This is the first of a newly designed newsletter, letting you, our members, know the latest news and events from the BPS Cognitive Psychology Section. We hope you enjoy it!

**CogSec2016 – Barcelona**

The 2016 conference is nearly upon us and it looks set to be another great event. This year the CogSec jets off to its first international destination, sunny Barcelona! In case you are wondering “Why Barcelona?”, well, it is not just that Freddie Mercury would have wanted it, but that one of the ongoing aims of the Cognitive Section is to increase our international profile. To this end, last year the Section sponsored a symposium at the 19th Conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology in Cyprus, on “Unconscious Influences on Goal-Directed Cognition” (co-chaired by Prof. Linden Ball and Dr. George Georgiou). This year having our annual conference in Spain will help raise our international profile further. This is as important as ever given the recent vote for Brexit and the impact this may have on collaborations with colleagues in the EU.

Given this context it is fitting that the opening keynote at the conference will be given by Professor Albert Costa (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona) who will discuss the effect of the language in which problems are presented on decision making. The other keynotes will be given by Professor Sophie Scott (UCL) who will talk about the neuroscience of vocal communication, and Professor Charles Spence (Oxford University) who will review the emerging body of gastrophysics research. Professor Thomas Ormerod (University of Sussex) will also deliver a keynote as winner of the BPS best paper prize. I am sure you will agree that this is a fantastic set of keynotes and will no doubt set the tone for the conference as a whole.

For more details on the schedule please visit the conference web page.

**The Cognitive Psychology Bulletin**

You should have all received the first edition of *The Cognitive Psychology Bulletin* in the post earlier this year. The Bulletin is a really exciting development for the Section and we have had a lot of positive comments about it so far. Our vision for the Bulletin is a publication that contains various news items, perspective pieces and short reviews (conference reviews, literature reviews and book reviews). The Bulletin has its own ISSN and all submissions will be reviewed by the editorial team (Dr Duncan Guest, Dr Natalie Butcher and Dr Andrew Dunn). Section members will receive a free copy with non-members being able to purchase it from the BPS website. We are genuinely excited about this initiative and we hope that you are too. Of course, the success of the publication will rely upon contributions from the network. So without further ado…..

**Call for contributions**

The next edition of *The Cognitive Bulletin* will be published in January 2017. The deadline for submissions for this edition is October 14th. We welcome the following types of submissions;

- Review Articles (<3000 words)
In the next issue we are particularly interested in receiving review articles that relate to the themes of the 2016 conference keynotes which are;

a) Language Processing
b) Multi-sensory Integration

Conference Reviews & Book Reviews (<750 words)
If you have been to a great conference that you think other cognitive psychologists should know about then tell us! Similarly, if you have recently read a book that you think other members of the section would be interested in then why not write a review.

Postgraduate Pages
Are you a PG in the field of cognitive psychology who wants to comment on a specific research area and/or the experience of postgraduate study in cognitive psychology? If so then contributions to the Postgraduate pages are welcome. We are looking for either short (750 word) pieces that raise particular issues, or longer review pieces (up to 1700 words plus references).

Event Advertisements
Are you holding an event soon that you would like cognitive psychology section members to know about?

Postgraduate Funding Opportunities
We would like to promote opportunities for postgraduate funding by non-university organisations. If you would like to promote something, then please get in contact.

All contributions should be submitted as email attachments (.docx format) directly to The Cognitive Psychology Bulletin editors and where necessary an APA style (2011) reference list should be provided.

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CogSec2017 – Newcastle
Next year the conference will be in Newcastle and will be organised by Helen St Clair-Thompson who assures me that Newcastle offers culinary delights to match Barcelona. The dates for the conference are 30th August – 1st September so add these to your diary.

Social Media Update
The Cognitive Section Social Media team (Dr Mike Pilling and Dr Natalie Butcher) have been very active in the last year. The number of Twitter followers and Facebook likes has been growing steadily, with over 900 Twitter followers and 400 Facebook likes at the time of writing. This is due in no small part to the Social Media Team, who post links and comments about current work in the field on at least a weekly basis. This is facilitated by a strong network of cognitive psychologists on social media all eager to share ideas and debate current topics of interest in the field. As a key way of engaging the wider public with the latest research in cognitive psychology our growing social media profile is increasingly important.

To get BPS social media updates you can follow us on Twitter @BPSCognitive and like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/BPSCognitiveSection.

New look website
We have a shiny new website – the link is www.bps.org.uk/cognitive. The website has various information about the Cognitive Section and its activities. The member’s area contains links to resources for cognitive psychologists, past newsletters and a discussion forum.

BPS Symposium
In April this year the Section held a symposium (Faces in the Real World) at the BPS Annual Conference which complemented Vivki Bruce’s keynote on Face Fallacies. The symposium covered a range of issues including; identifying super recognisers (Josh Davis - Greenwich University) the development and diagnosis of developmental prosopagnosia (Sarah Bate = Bournemouth University), the role of context in facial judgements (Andrew Dunn – Nottingham Trent University) the problems of face misidentification evidence and the techniques involved in the Judicial System (Allan McNeill - Glasgow Caledonian University), developing accurate and useful face composite systems (Charlie Frowd – Winchester University) and a review of the contemporary literature on face processing in relation to real world users (Mike Burton – York University). The symposium was organized by Andrew Dunn who said that it was well received and attended and who thanked the BPS conference team for providing a bursary to fund the symposium.

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