



THE SOCIETY FOR REPRODUCTIVE AND INFANT PSYCHOLOGY

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2008

28TH ANNUAL SRIP CONFERENCE, LONDON, 8-10TH September 2008

This year's conference will be held at the MIC Hotel and Conference Centre, 81-103 Euston Street, London (see www.micentre.com). Apart from the usual reasons for visiting a SRIP conference (interesting papers, good company) here are some others:

- Central location close to Euston, King's Cross and St. Pancras mainline (and international) rail stations.
- A short walk from Tottenham Court Road, Oxford Street and London's glittering West End.
- Close to the British Museum, the British Library and historical Bloomsbury.



** First call for submissions for the 2008 SRIP conference **

Submissions for symposia, papers and posters on the psychological, behavioural, medical and social aspects of all areas of reproduction, birth and infancy are welcomed from researchers, students or practitioners.

Presenting a paper or symposia:

A 250 word abstract and 500 word summary should be submitted by post or email to the conference organiser **Dr Ken Gannon*** by the 18th April 2008.

Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes allowing time for discussion.

Presenting a poster:

A 250 word abstract and 500 word summary should be submitted by post or email to the conference organiser **Dr Ken Gannon*** by the 30th May 2008.

A session for poster presentations will form part of the conference programme and applicants will be expected to be available to discuss their poster with delegates. A wine reception will also be served during this time.

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The MIC Hotel and Conference Centre

CONFERENCE BURSARIES

Student Bursary

The Society offers a number of bursaries to assist students to attend the conference. The value of each bursary is of up to £200 and it can be used to cover conference fees, accommodation and travel expenses. Anyone who is currently undertaking an undergraduate degree, masters by research, PhD or a professional doctorate is eligible to apply. Applications for a bursary will be considered on an individual basis by the committee. Preference will be given to students presenting a paper or poster and to those who have no, or limited, funds available to support conference attendance.

To apply for a student bursary write to Dr Ken Gannon (details above) justifying your application and

detailing the financial support that you require. Include a letter from your supervisor supporting your application and saying what benefits you will get from attending. [Applications by Friday 27 June 2008.](#)

!!New!! Service Delivery Bursary

This newly instituted bursary is to support NHS clinical staff who are actively engaged with research or with implementing research into clinical practice in attending the annual conference. The bursary will include conference fees and accommodation. Travel up to a maximum of £200 will also be covered.

To apply for a service delivery bursary write to Dr Ken Gannon (details above) justifying your application and detailing the financial support that you require. Include a letter supporting your application and saying what benefits will occur from attending. [Applications by Friday 27 June 2008.](#)

STUDENT PRIZES 2008

SRIP Prize

Each year the Society awards a prize for a research thesis submitted as part of an undergraduate degree, masters by research, or equivalent level professional training (e.g. MBBS). The subject of the thesis may be any aspect of reproduction, birth or infancy. **The winner receives £150 and up to £200 for travel and accommodation to the 28th SRIP Annual Conference in London, September 2008.** The winning entrant will be invited to give a short presentation (30 minutes including time

for discussion) of the research at the Annual Conference. All entries will be automatically considered for submission as a poster presentation

Theses should be entered in the year they are submitted for the degree or training course or in the following year. The thesis should be submitted to the SRIP secretary* in the form required by your institution. All entries should be accompanied by a 250 word abstract and a 500 word summary. It is expected that the thesis would be no longer than 15000 words. All entries must be typed, and accompanied by a letter from the supervisor of the research drawing attention to its strengths. Please include a contact address for the student to which the thesis can be returned. All entries must be received by Friday 27 June 2008.

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!!!New!! SRIP Postgraduate Student Prize

The Society has now instituted an annual prize for a research thesis submitted as a full or partial

requirement for a post graduate degree, including M.Phil, D.Clin.Psy., PhD, and other similar awards. The subject of the thesis may be any aspect of reproduction, birth or infancy. As with the SRIP Prize, the winner receives £150 and up to £200 for travel and accommodation to the SRIP conference to present a paper based on their research. Theses should be entered in the year they are submitted for the degree or training course or in the following year. The thesis should be submitted to the SRIP secretary* in the form required by your institution. For further details on the Postgraduate Prize please contact the SRIP secretary Anita Hughes*.

REPORT ON THE 27TH ANNUAL SRIP CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD 10-12TH SEPTEMBER 2007



This lively and friendly conference was attended by more than 80 delegates. Researchers in perinatal, developmental and health psychology, midwifery and neonatal nursing participated. While most delegates came from the United Kingdom others came from Europe (Poland, The Netherlands, Iceland, Germany and Belgium), and some travelled even longer distances to join us from the USA, Japan and Australia.

