



SRIP NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2009

29TH ANNUAL SRIP CONFERENCE, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, 9-10TH SEPTEMBER 2009

This year's conference will be held at The Copthorne Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The hotel is situated on the Quayside and has views of the famous Tyne bridges. The hotel is centrally located, close to the railway station and metro link to Newcastle International Airport. It is within walking distance of the International Centre for Life, Baltic Art Gallery, Discovery Museum and Metro Radio Arena. Newcastle's excellent shopping and nightlife are all within easy access. The hotel has leisure facilities and free car parking.

See www.millenniumhotels.co.uk/cophornenewcastle.

We are very pleased to announce two excellent key speakers for the conference. **Dr PO Svanberg**, a consultant clinical psychologist awarded an OBE in 2008 for his work on parent-infant mental health, will provide the keynote talk. The SRIP Lecturer Award address will be given by **Professor Pauline Slade**. The award is in recognition of Professor Slade's extensive work on psychological issues relating to reproduction, pregnancy and the post-natal period.



Gormley's Angel of the North

To register your initial interest in attending the conference and to be placed on the conference mailing list please contact the SRIP membership secretary Gillian Weir Email: gillian.weir@ncl.ac.uk

**** First call for submissions ****

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

This year the conference theme is **"Working with Inequality and Families at Risk"** and we would particularly welcome papers on health inequalities & poverty, ethnicity, child protection, mental health, domestic violence, disability, nutrition and obesity. **However, submissions on other SRIP**

related topics are also, as always, very welcome.

Presenting a paper or symposia:

Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes allowing time for discussion. A 250 word abstract and 500 word summary should be submitted by email to **Louise Bryant*** by the 1st May 2009 (l.d.bryant@leeds.ac.uk)

Presenting a poster:

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 250 word abstract and 500 word summary should be submitted by post or email to **Louise Bryant*** by 1st May 2009 (l.d.bryant@leeds.ac.uk).

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Gateshead Millennium Bridge

29th SRIP CONFERENCE BURSARIES

Student Bursary

The Society offers a number of bursaries to assist students to attend the conference. The bursary will include conference fees, travel and accommodation up to a maximum of £300. Anyone currently undertaking an undergraduate degree, masters by research, PhD or a professional doctorate is eligible to apply. Preference will be given to students presenting a paper/poster and to those who have no, or limited, funds available to support conference attendance. To apply for a student bursary, write to the SRIP Secretary (details next page*) justifying your application and detailing the support that you require. Include a letter from your supervisor supporting your application and saying what benefits you will get from attending. Applications by 26th June 2009.

NHS staff

This bursary is to support NHS staff who are actively engaged with research or with implementing research into clinical practice in attending the annual SRIP conference. The bursary will include conference fees, travel and accommodation up to a maximum of £300. To apply for a service delivery bursary, write to the SRIP Secretary (details next page*) justifying your application and detailing the support that you require. Include a letter in support of your application saying what benefits will occur from attending. Applications by 26th June 2009.

All bursary applications will be considered on an individual basis by the committee.

STUDENT PRIZES 2009

SRIP Prize

Each year the Society awards a prize for a research dissertation submitted as part of an undergraduate degree, masters by research, or equivalent level professional training (e.g. MBBS). The subject of the dissertation may be any aspect of reproduction, birth or infancy. **The SRIP Prize winner will receive £150.** The winning entrant will be required to give a short presentation of the research at the annual conference in 2009. **Conference fees and up to £200 for travel and accommodation will be provided.** All entries will be automatically considered for submission as a poster presentation

Dissertations should be entered in the year they are submitted for the degree or training course or in the following year. The dissertation should be submitted to the SRIP secretary (details below*) 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 dissertation would be no longer than 15000 words. All entries must be 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 dissertation can be returned.

All entries must be received by 26th June 2009.



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. **The Postgraduate Student Prize winner will receive £250.** The winning entrant will be required to give a presentation of the research at the annual conference in 2009. **Conference fees and up to £200 for travel and accommodation will be provided.** 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 (details below*) in the form required by your institution. For further details on the Postgraduate Prize please contact the SRIP secretary.

All entries must be received by 26th June 2009.

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REPORT ON THE 28TH ANNUAL SRIP

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CONFERENCE, LONDON 8th- 10th
SEPTEMBER 2008**

Last year the Society's annual conference returned to London after a gap of more than 10 years. The venue was the Methodist International Centre, located near Euston and King's Cross stations. The central location meant easier journeys for delegates from the UK and from destinations including Ireland, Holland, Belgium, Poland and Australia. SRIP conferences are known for their relaxed, informal atmosphere and the 40+ delegates had many opportunities to chat and network as well as to hear presentations on a wide range of topics. Abstracts of the papers and posters presented in the conference were printed in the Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology.

In addition to individual papers the programme featured several themed sessions and symposia on infertility, men and reproduction, pregnancy and birth, neonates and motherhood, and termination and pregnancy loss. The wine reception on the first evening, which was sponsored by Taylor and Francis, allowed delegates to hear brief presentations on the posters that were on show throughout the conference as well as to socialise and relax.

The SRIP lecture was delivered by Professor David Messer of the Open University, who gave a fascinating talk on infant sleep. Professor Paula Nicolson of Royal Holloway gave a keynote address on women's bodies, psychology and the politics of reproduction, which generated a lengthy and stimulating debate. This was followed by the conference dinner,

which provided yet another opportunity for catching up with old friends and making new ones. An additional feature of the programme was a visit to the nearby Wellcome Museum. Delegates were treated to a stimulating guided tour of the 'Medicine Man' gallery and most resolved to make a return visit.

