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CONFERENCES

11-13th October 2011

7th ENYSSP Workshop (European Network of Young Specialists in Sport Psychology) Agora, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

The European Network of Young Specialists in Sport Psychology (ENYSSP) is an informal association of young European psychologists with experience in research of sport, human resources, facilities, governance. The aims of ENYSSP are to develop and to give support in education, research, professional practice and service delivery to young people with official qualification or an interest in the field of Sport and Exercise Psychology.

The workshop will be held on the 11th till the 13th of October, 2011 with the collaboration of KIHU. The main purposes of this workshop are:

- a) to have recognized and dynamic young specialists in sport psychology who work in different sport psychology fields to share with you their experiences, and
- b) to have the three ENYSSP departments exchanging crucial information in order to accomplish the global ENYSSP goals.

One important characteristic of this workshop is that different countries will be represented (Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Lithuania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, The Netherlands). Therefore, ENYSSP offers you a great opportunity to learn and discuss the similarities and cultural differences in sport psychology with other sport psychology specialists.



More information : <http://www.enyssp.org/>

19-20 October 2011

AidEx 2011 Conference (Humanitarian Aid/Disaster) Brussels EXPO, 1 Place de Belgique 1020 Brussels, Belgium

AidEx is an important new helping to bring the humanitarian aid community together to source solutions to improve the efficiency of aid delivery. It is the only event of its kind in Europe and includes:

- Over 200 professional suppliers of emergency aid solutions
- Free to attend Conference hosting speakers including Unicef, World Food Programme, IFRC, Médecins Sans Frontières, Save The Children plus many more.
- Live product demonstrations and practical workshops showcasing case studies from the field



- The Aid Donor Advice Clinic; unique direct access to donors to get your questions answered
- Local Supplier Zone; meet hard to reach local suppliers from Sub Saharan Africa

<http://www.aid-expo.com/en/visitor-zone/visitor-zone.aspx>

20-21 October 2011

"Promoting conscious and active learning and aging: How to face current and future challenges"

Pólo II of the University of Coimbra, Portugal

The Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences of the University of Coimbra is organizing this International Conference. It is an initiative under the European project PALADIN (Promoting Active Learning and Aging of Disadvantage Seniors), which involves academic institutions and many others operating in the field of community intervention, mentoring, municipalities and information and communication technologies. PALADIN project integrates a partnership of several countries including Portugal, Spain, Greece, Hungary, Malta, Bulgaria and Switzerland.

This Conference is addressed to professionals, researchers and students of Social Sciences and Humanities: Adult Education and Training, Psychology, Social work, Gerontology, Sociology, Medical Sciences, Nursing, Occupational therapy, Socio-Educational Animation, Municipalities authorities, professionals of Cultural and Recreational Associations and professionals of other fields interested in educational and ageing processes.

The official Conference language is English and there will be simultaneous translation in the case of major conferences. More information may be consulted on the website :
<http://www.uc.pt/fpce/investigacao/GruposInvestigacao/EFUC/PALADINConference>

20 and 21 October 2011

The European Culture Forum

Flagey, 27 Rue du Belvédère - 1050 Brussels, Belgium

This flagship event is a unique opportunity to debate and raise the profile of European cooperation in the field of culture, bringing together both policy-makers and stakeholders from the sector from all over Europe and partner countries.

The 2011 Forum will address some of the most topical questions for culture in the current context of economic crisis and globalisation, in particular:

What are the new skills and strategies required from artists and the cultural sector to adapt to the challenges of a globalised and digitised world?

Which new business models can be developed by the cultural sector to reap the opportunities of digitisation?

How can local and regional authorities best invest in their cultural assets and thereby contribute to the smart and inclusive growth which Europe needs?

The Forum will also look at culture in the EU's external relations, with a focus on the role of cultural actors in transitional and democratic processes, and a discussion on how the EU can best help such processes.

Participants will be invited to take an active part in the Forum's debates, make their views heard, and grab a unique opportunity to put all the questions they've always wanted to ask on European cooperation in the field of culture and culture policies!

