



## Report on the EFPA Board of Educational Affairs Meeting May 2013



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Board of Educational Affairs.

The present work in BEA shows that EFPTA's contributions are well received and dealt with and that our relationship with EFPA is proving to be very valuable. Some items that may interest EFPTA members:

- The questionnaire to collect information about the teaching of psychology to other (than psychologists') professions in university psychology departments is still running. Link: <http://tinyurl.com/cp26hho>. So whoever has connections to a psychology department at a university please support by passing on this link.
- BEA will present its work at ECP Stockholm, 9-12 July 2013.
- On invitation from Robert Roe (EFPA President) BEA agreed on organizing a symposium at ICAP Paris 2014 to show EFPA's efforts to accumulate knowledge on the teaching of psychology at all levels. For the application to ICAP we produced an abstract containing four items:
  1. Psychology in secondary schools
  2. Teaching psychology in the bachelor phase
  3. Employability with a bachelor's degree
  4. Teaching of psychology to non-psychologists

The text to No.1:

"The first talk refers to the opportunity to learn academic psychology in secondary school (Renate Schrempf, Dorothy Coombs, Els Mampaey, Iva Stuchlikova). In this context, besides providing basic knowledge in academic psychology, psychological literacy can play a role in developing important transferable skills and life competences in secondary school students. However, psychology is not yet a regular subject that is offered to all pupils. The presentation will give an overview of the available information on this topic based on the research projects of the European Federation of Psychology Teachers' Associations (EFPTA). There are differences in the curricula in Europe but issues about teachers' qualifications and perception of the difficulty of the course content are similar. The presentation will stimulate discussion about the motivation for, and the impact of, studying psychology in adolescence."

We are quite optimistic about being accepted as this application goes through EFPA.

- Europlat member Peter Reddy reported about Europlat's situation after their funding was not renewed. They even had to shut down their website but are still present on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/Europlat](http://www.facebook.com/Europlat)).