
Conference November 2005

EFPTA CONFERENCE IN BARCELONE ON NOVEMBER 4 AND 5 2005



EFPTA held a conference in Barcelona in Spain last autumn (on November 4 and 5 2005). The main objective of the conference was to give non-university teachers of psychology an opportunity to meet and share information on good practice. Two renowned keynote speakers, Michael Eysenck from the UK and Jette Hannibal from Denmark, spoke on the conference. Experienced psychology teachers ran workshops. [See video here.](#) (Can take few minutes to download. For playing you need a [Quick Time Player](#)).

The time table and agenda for the conference was as follows: Friday November 4th2005.

- 10:00 - 10:15 Opening of the conference
- 10:15 - 11:15 Keynote speaker:
Professor *Michael Eysenck* from the UK
- 11:15 - 11:45 Break
- 11:45 - 12:15 Introduction to psychology in Spain
- 12:15 - 14:15 Lunch break and posters from participating countries
- 14:15 - 15:15 Workshop session I: "Encouraging students to think...Ways to increase motivation in the classroom" / *Dorothy Coombs* (UK)
- 15:15 - 15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45 - 16:45 Workshop session II: "Group work and collaborative learning" / *Morag Williamson* and *Hans Reijnierse* (Scotland/Netherlands).

Saturday November 5th 2005

- 9:00 - 10:00 First plenary session
- 10:00 - 10:30 Introduction to EFPTA and progress to date
- 10:30 - 11:30 Keynote speaker *Jette Hannibal*, president of the Danish Psychology Teachers' Association
- 11:30 - 11:45 Break
- 11:45 - 12:45 Workshop session III: "Integrating IT in the classroom - Research methods/practicals" / *Aldis Gudmundsdottir*, *Kristjan Ari Arason* (Iceland), *Wolfgang Augustin* (Germany)
- 12:45 - 14:00 Lunch break and posters from participating countries
- 14:00 - 15:00 Workshop session IV: "Should psychology be compulsory in the school/college curriculum?" *Jari Honkala* and *Marja Honkaheimo* psychology teachers from Finland, where psychology recently became a compulsory subject at this level, present the case.
- 15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 - 16:30 Second plenary session and concluding information
16:30 - 16:45 President's closing address.

Keynote speakers:

Professor Michael Eysenck has been Professor and Head of the Psychology Department at Royal Holloway University of London since 1987. His main area of research is anxiety (normal and clinical) and cognition, an area in which he has written two research monographs. He also written a further 30 books on numerous topics in psychology, including a 1000-page textbook in which psychology is approached from an international and cross-cultural perspective. He has also produced about 150 articles and book chapters, most of which are concerned with the cognitive approach to anxiety.

Jette Hannibal gave a talk on psychology in Denmark 2005 - a new perspective and its consequences for teaching. She has university degrees in psychology, French and history and she has been teaching these subjects since 1978 in Nårre Gymnasium, and she has been student counsellor since 1982. She is currently president of the Danish Association of Psychology Teachers and has participated in the development of the new curriculum in psychology in Denmark. She has co-operated in the organisation of several seminars for psychology teachers in Denmark. Since 2000 she has been editor in chief of the journal of Psykologilærerforeningen (The Danish Association of Psychology Teachers). She has a keen interest in teaching and study skills and has developed a home page with a study skills programme in Danish and one in English for the IB diploma programme in which she has also taught psychology, history and French.

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