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/2011-european-culture-forum_en.htm

28 October 2011

Infoday Lifelong Learning Programs

Charlemagne Building Rue de la Loi, 170 B-1000 Brussels, Belgium

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/events/infodays_2012/infoday_llp_2012_en.php

24 November 2011

Integrating Health Promotion in Adult Education

TOP-Lokal, Fleischmarkt 18

Vienna, Austria



Those who are most in need of health education are the least likely to be reached by health promotion offers: adults who are socio-economically disadvantaged, with a low level of education and those with a migration background.

The project Health Box, co-funded by the Grundtvig strand of the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme, and co-ordinated by die Berater®, addresses this educational and social challenge. The project has developed, tested and disseminated a set of methodologies, teaching and learning materials adult educators can immediately use in different education and training contexts where these disadvantaged adults can be found for other than health education reasons. They all eventually aim at promoting knowledge, attitudes and skills related to prevent lifestyle diseases and thus at enhancing a healthy lifestyle.

The results and experiences of the Health Box project will now be presented to practitioners and decision-makers in adult education and the health system. They will be discussed in the wider perspective of the relationship between educational background, social status and health, and in the light of Best Practice examples from other European countries.

Registration: dieberater.healthboxregistration.sgizmo.com/s3/

Conference programme and further information: www.healthbox.eu

4 October – 29 November – 31 January – 14 March, 2011

ECI workshop series 2011/2012 organised by the Austrian Institute for European Law and Policy

Open Dialogue Between Institutions and Citizens – The chances and challenges

Boulevard Saint Michel 80 Brussels, Belgium

The Austrian Institute for European Law and Policy – which for several years already has focussed on issues like direct and participatory democracy, in particular, the European Citizens' Initiative – is now organising, from this fall to spring 2012, a series of workshops regarding "dialogue" within the context of Article 11 (2) European Union Treaty (TEU; Lisbon version), aiming at discussing

- the new elements and the added value of this provision
- how this "vertical dialogue" could be rendered feasible and meaningful.

http://www.legalpolicy.eu/#!__english

The Austrian Institute for European Law and Policy will be pleased to provide you with further information; please contact:
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PUBLICATIONS

“The Parliament” reports on health issues, including reports from the annual Gastein health forum in Austria

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/44e32b63#/44e32b63/1>

New Eurydice publications

Structure of EU Education Systems 2011/2012

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/documents/tools/structure_education_systems_EN.pdf

Modernisation of Higher Education in Europe: Funding and the Social Dimension 2011

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/documents/thematic_reports/131EN_HI.pdf

The Men's Health Report, published by the Commission on 25 August, highlights the state of men's health across Europe.

http://ec.europa.eu/health/population_groups/docs/men_health_report_en.pdf

The World Health Organization European Region (WHO EURO) published a European Report on preventing elder maltreatment.

http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/144676/e95110.pdf

A new Report shows impacts of economic crisis on health: fuel poverty increases respiratory, cardiovascular and mental health diseases. In addition, it also impacts on educational achievements of children, dietary choices, and increased home injuries and accidents.

<http://www.marmotreview.org/AssetLibrary/the%20health%20impacts%20of%20cold%20homes%20and%20fuel%20poverty%20-%20marmot%20team%20of%20-%20may%202011.pdf>

For sport psychologists

The mid-term Evaluation of Preparatory Actions and Special Events in the Field of Sport has been completed and is now publicly available. The Evaluation Report presents findings and conclusions on the first two years of implementation of Preparatory Actions and Special Events and it provides recommendations for future EU incentive measures in the field of sport.

http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/doc/evaluation_final_report_prepact_special_events_20110727.pdf

OPEN CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

The European Commission calls for proposals under the lifelong learning program 2012

Further information on the individual calls and all related documents can be downloaded at :
http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc848_en.htm



and information on funding here:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2012/index_en.php

Attention: deadlines are fairly early in 2012!

Examples for funding opportunities under lifelong learning programs: ERASMUS and ERASMUS MUNDUS student mobility.

Erasmus Mundus is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with Third-Countries.

In addition, it contributes to the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of Higher education institutions in Third Countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries.

