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Aristotle Prize 2013 awarded to Professor Niels Birbaumer from the University of Tübingen (Germany)

Dear Professor Birbaumer,

Dear Sir,

The Executive Council of EFPA would like to congratulate you for being elected to be the next Aristotle Award 2013 winner . The Aristotle Prize was given to EFPA by the President of the IVth European Congress of Psychology in 1995 Athens, Greece, to be awarded to a psychologist from Europe who has made a distinguished contribution to psychology.

The Aristotle Prize Selection Committee stated that : quote

..... Prof. Niels Birbaumer is an internationally renowned expert in research that bridges the gap between basic cortical psychophysiology and applied areas.

His research has revealed the neuronal plasticity of the brain in the blind and demonstrated that slow cortical potentials could be brought under voluntary control. This has allowed training epileptic patients to abort impending seizures.

In recent years he has developed a Brain Computer Interface (BCI), which allow persons to interact with their environment by controlling a word processor through mental activity only. This has enabled patients with cerebral palsy to communicate with their families after years of isolation.

His research in neuro-rehabilitation has opened a wide range of new possibilities for treating conditions such as lower back pain, migraine, and juvenile hyperactivity.

Professor Birbaumer is a world class researcher. The scientific oeuvre of him and his team comprises over 500 publications. He has been an inspiring leader and teacher for many colleagues and students, in Europe as well as abroad. ... unquote.

Therefore, the Selection Committee decided to elect you as the recipient of the Aristotle Prize 2013.

EFPA wants to inform its member associations about this election and at the same time announce the theme of your key note speech at the European Congress of Psychology in Stockholm, Sweden, in the week of July 10-12, 2013 (www.ecp2013.se). Therefore we would like to know the theme of your speech.

The award will be handed over to you during the Opening Ceremony of the European Congress of Psychology on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 17.00 o'clock.

Expenses to cover the congress registration, hotel accommodations for three nights as well as the travel costs, will be reimbursed by the congress organizer.

All other practical arrangements as congress reservation, hotel reservation, flight arrangements etc. will be handled by Mr. Anders Wahlberg, Chair of the Organising Committee of the European Congress in Stockholm/Sweden (July 10-12, 2013) at Anders.Wahlberg@ppab.eu.

Could you please inform us at headoffice@efpa.eu (Attn. Director of EFPA Sabine Steyaert) as soon as possible?

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,



Prof. dr. Robert A. Roe

President of EFPA

Chair of the Aristotle Prize Selection Committee

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President of the Greek Association of Psychologists

President of the Federation of German Psychologists' Associations

Chair of the Scientific and Organisational committee of the European Congress in Psychology Stockholm 2013