

Report

Special Group in Coaching Psychology News

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AS WE ARE ENTERING the second half of the year, we have been busy with a variety of activities. Two surveys – one at the last conference in 2014 and one sent out recently – have clearly indicated what you, our members, are expecting from your Special Group. Your views in combination with the British Psychological Society's Strategic Plan have shaped both the strategic plan of the SGCP and our current projects, which include CPD events, developing our Research Network in Coaching Psychology, exploring Training and Accreditation routes for Coaching Psychologists and of course organising the 5th European Coaching Psychology Conference.

To begin with I must mention our lineup of CPD events. At the time of publishing this issue of *ICPR*, our 2015 CPD programme is well underway with three workshops having already been delivered in London. The 'Positive psychology and authentic well-being' workshop was presented by Dr Sue Roffey on 30 March, and was a joint offering from the SGCP, the Division of Health Psychology, the Community Psychology Section, and the Social Psychology Section. The 'Essential neuro-linguistic skills for coaching psychologists' workshop was an SGCP offering delivered by Dr Rene Bosman on the 27 May.

The 'Self Composing: A new approach in Leadership coaching', was presented by Dr Ton Voogt on 26 June. Our events team, led by Andy Colville, reports that all workshops up to date were fully attended and were a great success.

The next CPD event coming up is an SGCP and Division of Occupational Psychology shared workshop called 'Overcoming resistance to change using process consulta-



tion'. This will be delivered by Chartered Psychologists Hannah Azizollah and Kajal Ruparell on 8 September.

Our final CPD event this year will be the SGCP professional practice workshop on the 26 October, entitled 'Psychological Interventions for a Variety of Contexts: Issues of Design and Implementation' presented by Dr Aneta Tunariu and Professor Rachel Tribe.

These events are open to non-SGCP members and the general public.

An exclusive additional CPD event – a full-day Masterclass – will be run by Dr Suzy Green on positive psychology coaching. The event will take place in December just before the European Conference (for more details and registration please check the sgcp.eu website).

Submissions for our 2016 CPD programme have been received, and our events team are working with the Society's Professional Development Centre to select the workshops representing topics requested by you, our members.

The second activity I would like to highlight is the development of The Coaching Psychology Research Network, which was inaugurated at the 4th International Congress of Coaching Psychology in December last year. The development of the Research Network is important on a number of levels and is consistent with the strategic objectives of the SGCP and the Society more broadly.

The aims of the Research Network are to enable excellence in coaching psychology research through facilitating dialogue and debate; promoting and enhancing awareness of coaching psychology research and practice through the dissemination of results and establishing a community of coaching psychology researchers and practitioners that will stimulate new research interests and ventures. The Research Network also aims to connect people across specialisms and areas of interest, both nationally and internationally, for the purposes of research collaboration.

We are actively recruiting members who have an interest in research matters and strengthening the evidence-base of coaching psychology, so if you would like to be involved in research collaborations please contact our Research Officer, Professor Sarah Corrie, at sarah.corrie@pdf.net.

Last but not least, following the success of our 10th anniversary conference last year, plans are well afoot for this year's event, entitled 5th European Coaching Psychology Conference: 'Breaking New Ground'. The event will be held over 10–11 December 2015

at the Holiday Inn, Bloomsbury, in London, as the venue proved such a success with our delegates previously. We are inviting submissions of abstracts via our conference website: <http://www.sgcp.eu> and are particularly interested in submissions that support our conference theme, 'Breaking New Ground'. In addition, we can announce that the streams running across the two days of the conference will be: 'Leadership, Executive and Business Coaching', 'Positive Psychology Coaching (including Resilience)', 'Tools and Techniques in Coaching Psychology (including CPD and Peer Practice)' and 'Coaching Psychology Research Network (including international collaborations and developments, collaborations between practice and research, and new emerging research and evidence-based practice)'. Conference Co-Chairs David Tee and Michael Webster have managed to organise an exciting line-up of keynote speakers. The information is available on our conference website, so please do visit us, submit your abstract or register for attending the event.

The SGCP Committee and I look forward very much to meeting you at our CPD events or in December for what is always a popular, friendly and informative occasion and one of the highlights of the Coaching Psychology calendar.

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