Erasmus enables higher education students in 31 European countries to do a study or placement period in another country. If you have already obtained your first degree you may be interested in doing an Erasmus Mundus Masters course in partnership with several European higher education institutions, leading to a double, joint or multiple degree.

http://ec.europa.eu/education/external-relation-programmes/doc72_en.htm

LEONARDO student placements

Vocational education / training organisations can send **students** on work placements to **companies or training institutions** in other European countries.

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/guide/fiches/leonardo1_en.html

LEONARDO work placements

Companies can send staff to shadow work in other companies or for a work placement in a training institution in another European country.

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/guide/fiches/leonardo2_en.html

LEONARDO DA VINCI for professionals

Companies or vocational education/training institutions can send staff involved in designing or delivering training, professional development or careers guidance to shadow work in other European countries. A placement will contribute to their professional and linguistic development, and they will be able to learn new skills and ways of working to bring back to their job in their respective countries.

http://ec.europa.eu/education/leonardo-da-vinci/doc1031_en.htm

FP7 Programs

Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)

Deadline 18 January 2012

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IRSES>

Marie Curie Initial Training Networks 2012 (ITN)

Deadline 12 January 2012

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2012-ITN>

RESEARCHERS' NIGHT (NIGHT)

Deadline 10 January 2012

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2012-NIGHT>

For traffic psychologists:

FP7-TRANSPORT-2012-MOVE-1

Deadline 01 March 2012

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/cooperation?callIdentifier=FP7-TRANSPORT-2012-MOVE-1>

FP7-SSH-2012 - Collaborative projects (Large scale integrated research projects)

Deadline 02 February 2012

Activity 8.1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society — the European case (total budget per Activity EUR 6.5 million)

Area 8.1.1. Changing role of knowledge throughout the economy

SSH.2012.1.1-1. Education systems in the 21st century Collaborative project (large scale integrating project)

Activity 8.2: Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective: paths towards sustainable development (total budget per Activity EUR 6.5 million)

Area 8.2.2. Regional, territorial and social cohesion

SSH.2012.2.2-1. Governance of cohesion and diversity in urban contexts
Collaborative project (large scale integrated project)

Activity 8.3: Major trends in society and their implications (total budget per Activity EUR 13 million)

Area 8.3.1. Demographic changes

SSH.2012.3.1-1. Making longevity an asset for economic and social development
Collaborative project (large scale integrated project)

Area 8.3.2. Social trends and lifestyles

SSH.2012.3.2-1. Families in transitions
Collaborative project (large scale integrated project)
Activity 8.4: Europe in the world (total budget per Activity EUR 6.5 million)

Area 8.4.2. Conflicts, peace and human rights

SSH.2012.4.2-1. Human rights in the EU external relations and internal policies
Collaborative project (large scale integrated project)
Activity 8.5: The Citizen in the European Union (total budget per Activity EUR 6.5 million)

Area 8.5.1. Participation and citizenship in Europe

SSH.2012.5.1-1. Exercising EU citizenship: removing barriers
Collaborative project (large scale integrated project)

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/cooperation?callIdentifier=FP7-SSH-2012-1>

FP7-SSH-2012 - Collaborative Projects (Small or medium-scale focused research projects) as well as Coordination and Support Actions

Deadline 2 February 2012

Activity 8.1: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge society — the European case (total budget per Activity EUR 13 million)

Area 8.1.1. Changing role of knowledge throughout the economy

SSH.2012.1.1-2. Unveiling creativity for innovation in Europe

Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)

SSH.2012.1.1-3. Smart specialisation for regional innovation

Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)

Area 8.1.2. Structural changes in the European knowledge economy and society

SSH.2012.1.2-1. Coordinating research agendas on economic policy, prioritisation and coordination in Europe

Coordination and Support action (coordinating action)

SSH.2012.1.2-2. Mobilising institutional reforms in research and innovation systems for better scientific, innovation and economic performances in Europe

Coordination and Support action (coordinating action)

Area 8.1.3. Strengthening policy coherence and coordination in Europe

SSH.2012.1.3-2. Innovative policies for employment and labour markets

Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)

Activity 8.2: Combining economic, social and environmental objectives in a European perspective: paths towards sustainable development (total budget per Activity EUR 10 million)

Area 8.2.1. Socioeconomic development trajectories

SSH.2012.2.1-1. Social innovation against inequalities

Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project)