All the sessions - on maternal wellbeing,

psychosocial factors of childbirth, fertility, parenting and pregnancy - were well-received and often accompanied by vigorous discussions that continued into coffee and tea-times. From these and the poster session nearly fifty abstracts have been published in the Society's journal.

Invited speakers - Peter Cooper and Dieter Wolke - gave thoughtful and provocative presentations on 'The intergenerational transmission of social anxiety' and 'Biological risks and developmental plasticity'.



2007 SRIP Lecturer Dieter Wolke

On the social side, things also went well and feedback has been very positive. Some partners came too, and the walking tour and the visit to the Ashmolean Museum were appreciated, as were the food and comfortable accommodation at St Annes, and the sightseeing and shopping.

To those who attended, thank you for coming and for those who thought about it but needed more encouragement, we hope to see you in London in September!

Dr Maggie Redshaw, conference organiser.

SRIP DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT AWARD

In 2007 the Society was pleased to grant a developmental grant award for a residential workshop to be held in 2008 (19th/20th March) at Trent Park campus, Middlesex University. Organisers are Dr Bahman Baluch and Professor Olga van den Akker from the University of Middlesex. The workshop is entitled **Future Psychological Consideration of Infertility Treatment: A Multifaceted Perspective.**

The aim of the workshop is to address research findings and controversies related to the psychological aspects of infertility treatment. It will focus on universal reactions to the experience of fertility treatment including the approaches taken in consultations to the delivery of new technologies. Workshop participants will come from medical, nursing, midwifery, counselling, psychology, sociology and ethical disciplines. Speakers will include key researchers, practitioners and representatives of affiliated organisations from the UK and abroad. For more details about the workshop contact the organisers Dr Baluch at b.baluch@mdx.ac.uk or Professor van den Akker at O.vandenAkker@mdx.ac.uk



Trent Park, Middlesex University

!!SRIP DEVELOPMENTAL GRANTS: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS!!

SRIP are happy to consider applications for developmental grants to support single occasion research workshops on any area of interest to the Society. The Society will provide up to £1000 to cover travel and accommodation for participants and other small incidental costs. Applications can be made at any time. At least one of the organisers must be a member of SRIP. If you have an idea for a research workshop then further details about the grant criteria and how to apply can be found on the 'Funding' page of the SRIP website at www.srip.ac.uk.

JOURNAL NEWS

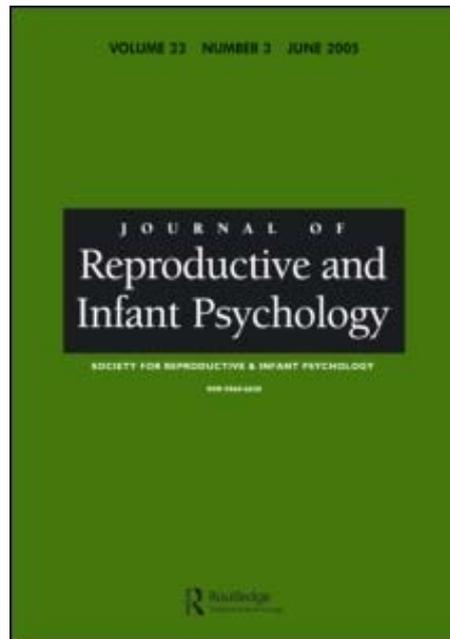
The Editorial board of the Society's Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology decided to focus on two main areas over the last year. These were to increase the Journal's impact factor and to increase the numbers of overseas submissions. We are pleased to announce that both aims have been met.

- The impact factor of the Journal has almost doubled from the 2004 Impact Factor of 0.463 to a 2006 Impact Factor of 0.833.
- Current submissions from overseas authors are above the level of UK submissions, which also continues to be prolific.

As a consequence of the journal's continuing popularity with authors from the UK and abroad, we have a backlog of papers to publish. We have also asked a lot of our referees and would like to

acknowledge their continuing support. Without their commitment we as Editors would not be able to prepare the quality of issues we are currently producing.

**Professor Olga B A van den Akker
Dr Maggie Redshaw (Editors)**



COMMITTEE NEWS

Robert Drewett has stepped down both from the committee and as Book Review Editor for the Journal. We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Robert for all his hard work for the Society.

We are pleased to welcome Professor Colin Martin as a committee member. Colin is Professor of Mental Health at the School of Health Nursing and Midwifery, University of the West of Scotland.