

NEWSLETTER
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Best Spring wishes to all ERU members!

This is the Spring 2014 edition of the ERU newsletter in which we share many interesting events for our members.

Enjoy!

ERU MEMBERS AT THE SRA BIENNIAL MEETING 2014

Established in the winter of 1984, the Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA) is a rapidly growing, dynamic society focused on the theoretical, empirical, and policy research issues of adolescence. Through its biennial meetings and publishing efforts, SRA promotes the dissemination of research on adolescents and serves as a network and forum for its members. SRA publishes the Journal of Research on Adolescence. SRA currently serves over 1,300 members representing 30 countries throughout the world, including emerging scholars (a.k.a. students and new professionals).

In the recent biennial meeting, held in Austin, United States, much of the invited program (e.g., keynote addresses, invited workshops, invited views by two, etc.) was chaired or moderated by emerging scholars! We are very thankful to the conference co-chairs, Connie Flanagan and Dan Hart, for creating ways for emerging scholars to be an integral part of the invited program. SRA also recognized excellent student scholarship through travel awards and poster awards. Many events in the program were tailored specifically to emerging scholars, including a publishing workshop, U.S. federal grant funding session, and diverse career paths panel. Together with the International Scholars Program, we also organized a

coffee and conversation Happy Hour, where Senior scholars offered brief presentations on various professional development topics followed by time for questions and informal conversations with emerging scholars.



We look forward to continue producing great blog posts for the Emerging Scholars Blog, available at www.s-r-a.org, and also to continue highlighting emerging scholars achievements to the broader membership of SRA. We are continually working to enhance the experience of students and new professionals who are interested in adolescent research and practice.

Josafa da Cunha

2014 SRCD SECC DISSERTATION FUNDING AWARDS

The Student and Early Career Committee (SECC) of the Society for Research in Child Development is pleased to announce the sixth annual competition for student funding for dissertation research. Up to ***ten non-renewable awards*** in the amount of **\$2,000 (maximum)** are given for research proposals that merit special recognition and display the strong potential to contribute to the field of child development. *Submissions should be in the proposal stage* (i.e. not completed), and money is to be used for research costs (e.g., participant incentives, standardized measures, research equipment) and/or methodological training (e.g., fees for a statistical workshop) needed to complete the dissertation. *All expenses must be justified as needed for the completion of the dissertation.* Award recipients will be featured in a *Developments* newsletter article and recognized at the SRCD Biennial Meeting.

The deadline for the SECC Dissertation Funding Research Award application is **April 30, 2014 by 5 PM EDT**. Please submit application materials electronically on or before **April 30, 2014 at 5 PM EDT** by visiting the submission site (<http://www.srcd.org/doc/forms/seccdfa/>). Award decisions will be made by **August 2014**.

ERU is very pleased to welcome Marianna Drozdova (Estonia), Pavol Babos (Slovakia) and Irina Topuzova (Bulgaria) who will be national representatives for their countries. Their short bio and research interests are presented below.

Estonia - Marianna Drozdova



Marianna is a PhD student at the Institute of Political Science and Governance at the University of Tallinn. Her project in cooperation with Bergen University, Helsinki University, Moscow School of Economics, and the MIRIPS network applies psychological and political science approaches to the notion of inclusive integration context. She holds a MSc in Psychology from the University of Tartu, with a thesis on the importance of ethnic and national identity in the process of acculturation. Since 2001 she does training on presentation and communication skills in sales and customer services, team leadership and effective time management for private and state agencies, NGO-s and schools. She is also collaborating with Estonian Ministry of Culture for policy making focusing on cultural diversity within the Estonian cultural policy framework (2015 – 2020) and Estonian Integration program (2014 – 2020).

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Slovakia – Pavol Babos

Pavol Babos obtained his doctorate at the Department of Political Science (Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia) with a dissertation on political institutions in Central Eastern European labour markets. Currently, he is working as a post-doctoral fellow at Institute for Forecasting (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia) working on non-standard employment issues. Besides this research, Pavol also teaches methodological and statistics courses at the Department of Political Science (Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia) and participates in the research of institutional performance in Central Eastern Europe.

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Bulgaria - Irina Topuzova



Irina is a third year PhD student at the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Philosophy at the South-West University "Neofit Rilsky" Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria. She obtained her master degree in psychology 2010 and currently working as a Head of Dean's office of the Faculty of Philosophy at the same university. She is an expert in topics related to effective functioning of administration and the society at large within the European Social Fund programs in Bulgaria (e.g., social status, roles and norms, motivation, communication styles). Her research and PhD focus on the links between personal identity development and organizational environment, with particular emphasis on motivation of academic staff. She is also involved in additional projects about motivational factors, organizational environment, gender bias and excellence.

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DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY IN RUSSIA

Developmental Psychology in Russia is represented by many institutions (universities, departments) from all around the whole country with the most authoritative Councils located in the capital of Russia, Moscow. Major developmental psychology boards are located at the Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow State University of Psychology and Education and the Russian State University for the Humanities.

Lomonosov Moscow State University was established in 1755. Since that year Psychology was among the courses taught at the Faculty of Philosophy. The Department of Psychology was founded in 1942 and the first head of the Department was Professor S.L. Rubinshtane. The research and educational activity of world recognised Russian psychologists A.R.Luria, P.Ja.Galperin, B.V.Zeigarnik, E.N.Sokolov was held here. The Faculty of Psychology became a separate division in 1966 with the first Dean of the Department being A.N. Leontjev. Presently, more than 200 professors, lecturers and research associates,



including 10 members of the Russian Academy of Education are working at the Faculty. More than 1000 undergraduate and 100 postgraduate students take their classes at the Faculty.

Research of the Department of Developmental Psychology is devoted to the study of phenomena and stages of ontogenetic and functional development of the mind, revealing the conditions and mechanisms of formation of personality in childhood, adolescence and early adulthood, the analysis of child's intellectual development at different ages and stages of development.

The main objectives of the Department are training of highly qualified psychologists in the theory and practice of developmental psychology and the implementation of scientific approaches to teaching and education in the context of the family, preschool, primary and secondary education. An essential condition for maintaining a high level of teaching and research work of the department is its current collaboration with universities and research organizations in foreign countries in the field of developmental psychology located in Finland, Germany, UK, USA, Holland, Belgium, Hungary, Cuba, Czech Republic, Slovakia.

Natalie Gorlova

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

In this section, we would like to draw your attention to upcoming events and conferences in research areas that are related to developmental psychology and human development.

ISSBD: Shanghai – China:

The 23rd Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development will be held from July 8th until July 12th 2014 in Shanghai (China). For more information see

<http://www.issbd2014.com/>

IACCP: Reims – France:

The 22nd international congress of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology will be held from July 15th until July 19th 2014 in Reims (France). For more information see

<http://www.iaccp2014.com/>

EARA: Cesme - Turkey

The 14th Biennial Conference of the European Association for Research on Adolescence will take place from September 3rd until –September 6th 2014, in Cesme (Turkey). For more information see

<http://www.eara2014.org/welcome>

SRCD Special Topic meeting: Prague – Czech Republic

The special topic meeting on “Positive Youth Development (PYD) in the Context of the Global Recession” organized by the Society for Research in Child Development will be held from October 23rd until October 25th 2014 in Prague (Czech Republic). For more information visit

<http://www.srcd.org/meetings/2014-special-topic-meetings/3-positive-youth-development>