SSH.2012.2.1-2. Social innovation for vulnerable populations

Collaborative project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation action dedicated to international cooperation

Additional eligibility criteria: at least 2 ICPC3 partners from Brazil

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/cooperation?callIdentifier=FP7-SSH-2012-2>

For Crisis and Disaster Psychologists

FP7-SEC-2012-1

Deadline 23 November 2011

Activity: 10.4 Restoring security and safety in case of crisis

SEC-2012.4.1-1 Preparedness for and management of large scale fires

Area: 10.4.1

CP-IP Preparedness, prevention, mitigation and planning SEC-2012.4.1-2 Psycho social support in Crisis Management

CP-FP SEC-2012.4.2-1 Positioning and timing tools to guarantee security assets trace & tracking together with worker safety in a secure environment

CP-FP SEC-2012.4.2-2 Situational awareness guidance and evacuation systems for large crowds, including crowds unpredictable behaviour

CP-IP Area: 10.4.2 Response
SEC-2012.4.2-3 Post crisis lesson learned exercise CSA

Area: 10.4.3 Recovery
SEC-2012.4.3-1 Next generation damage and post-crisis needs assessment tool for reconstruction and recovery planning

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/cooperation?callIdentifier=FP7-SEC-2012-1>

Call for Proposals VP/2011/012 Pilot Project :
Deadline 15/11/2011

All-Inclusive Cooperation between Public Authorities, Commercial Firms and Social Enterprises for Social Inclusion and Integration into the Labour Market

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=329&furtherCalls=yes>

Call for applications: study visits for specialists and decision-makers in education and training
Deadline: 14 October 2011

Are you a specialist or decision-maker in education or vocational training and would like to explore themes of common interest with your counterparts in other European countries or better understand specific aspects of another education and training system? Apply before 14 October 2011 for an EU grant to participate in study visits between March and June 2012.

The programme is open to nationals and residents of any of the 27 EU Member States, as well as the EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) and candidate countries (Turkey, Croatia).

Eligible for application: those who are responsible for the development and implementation of education or vocational training policies at local, regional or national levels: representatives of national, regional and local authorities, directors of education and vocational training establishments, guidance centres and validation and accreditation centres; teacher trainers; education and training inspectors; and representatives of employers associations and trade unions.

Candidates are selected by the National Agencies responsible for managing the programme in participating countries. Successful participants will receive a grant to contribute to travel and subsistence expenses.

More information about contacts and the modalities of applying:

<http://studyvisits.cedefop.europa.eu/>
http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/news3062_en.htm

OPEN CALLS FOR GRANTS

Call for Proposals EAC/01/2011 - European Policy Network on the education of children and young people with a migrant background

Deadline: 14 October 2011

The purpose of this call is to strengthen cross-European collaboration between high level decision makers, academics and practitioners for raising the educational attainment of children and young people with a migrant background.

The call aims to support the establishment of a European network to analyse, develop and exchange policy and practice in the area.

http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2976_en.htm

ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant ERC Starting Grants boost the independent careers of excellent researchers by providing adequate support at the critical stage where they are starting or consolidating their own independent research team or programme.

Deadline 24 November 2011

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/ideas?callIdentifier=ERC-2012-StG_20111124

ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant

12 October 2011

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/ideas?callIdentifier=ERC-2012-StG_20111012

Action 4.6 — Youth Support Systems – Partnerships

Deadline 3 November 2011

This call for proposals aims at supporting partnerships with regions, municipalities, civil society actors and bodies active in Corporate Social Responsibility in order to develop over the long-term projects which combine various measures of the Youth in Action programme.

This mechanism aims at encouraging synergies and cooperation between the European Commission – via the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency – and the different actors working in the field of youth by pooling resources and practices with a view to maximising the impact of the programme and to reaching out to a higher number of beneficiaries.

The project must include activities of a non-profit-making nature that are related to the field of youth and non-formal education.

The following activities are eligible under this call:

- Trans-national Youth Exchanges
- National or Trans-national Youth Initiatives
- European Voluntary Service
- Training and Networking

This call provides grants to projects.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2011/call_action_4_6_en.php



Action 4.1. "Support for bodies active at European level in the field of youth"

Objectives:

This call for proposals concerns Action 4.1 of the Youth in Action Programme and its purpose is to provide support for the operating costs of bodies active at European level in the field of youth and pursuing an aim which is of general European interest.

