



Dear Members,

As you may know the European Society for Developmental Psychology was founded in 1994 by George Butterworth and Sandy Jackson. The Constitution and By-Laws were adopted 29 of June, 1994, and the By-Laws were further revised 28 of August, 2003. The United Kingdom has been the site of the society until now as well as the locus of our financial resources.

However, from 2005 we have been experiencing serious difficulties to perform an efficient management of our resources. Here are the two main reasons:

First, the regular change of the authorized persons (e.g., the treasurer) to access our bank accounts, due to the ordinary election process, has proved to be a very complicated operation. We have invested a lot of time and effort in trying to clarify the procedure as required by our UK bank and all attempts have resulted in a failure. Therefore, we needed a bank system flexible enough to facilitate the change of the authorized persons and to provide easy access to our resources.

Second, the use of Pound Sterling as the main currency in all ESDP transactions has resulted in a considerable loss of money due to fees for converting payments from and into Euros. The increasing internationalization of our membership body and delegates of our European Conferences on Developmental Psychology require the adoption of the Euro instead of the Sterling as the main currency for operative business.

Consequently, we decided to move the site of the society including its banking facilities to the Netherlands. For the attainment of this goal we have performed the following actions:

1) We inscribed the European Association of Developmental Psychology (EADP) in the Dutch Chamber of Commerce in the Netherlands, the 26th of October, 2010. The Association has its statutory seat in the city of Utrecht, The Netherlands. The Association possesses legal personality under the laws of the Netherlands. The name and logo of the association had to be changed into EADP. Accordingly, also the domain name will be changed into <http://eadp.info>

2) We adapted the former By-Laws and Constitution into the new By-Laws and Constitution in order to meet the requirements of the new location and legislation. Minor changes to update the document to the present situation of

the society (e.g., internet site, General Assembly instead of Business Meeting, and the creation of the two Awards) have also been proposed, keeping at the forefront the same mission and objective of the former society: the advancement throughout Europe of education into developmental psychology for the public benefit. The General Council in its meeting in Vienna 25-26 of February, 2010, revised and approved the changes.

3) We opened an internet-based bank account in the Netherlands and transferred the ESDP assets to this account.

To end up the whole process we have outlined the following procedure:

1) The new By-Laws and Statutes of the EADP will be posted on the website of the society at the disposal of the members for inspection and further comments on it.

2) We have to dissolve the former ESDP following its Constitution in Article 15.1 that establishes that this should be a decision of a General Assembly.

3) The voting of dissolution will take place during the General Assembly to be held next August 2011, during the celebration of the XV European Conference of Developmental Psychology in Bergen, Norway. In the same General Assembly, the voting for the creation of the new EADP will take place.

Although the present changes have been mainly driven by practical reasons, the General Council has devoted time to reflect on the actual functioning of the former society and the ways to improve it. All of us are convinced that the new status and locus will put the association on better grounds to achieve its aims. We hope to count on your continuous support in this new era of the EADP.

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