

Notes from the President

Since our last newsletter the ERU and the EADP have been very busy organizing a series of events especially for PhD students:

- The EADP Winter School (6th -11th Jan. 2013; deadline for applying is 15th of Oct. 2012)
- The ERU writing week
- The EADP pre-conference workshop
- Special activities during the 16th European conference on developmental psychology

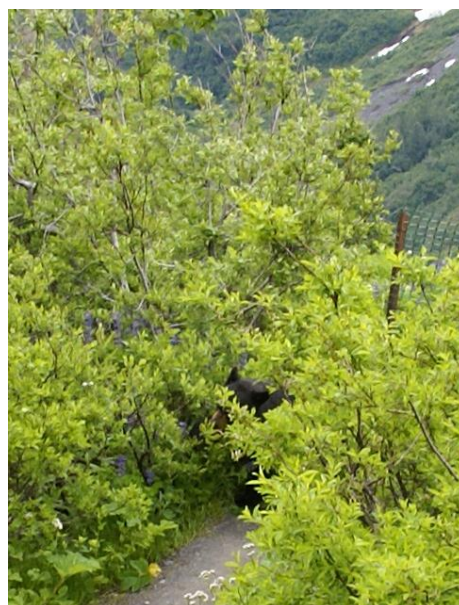
In this newsletter we will provide more information about these events and how to apply.

Another great accomplishment of ERU members is that most of the papers written during the last ERU-Writing-Week have been published in the section Developmetrics of our journal EJDP!!! I would like to congratulate all the authors with this great accomplishment. So, if you are doing research on the *Satisfaction with Life Scale*, the *Meaning-in-life orientations and values in Youth scale*, the *Multigroup Ethnic Identity Measure*, the *Emotion Regulation Questionnaire*, or the *Friends and Family Interview*, please cite the work of your fellow ERU-colleagues!

I hope to see you during one of the events organized in the upcoming year!

Rens van de Schoot

Ps. For a video of my prestige lecture, about how black bears use null hypothesis testing, see <http://rensvandeschoot.wordpress.com/> (go to 'Video'). This lecture was given because I was appointed as extraordinary professor at the Optentia research program in South-Africa (www.optentia.co.za).



THE 2013 ERU WRITING WEEK

For the upcoming 2013, ERU plans to continue the writing week event, which was so successfully achieved in 2012. In order to do that, we need your feedback on two possibilities or any other suggestions on which topics might be addressed in our papers.

1. Repeating the 2012 experience of measurement invariance but targeting different journals than EJDP. In that case we need information on topics and datasets to assure comparability of dataset across countries.
2. Write up standard papers on specific topic of common interest. In that case we will need information on which topic, dataset and people will be involved.

In both cases and any other suggestions for ERU writing week, please contact Radosveta Dimitrova at R.Dimitrova@uvt.nl

In our next newsletter we will inform you about new developments.

THE 2013 EADP WINTER SCHOOL

The European Association of Developmental Psychology (EADP), has been organizing both Summer and Winter Schools, which are training grounds for young scholars interested in child and adolescent development. These Schools, organized around a common theme, have been a tradition since 2008, with generous funding by the Johann Jacobs Foundation. The Schools bring together established researchers, recognized for their expertise and teaching abilities with doctoral and post-doctoral students for five, intensive days of research training. The training includes exposure to innovative and creative research, as well as workshops focusing on professional skills.

In 2013, the Winter School will be held from January 6th to January 11th, 2013. The site for the school is the Bremberg Hotel and Conference Center in Haasrode, close to Leuven (Belgium). The school is co-organized by Luc Goossens (Leuven, Belgium) and Marcel van Aken (Utrecht, The Netherlands) with the assistance of Theo Klimstra (Leuven, Belgium). The Senior Scholars for this Winter School include (in alphabetical order): Marian Bakermans-Kranenburg (Leiden, The Netherlands), Luc Goossens (Leuven, Belgium), Geertjan Overbeek (Utrecht, The Netherlands), Michael Pluess (London, United Kingdom), Katarina Salmela-Aro (Helsinki, Finland), Marcel van Aken (Utrecht, The Netherlands), and Marinus van Ijzendoorn (Leiden, The Netherlands).