The bodies must help encourage young people to participate as citizens in public life, in society and in the development and implementation of European cooperation actions in the broadly defined field of youth.

This call for proposals corresponds to the annual operating grants to be awarded for 2012.

Deadline 15 November 2011

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2012/call_action_4_1_en.php

OPEN CALLS FOR TENDER

PUBLIC OPEN TENDER EAC/26/2011: DEVELOPING THE ADULT LEARNING SECTOR

Lot 1: Quality in the Adult Learning Sector

Lot 2: Financing the Adult Learning Sector

Lot 3: Opening Higher Education to adults

Deadline: 12 October 2011

The purpose of the 3 studies is to improve background knowledge which will inform choices for future activities for adult learning in 3 key areas and for the further development of the adult learning sector: improving quality, ensuring appropriate and effective financing, and opening the higher education sector for adult learning.

http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc3032_en.htm

Call for Tenders VT/2011/064 Study on Mobility, Migration and Destitution in the European Union

Deadline 18/10/2011

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=625&langId=en&callId=330&furtherCalls=yes>

Call for proposals for social experimentations - Progress 2011

Deadline 15/12/2011.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=987&langId=en&callId=331&furtherCalls=yes>

Provision of expertise to assist policy development in humanitarian aid

Deadline Friday 14 October 2011

The overall objective of the contract will be to increase the coherence, quality and effectiveness in humanitarian aid with the provision of expertise to assist policy development.

http://ec.europa.eu/echo/funding/opportunities/tender_en.htm

Call for expressions of interest EACEA/2007 for the establishment of a list of experts in the fields of Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in the framework of the 1st and 2nd Community programmes in the fields of education, audiovisual, culture, youth and citizenship.

Applications can be submitted until 30.06.2013



MISCELLANEOUS

EAWOP award to the life long career contribution awarded to Professor Robert Roe

During the closing ceremony of the XV EAWOP congress in Maastricht on May 28, 2011 the EAWOP LIFE LONG CAREER CONTRIBUTION AWARD was awarded to Prof. Robert Roe, first EAWOP president and actual EFPA president.

Speech by José M. Peiró, former President of EAWOP here:
<http://www.eawop.org/web/?new=70>

CAMBrella is a pan-European research network for complementary and alternative medicine (CAM)

The goal of this collaboration is to develop a roadmap for future European research in CAM that is appropriate for the health care needs of EU citizens, and acceptable to the EU Parliament as well as national research funders and healthcare providers.

We will enable meaningful, reliable comparative research and communication within Europe and create a sustainable structure and policy. CAMbrella is focused on academic research groups which do not advocate specific treatments. The specific objectives are:

- to develop an EU network involving centres of research excellence for collaborative research
- to develop consensus-based terminology widely accepted in Europe to describe CAM interventions
- to create a knowledge base that facilitates our understanding of patient demand for CAM and its prevalence
- to review the current legal status and policies governing CAM provision in the EU and to explore the needs, beliefs and attitudes of the EU citizens with respect to CAM.

Based on this information, the project will create a roadmap that will enable a sustainable and prioritised EU research roadmap for CAM. The partners will achieve this in three years by creating dialogue between researchers from 12 EU member and associated states. We will set up a mechanism that will allow fruitful and thoughtful discussion throughout the EU.



To facilitate this coordinating action, the project will be delivered in eight independent but interrelated work packages whose members meet regularly. It will be coordinated by a Management Board and directed by a Scientific Steering Committee with support of an Advisory Board. The outcomes generated will be disseminated through our website, peer review publications and a final conference with emphasis on current and future EU policies, addressing the different target audiences with an interest in CAM.

<http://www.cambrella.eu/>

The European Parliament's ENVI Committee has adopted a draft report, "Towards a stronger European disaster response : the role of civil protection and humanitarian assistance".

