (BPS).

We currently have two vacant roles:

Consciousness and Experiential Section

Coaching Psychology Section

If you would like to get involved or have any questions, please email [vicechair@psypag.co.uk](mailto:vicechair@psypag.co.uk) for details and an application form.

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