The theme for the 2013 Winter School is “Developmental Psychopathology, Environments, and Interactions: Moving Into the Genetics Era”. The study of gene-environment interactions is considered a “hot topic” that can significantly enhance our understanding of the development of problem behaviors in youth. This type of work represents a logical extension of current research in developmental psychology that concentrates on young people’s individual characteristics (e.g., temperament and personality) as they interact with features of the social environment (e.g., the quality of relationships with parents and peers) in the emergence of problem behaviors. The EADP Winter School is designed to attract both those young researchers who have already moved into this new domain of gene-environment interplay; those who plan or consider to do so in the near future; and those who envision that knowledge from this domain might come to play an important role for their own future domain of research.

We invite both doctoral and post-doctoral students to apply. A total of 26 students will be selected on the basis of their academic records, research experience, letters of recommendation, and overall evidence of scientific aptitude and competence. Students who apply should have their doctoral or post-doctoral research planned or underway, but not completed. Preference is given to students who are mid-way in their research, so that they can benefit from the critiques given during the school, or post-docs who plan to do research on gene-environment interactions or related areas in their future work. Students will receive travel subsidies (up to 250 €), with accommodations and meals (amounting to about 600 €) paid for by EADP.

Students will also present their own research projects at the Winter School and all of the participants will discuss the research questions and methods they plan to use. These research projects can (a) concentrate on gene-environment interactions in the strict sense of the term or (b) involve analyses of interactions between stable individual differences (e.g., in temperament and personality) and a specific environmental factor (e.g., the rearing style used by the parents) that can be expanded through a genetic component in future projects.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Send the following documents in English, saved as Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) files:

1. Your curriculum vitae (labelled *yourname.cv*)
2. A short description of your dissertation topic and progress so far (1-2 pages double spaced), (labelled *yourname.dissertation*)
3. A recommendation letter from your supervisor (labelled *yourname.lor*).

Send the files, by email, to the Co-chairs of the EADP Winter School Committee:

Dr. Luc Goossens (Luc.Goossens@ppw.kuleuven.be) and Dr. Marcel van Aken (M.A.G.vanAken@uu.nl)

Applications must be received by **October 15th, 2012**. All applications received by that date will be evaluated by the Winter School Committee, with notifications e-mailed by Nov. 1st, 2012.

16TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY SEPTEMBER 3 - 7, 2013, LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND



Scientific Program

The program will cover all aspects and research domains of developmental psychology, with a particular focus on bridging clinical and developmental sciences. Purposely, the organizing committee has been composed of both clinical and developmental researchers from two Departments of the Lausanne University, the Institute of Psychology, and the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Department, in association with the Brain Mind Institute of the Federal

Institute of Technology in Lausanne. Cross-fertilizing fundamental and clinical sciences represent a specific area of expertise in Lausanne.

Registration

The abstract submission and registration will be open online in September 2012 at www.unil.ch/ecdp2013

Fees range from around € 190 (e.g. early birds student EADP members) to € 390 (e.g. on-site registration EADP non-members).