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/envi/pr/862/862509/862509en.pdf

The goal is to reinforce disaster response capacity and to create synergies between existing mechanisms in order to avoid duplication of work and operate more cost-effectively. The report welcomes the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council, "Towards a stronger EU disaster response" and its objectives.

It encourages the EU to implement an enhanced, effective, cost-efficient and visible European disaster response. To reinforce capacity, a European Emergency Response Capacity should be set up, based on Members States' assets and expertise.
http://ec.europa.eu/echo/civil_protection/civil/prote/pdfdocs/COM_2010_600_European_disaster_response_en.pdf

Eurohealthnet offers free trial membership for 6 months

<http://eurohealthnet.eu/organisation/join-network>

ESCOP Newsletter Issue N° 19

http://www.escop.eu/images/newsletter/ESCoP_2011newsletter.pdf

Commission announces funding for Tempus Programme

This allocation for Tempus represents an increase of almost €17 million in comparison to last year's programme, the Commission said.

The Commission noted that the money allocated under the Tempus Programme will support approximately 60 multilateral partnerships, aiming at modernising curricula, teaching methods and management of the colleges, schools and universities in the neighbouring countries.

Overall, more than 450 institutions from these countries will have new opportunities to collaborate in a structured way with a similar number of institutions from the EU in two- to three-year projects which will commence in 2012. Public and private companies and NGOs will be involved as well, to improve relevance and reinforce the links between society and education.

Established in 1990, the Tempus programme supports the modernisation of higher education and creates an area of co-operation in countries surrounding the EU. The scheme now covers 27 countries in the Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, North Africa and the Middle East.

To find out more about the Tempus programme, and future calls for proposals:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/index_en.php

Press releases:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/833&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

The Unfair Commercial Practices Directive

New rules enhancing consumer rights must be applicable across EU by 12 December 2007, 2½ years after their formal adoption in May 2005. This should boost consumer confidence and make it easier for business (especially small and medium sized) to carry out cross border trading.

The new legislation outlines "sharp practices" which will be prohibited throughout the EU, such as misleading and aggressive marketing. A general ban on unfair commercial practices will ensure that the Directive will stand the test of time even in fast evolving markets.

Specific provisions prevent exploitation of vulnerable consumers, such as children. Enforcement of the rules is the task of national consumer protection authorities and courts.

Guidance on the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive

Since the adoption of the Directive, the Commission and the national enforcers have cooperated regularly to ensure a common understanding of its provisions.

This guidance aims at developing a convergence of practices when implementing the Directive.

The deadline for transposition was 12 June 2007. Several Member States are late in transposing the Directive into their national laws.

The Commission is working with the Member States and stakeholders to make sure that Member States comply with their obligations to transpose the directive into national law. The Commission will take all necessary steps to address late or inadequate transposition.

More information here: http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/rights/index_en.htm

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFERENCE

PSYCHOLOGY – a Contribution to EU Policy Making *Known to few, good for many*

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 : 13.00 – 17.15
European Parliament Brussels
Paul-Henri Spaak building P5B001 60, rue Wiertz / Wiertzstraat 60
B-1047 Bruxelles/Brussel
Belgium

Hosted by MEP Leonidas DONSKIS, MEP Nadja HIRSCH and MEP Vilja SAVISAAR-TOOMAST
Organised by the European Federation of Psychologists Associations EFPA
with the support of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

On invitation only
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The aim of the conference is to provide Members of the European Parliament, officials from the European Commission, and representatives of other European organizations with up-to-date information on psychology and what it can offer to European society.

The event should give attendants a view of what present-day psychology can contribute in areas such as health, education, work, community, and traffic. It should make clear how psychologists with expertise in these areas can effectively work together in preventing mental illness and social conflict, and in promoting life-long learning, social inclusion, and economic growth and innovation. We hope that the conference will help to establish a dialogue that will allow psychology to contribute to European policy-making in the future.

The conference will start with an opening by MEP Prof. Leonidas Donskis and a short presentation on behalf of the European Commission. Next, there will be a presentation with an overview of psychology's possible contributions to European policy-making, and four short presentations on selected topics that are of special relevance for European policy-making. Psychological experts from all over Europe will be present to give supplementary statements and answer questions. The conference will be concluded with closing remarks by MEP Vilja Savisaar-Toomast.