

Dear Sport & Exercise Psychology members:

Finally- a long awaited update!! Our sincere apologies for the absence in communications. We have done our best to update you on our website but unfortunately new website management has caused some disruption to this. As for an email update, several key members of our committee have undergone significant life disruptions, including numerous residency changes and health matters but we feel by the end of the summer, the Section will be off and running with its newest endeavours!

Some fantastic news to report includes our next major hurdle: Being re-established as a Section once again! As of February 2007, we officially received notice of our Section status, moving from our previous year's Interest Group Status. Thank-you to ALL members supporting our work and effort to get the Section re-established after a 15 year hiatus!

With our new Section, we would like to formalize executive and committee positions. ALL positions are open to anyone interested in being part of the Section's development. Gerry and I are happy to have brought it to the point of becoming a Section and will remain in whatever positions necessary to help it move forward but we are looking for anyone with any leadership inclination to provide some formal direction for the next stage of the section. With well over 100 members, we hope that any one interested in becoming part of the executive or a committee, or even has an interest in doing anything with the Section (develop awards, find keynote speakers for next year's conference, develop our newsletter and/or insert news via Psynopsis, take meeting minutes, review the by-laws which are in-process, assist in the program/training committee for developing programs to become a sport psychologist, and anything else of interest), please come forward and nominate yourself or a colleague! The door is wide open and we will be there with you along the way!! This is a very exciting time in the re-development of the Section and it can be very exciting to be part as it unfolds for years to come- so come take a part in it and have your ideas implemented!!!

As most of you know, the Canadian Psychological Association 68th Annual Convention in Ottawa, Ontario from June 7-11th is less than 2 weeks away! It has crept up fast for some of us!! We are happy to have a number of sport and exercise presentations for the first time since we were last a section. Congratulations to all of you who submitted articles and are coming to present!! We look forward to meeting you. Of special interest is the Conversation Hour, led by moderator Dr. Kate Hays. This hour will discuss the issue of Training Competent Sport Psychologists from several different perspectives (student, practitioner, regulation/programming). Psychology departments have not offered specialized training for sport psychologists and this is becoming an increasing demand by students who attempt to make their own programs, and often go to kinesiology departments to learn about sport psychology. Additionally, psychologists who wish to practice in the sporting domain do not necessarily have guidelines for extra coursework or internships/consulting to expand their practice for this population group. We will present the varying issues and considerations at this hour- held THURSDAY, June 7th in the QUEBEC (Westin) 90 THEATRE @ 4:00pm – 4:55pm. We would like to hear your viewpoints and suggestions. This would also be a great opportunity to meet and discuss items informally after the presentation!

Lastly, our business meeting will be held SATURDAY June 9th @ 8:00am to 8:55am in the ALBERTA (Westin) 50 THEATRE. We welcome anyone to attend. It will be informal at this point since we are just starting our Section functions. So, if you would like to know more about the section, about what's involved, how you can contribute in any way, please come see us!! By joining as a member of the section, you probably have some items that you would like to see occur in the Section- so please let us know! It has been a while since we asked for this information via email, with our Interest Group members, so hearing what you want will ensure that we include this in the Section developments- those which you can become a part of too! We would like to hear from all areas: Teaching, Research, and Practice!!! Of course, we welcome emails at any time regarding this or anything else that comes to mind. Thanks to all who have already communicated some suggestions!

We look forward to an exciting year in our Section (re)development and hope to meet many of you at this year's conference. If you come to any of our section activities (poster, presentation, business meeting), we will be attempting to be at every activity- so this will offer great opportunities to meet. Once again, a hearty Welcome to all new members!

Sincerely,

Tricia Orzeck & Gerry Farthing

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