Important dates

June 2012.....Second announcement

December 15, 2012.....Deadline for abstract submission

March 15, 2013.....Notification of acceptance

April 15, 2013.....Deadline for early registration

More at www.unil.ch/ecdp2013

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR PHD STUDENTS AT THE ECDP

During the 16th European Conference on Developmental Psychology there will be some special events organized for PhD students On behalf of the European Association of Developmental Psychology (EADP), Early Researcher Union (ERU) and the Jacobs Foundation:

- The **Jacobs Foundation** supports financially 15 PhD students within the framework of collaboration with the EADP to attend the 16th European Conference on Developmental Psychology. The 15 fellowships will be divided into 8 fellowships offered to young researchers in recognition of their excellent work, independently of their country of origin, and 7 to young researchers from economically developing countries. Only members of the EADP can be recipients of the fellowships. Please go to the EADP website for membership application before or upon being selected for the fellowship. In this way you can also ask for a reduced fee when registering for the conference. The 15 fellowships will be selected based on their poster submission for the best poster award, see below.
- **The Best Poster Award.** Click on [this](#) link for instructions how to apply for the best poster award. 15 candidates who will be granted a fellowship. During the closing ceremony the best poster and the first and second runner-up will be made known.
- **ERU poster symposium.** The 15 fellowships selected will be invited to give a five minute presentation during this special event chaired by the president of the ERU (dr. Rens van de Schoot).
- **Lecture on Presentation Skills** by dr. Rens van de Schoot and Dr. Dorothea Dette-Hagenmeyer. This lecture is specially intended for the 15 fellowships to improve their presentation skills, but is also open for other PhD-students.
- **ERU Social Event.** The ERU social event will take place on September 4, Wednesday. Further information will be provided in our next newsletter.
- **ERU General Assemble.** The board of the Early Research Union invites all PhD-students who are member of the EADP to take part in this meeting. We will inform you what the ERU has done since the last conference and we will discuss our future plans. If you want to receive the agenda, please send an email to our secretary Radosveta Dimitrova (r.dimitrova@uvt.nl)

- Altogether, the program targeted to early researchers gathers the above mentioned initiatives endorsing great opportunities to communicate, interact, learn and become active in the welcoming context of the upcoming 16th EADP conference in Lausanne <http://www3.unil.ch/wpmu/ecdp2013/>

The procedure for the best poster award among those is the following:

- To send an abstract for a poster presentation during the regular period of submission: September 15-December 15, 2012. Notification of acceptance will be made before March 15, 2013.
- After March 15, 2013, a special call for the Fellowships sponsored by the Jacobs Foundation will be open for all PhD students who were already accepted for a poster presentation.
- Application for the fellowship requires the additional submittance of a pdf poster file including the complete poster layout by the end of April 2013. The pdf-files will be submitted to the email address of the secretary of the ERU, Radosveta Dimitrova, email: R.Dimitrova@uvt.nl
- Board members of the EADP and of the ERU will select 15 posters who will be granted a fellowship. The students will be notified by the end of May. During the poster session they will receive a small banner with the text “nominated for the ERU-best-poster award”. The selected young researchers will receive a fellowship of €1000.
- In addition, the 15 fellowships selected will have a five-minute poster presentation during the “**ERU poster symposium**” chaired by the president of the ERU.
- During the regular poster sessions of the conference, board members of the EADP and of the ERU will select the **best poster and the first and second runner-up**.
- During the closing ceremony the best poster and the first and second runner-up will be made known by the president of the ERU. The award consists of: (1) a certificate, (2) a next 2-year free membership of the Association and (3) a publication in the newsletter of the ERU.

THE 2013 EADP CONFERENCE – ERU SYMPOSIA

During the 16th European Conference on Developmental Psychology, we would like to submit papers for symposia organized by ERU members. There are two potential topics:

- Symposia 1: Measurement invariance, which will cover papers developed during our writing week in 2012
- Symposia 2: Identity and Well-Being of Children and Youth across Europe

For both options and any other suggestions for ERU symposia, please contact Radosveta Dimitrova at R.Dimitrova@uvt.nl

THE 2013 EADP PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP

We are pleased to announce you the Preconference Workshop on Evidence-based Parent Education Programs to Promote Positive Parenting, funded by the Jacobs Foundation, which will take place on the occasion of the 16th European Conference on Developmental Psychology, in Lausanne, Switzerland, September 3-7, 2013. The preconference workshop will be scheduled on September 3 from 9.00 to 16.30. It is a joint initiative of its former organizers and staff members Maria José Rodrigo (La Laguna University, Tenerife), Ana Almeida (Minho University, Portugal), Barbara Reichle (Ludwigsburg University, Germany) and, on behalf of ERU (Early Researchers’

Union), Rens van de Schoot (Utrecht University, Netherlands) and Radosveta Dimitrova (Tilburg University, Netherlands).

