Dear colleagues,

It has been a long pause - in fact the last SPR-EU-Newsletter I could find on the website was published 10 years ago! I am therefore almost proud to finally send out an up-to-date issue, which will inform you about the many upcoming and exciting SPR events in Europe. So if nothing else it should help you to decide which of these events you want to attend (maybe all of them).

1. **Next International SPR-Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, June 25-28, 2014**

Unfortunately many of you were not able to attend last year's inspiring conference in Brisbane. This year's meeting in Copenhagen allows for a large European participation, and will give everyone a chance to meet and connect with colleagues from all over the world.

The Danish colleagues are very busy and creative in preparing the conference, and from our EC meeting in January I can promise you a huge scientific program, a wonderful city, and a very nice and historical venue in the midst of town. You will receive further newsletters concerning the meeting in the next weeks. If you haven't registered yet, you can do it now on the conference website: [http://www.spr2014.com](http://www.spr2014.com)

If you come to Copenhagen, I would like to invite you to the **EU Chapter Business Meeting**. We will talk about the other upcoming events, about membership numbers and financial status of the chapter, and about future initiatives of our European chapter. Also we have to find **candidates for the next EU president**, whose term will start in 2016 in Jerusalem. Any proposals can also be sent to me in advance.

2. **4th SPR Methods Workshop for Young Researchers, Trier, German, August 25-29, 2014**

I am more than happy to announce the "4th SPR Methods Workshop for Young Researchers" of the European Chapter of the SPR will take place at the University of Trier (Germany), 25th- 29th of August 2014. The last three workshops were a huge success, and at least my students keep telling me how important they were for their understanding of psychotherapy research. A special thanks to Wolfgang Lutz and his team for hosting it again. The goal of this event is to bring together experienced and young researchers from various fields of psychotherapy research. In 3h presentations senior researchers will give an outline and extensive examples of the methods they use or develop in their ongoing work. **Deadline** for registration is the **30th of June 2014**. For details on the program, registration and further information please refer to the website. ([http://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=29950](http://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=29950))

Presenters will be:

- Michael Lambert (Brigham University, Provo, USA): *How to conduct feedback studies*
- Pim Cuijpers (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands): *Conducting meta-analyses in clinical research*
David Orlinsky (University of Chicago, USA): *New developments in research on psychotherapy training*

Jan Böhnke (York University, UK): *Contemporary usage of IRT models in psychotherapy research*

Zoran Martinovich and Wolfgang Lutz (Northwestern University, Chicago, USA and University of Trier, Germany): *How to present research results*

Stephanie Bauer (University Hospital Heidelberg): *Research methods in e-mental health*

Sarah Knox (Marquette University, Milwaukee, USA): *Using consensual qualitative research (CQR) for psychotherapy research*

Christoph Flückiger (University of Bern, Switzerland): *Longitudinal data analysis*

These presentations will be accompanied by three evening lectures on current topics in Psychotherapy Research:

- David Orlinsky (University of Chicago, USA): TBA
- Pim Cuijpers (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands): Internet-based treatment of common mental disorders: Opportunities and challenges
- Michael Lambert (Brigham University, Provo, USA): The effects of feedback and clinical support tools on patient outcome (and their limitations)

3. **8th European Conference on Psychotherapy Research, Klagenfurt, Austria, September 24-27, 2015**

Please save the date for the next conference of the European Chapter of the SPR that will take place from September 24-27, 2015 in Klagenfurt/Austria at the lake Wörthersee. Klagenfurt is situated in the center of Europe, placed in a three-country triangle between Austria, Slovenia and Italy. The city is the capitol of the Austrian federal state Carinthia and is very easy to reach by car or train and has its own airport. We hope that Klagenfurt will also be very attractive for psychotherapy researchers from Eastern Europe because of its location close to the Slovenian (and former Yugoslavian) border who have been less represented at the European SPR so far.

The local organizing committee from the Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, consisting of Svenja Taubner, Sylke Andreas, Sven Rabung and Michael Wieser, has already started arranging the event. The meeting will take place under the headline: “Psychotherapeutic diversity: How many approaches do we need?” The title of the meeting refers to the peculiar situation in Austria where 23 different therapeutic approaches are accepted as evidence based within the national health care system and psychotherapy training is basically open for any prequalification.

Mark Hilsenroth was asked to give an introductory lecture on the Dodo Bird phenomenon and we expect an interesting scientific program with approximately 300 participants. There will be student travel awards and reduced registration fees for colleagues from Eastern Europe.

With its beautiful renaissance city, several national parks, the southern alps (e.g. Karawanken) and only a two hours’ drive to the Adriatic Sea with its imperial bathing locations (e.g. Grado and Venice), Klagenfurt offers plenty of opportunities for recreation surrounding the scientific program. Furthermore, the university is directly placed at the scenic lake Wörthersee.
The Alpen-Adria-University Klagenfurt at the lake Wörthersee (©AAU/Lakeside Labs)
4. **Update on the Research Awards Program**

We are not sure whether all EU colleagues already are aware of the new **SPR Research Awards Program**, since last year there were quite few applications from Europe (which, however already has changed in 2014). So, to remind you:

A maximum of nine awards, each with a maximum value of $2000, will be distributed annually to SPR members (6 awards to regular members and 3 to student members) across SPR chapters. All members in good standing within the Society are encouraged to apply for these awards. Applications are invited to address research questions specifically pertaining to psychotherapy processes and outcome and the training/supervision of psychotherapists. Only projects that are in the planning stages or are ongoing at the time of application will be considered. That is, completed research projects are not eligible for these awards. Awards may be used to purchase supplies (including instruments, equipment, postage, photocopying, software, etc.); to pay coders, research, or technical assistants; and to remunerate client or therapist participants. Awards may not be used for travelling expenses to present at conferences, but travel funds may be reimbursed if travel is necessary to collect data. **Grant applications are due October 15 of each year.** Reviews are completed by February 15, and the Review Committee’s recommended awardees are submitted to the Executive Committee for final approval by the following April 15. Award recipients are notified after they have been approved on April 15. The awards are announced at the annual SPR International Meeting the following June. For more information see: [http://www.psychotherapyresearch.org/resource/resmgr/EU-SPR/SPR_Awards_Proposal_2014.pdf](http://www.psychotherapyresearch.org/resource/resmgr/EU-SPR/SPR_Awards_Proposal_2014.pdf)

5. **Travel Awards, Copenhagen**

The EU Chapter business meeting in Brisbane decided to announce 20 Student Travel Awards for this year’s meeting. The reaction was quite overwhelming, we received 44 applications and the decisions in the anonymous rating procedure of the Awards Committee (U. Willutzki, W. Tschacher, H. Schauenburg) were not easy. All awardees have been informed.
6. **Miscellaneous**

**Finally, I would like to thank all European colleagues currently engaged in SPR work:**

General Vice President Nominating Committee: Bernhard Strauss

Conference Management Committee, Copenhagen: Stig Poulsen (Local host), Sarah Daniel, Susanne Harder, Susanne Lunn, Birgit Bork Mathiesen, Jan Nielsen

Lester Luborsky Student Poster Award Committee: Rolf Holmqvist

International SPR Student Travel Award: Ulrike Dinger

Small Research Grants Award Committee: Andrzej Werbart (Chair), Björn Philips

Communications Committee: Kim de Jong (Chair), Stephanie Bauer

Finance Committee: Aarno Latila

And last but not least to Sven Schneider, our very helpful and patient webmaster

So much for today. Hope to meet many of you in Copenhagen

**Best wishes**

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