A group of delegates from Australia were very positive about the conference and one described it as the best she had ever attended. The two students in this party were "overwhelmed by how helpful, friendly and supportive everyone was". Professor Christina Lee, Head of the School of Psychology, University of Queensland commented that "It is a fantastic opportunity for young academics to attend these specialist conferences and to see for themselves what is happening elsewhere. We really appreciate the funding support too".

Many thanks to all those who attended and particularly to those who presented. We look forward to seeing you all (and more besides) in Newcastle for our 29th Annual conference.

Ken Gannon
Conference organiser



"Medicine Man" gallery, Wellcome Collection, London

SRIP DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT AWARDS

In 2008 the Society was pleased to award two developmental grants.

Future Cross-national Studies of Psycho-social Aspects of Child-bearing, 10-12 June 2008, Leiden, The Netherlands.

The meeting involved 15 invited participants from Sweden, the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, USA and UK, including both international leaders in the field and early-career researchers. Participants had backgrounds in psychology, sociology, epidemiology, public health, midwifery and obstetrics.

The aim was to explore common interests, possibilities for cross-national research, funding opportunities and the development of joint initiatives. The meeting was supported by TNO (Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research) the participants' departments and a SRIP grant.

After presentations of past and current work, the main common interests of the group were identified. Opportunities for secondary analyses of existing datasets and primary data collection were explored. Possible projects were identified including the development of a prospective cross-national survey of experiences of childbirth.

Since the meeting an EU (COST) outline funding bid entitled "Cross-national collaboration on childbirth, maternity care and family life" has been submitted. The group hope to use SRIP conferences

as an opportunity to meet in the future.

Josephine Green (York), Simone Buitendijk (Leiden), Beate Shuecking (Osnabrueck)



Leiden

International Research Development Meeting: Post-traumatic Stress Disorder after Childbirth, 11 June 2008, Oxford

A one-day international meeting of 21 clinicians, researchers, and user-group representatives from the UK, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Italy, Brazil, Australia, Singapore and the U.S.A. The International Network of PTSD Following Childbirth is a thriving network, formed through a series of seminars. The SRIP seminar day resulted in many research ideas being developed, international collaborations being consolidated, and timelines for grant applications being agreed.

Overall it has also resulted in a more coherent international program of research through a combined research agenda, which in turn will facilitate a high standard international research in the area of PTSD following childbirth.

One of the outputs from the seminar funded by SRIP was to draft a proposal to the European Science Foundation, which will hopefully enable us to continue to build this international research network.

The SRIP grant was used to pay one night of accommodation for people travelling from abroad. We would have been unable to develop and forward these potentially successful collaborations without the contact time enabled by the SRIP funding.

Susan Ayers (Sussex), Kirstie McKenzie-McHarg (Oxford), Pauline Slade (Sheffield)

****2009 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS****

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT?

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, although the committee meets three times a year (April, September and November). 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.

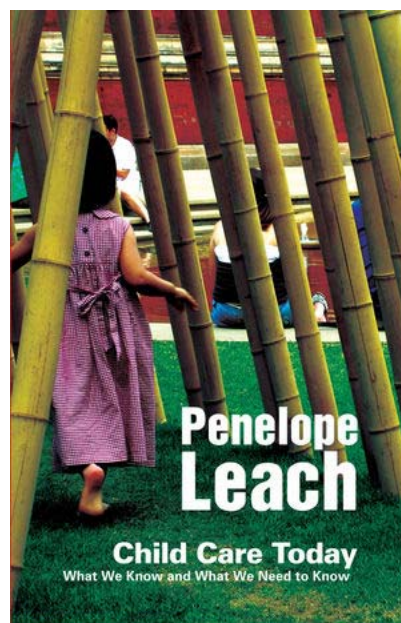
JRIP: JOURNAL NEWS

By Maggie Redshaw, Editor-in-Chief

Olga van den Akker has been editor of the **Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology** for more than 5 years. She has now handed the Editor in Chief's responsibility over to me. Colin Martin from the University of the West of Scotland is the new Co-editor. In her role Olga contributed substantially to the journal's development. She was enormously supportive to me in my role as Co-editor and I shall miss the funny and thoughtful emails flying across the ether and sharing the writing of editorials with Olga. Many thanks to Olga from all of us, though she hasn't escaped entirely as we hope she will join the Editorial Board.

Book review invitation....

If you would like to review (and keep!) a copy of Dr Penelope Leach's new book "Child Care Today" for the JRIP please contact the book review editor Louise Bryant at l.d.bryant@leeds.ac.uk



SRIP COMMITTEE NEWS

After many years Dr Janet Hirst has stepped down from the committee. We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Janet for all her hard work for SRIP particularly in her role as Society Secretary. She will be missed, but we hope to still see her at annual conferences!

We are very pleased to welcome two new committee members. Dr Jane Morrell, Research Leader, School of Human and Health Sciences at the University of Huddersfield, and Dr Julie Jomeen, Director of Research and Scholarship, Faculty of Health and Social Care at the University of Hull.



Jane Morrell



Julie Jomeen

Finally... if you have any comments about the newsletter, or would like to suggest topics for future editions please contact Louise Bryant at l.d.bryant@leeds.ac.uk.

SRIP MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If your contact details change please email the SRIP membership administrator Gillian Weir: Email: gillian.weir@ncl.ac.uk.

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