The main objectives of the preconference workshop are to present research and intervention studies and to discuss the theoretical, empirical, practical, and professional aspects of evidence-based parenting education and its implications for policies on positive parenting. Presenters will include acknowledged international researchers and professionals, former staff members of the Tenerife Winter School, and young researchers, who have been granted a Jacobs Foundation Fellowship. Some additional non-funded experts and audience will attend the preconference workshop to a maximum of 35 participants in total.

The 15 fellowships sponsored by the Jacobs Foundation will be distributed among PhD or postdoctoral students which have been recommended by their supervisors due to their excellent work on parental education programs. The final recipients of the fellowship will receive 1000 Euros under two further conditions: to be members of the EADP and to register to the 16th European Conference on Developmental Psychology with a reduced fee as members.

The posters presented by the PhD students will enter into the selection procedure for the best poster award (see above). During the closing ceremony the best poster and the first and second runner-up will be made known by the president of the ERU. The award consists of: (1) a certificate, (2) a next 2-year free membership of the Association and (3) a publication in the newsletter of the ERU.

We invite you to consult with your advisor and to tell us your intention or availability to participate with your current work on parenting programs in this new event. If you care to formalize your interest, please, send your reaction to this email to María José Rodrigo (mjrodri@ull.es) and submit us an abstract of 200 words until October, 15th, 2012. We will be delighted if you consider this opportunity to present your work and attend the conference.

On behalf of the organizing committee,

Maria José Rodrigo
Ana Almeida
Barbara Reichle
Rens van de Schoot
Radosveta Dimitrova

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you work with the software **Mplus** you might be interested in a new series of videos about new developments (e.g., in *Mplus* v7 there is the option for graphical input and output...). See <http://mplus.fss.uu.nl/> and go to '**Videos**'. On this website you can also watch the videos of the 4th *Mplus* users meeting. Note that the 5th meeting will take place 25th of March 2013. For other *Mplus* events organized at Utrecht University, see <http://mplus.fss.uu.nl/events/>
- **The 9th International Multilevel Conference is on March 27-28 (2013). Prior to the conference (26th of March) a one-day course is taught by prof. Stef van Buuren on Multiple Imputation of Multilevel missing data in MICE. See <http://multilevel.fss.uu.nl/> for more information.**
- **Society for Research in Child Development 2013 Biennial Meeting April 18 – 20, 2013, Seattle, Washington, USA,** http://www.srcd.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=134&Itemid=568

- **CALL FOR PAPERS** - the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) of the University of Bremen and the Jacobs University and the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP), in collaboration with the Hanse Institute for Advanced Study (HWK), are pleased to announce the “International Young Scholar German Socio-Economic Panel Symposium”. The symposium provides an opportunity for doctoral students of all disciplines (e.g. economics, demography, psychology, sociology, public health, geography) and at any stage of their doctoral thesis, to present empirical research in progress – carried out with panel data (especially SOEP data) – and to discuss theoretical, conceptual and empirical issues with senior researchers. We encourage interested young scholars to submit abstracts. If you would like to attend the symposium, please submit an abstract of your topic (350 words, in English) together with complete contact information before November 15, 2012. We will inform you whether your proposal has been accepted before December 15, 2012. The deadline for submission of the full paper will be February 28, 2013. If you have any other questions regarding the application process please contact Anne-Luise Baumann (abaumann@bigsss-bremen.de) or Maike Schulz (mschulz@bigsss-bremen.de).