



by students for students

2008/2009 Annual Report

message from the presidential team

Dear Friends,
Dear Psychology Students,
Dear Psychologists,
Dear Partners and Supporters,

The mandate 2008/2009 has come to an end. Proudly we present you the results of a year of hard work by many psychology students from all over Europe.

If we have to name one thing that stood out this mandate it is what we call "EFPSA Spirit." Time after time, we are amazed how much is possible when students can show their enthusiasm and free spirit. When they embrace the exchange of ideas, open communication and friendship. It is almost impossible to explain how much energy is created when the active students in EFPSA come together and work on projects and tasks. And work we did...

The mandate started with a wonderful congress in Lithuania. A fresh and energetic team was ready to take on some difficult tasks. The last preparations for our second European Summer school were done and the first steps in sponsorship were set. As you can read on the other pages, many goals have been

achieved this year.

Throughout the mandate, cooperation has been very important to us. The Leadership Summer School was our first, highly successful, experience with a summer school that was not only for psychology student. Besides that, we had the distinct pleasure to strengthen our bonds with EFPA (the psychologists' association). Cooperation with EFPA is of great importance for both of us. EFPSA has worked on stabilising and increasing the cooperation, and we are looking forward to new projects that may arise in the near future. Last, we are thankful for our cooperation with IFISO (Informal Forum of International Students Organisations). Here we found possibilities to cooperate on summer schools, help with some problems and we gained useful insights on organisational issues.

We look back upon a year where EFPSA has grown in stability and where we improved our services. This vast growth has only been



Serra Tekin
Vice President



Aart Franken
President

possible because of the students who contributed enthusiastically to EFPSA, this mandate and the years before. Our thanks go out to all these students, who have worked very hard for countless hours, while creating and enjoying the wonderful EFPSA Spirit. We are ready for the future. Spread the word about this wonderful organisation called EFPSA!

Yours truly,
Serra and Aart



Structural Goals

Get EFPSA registered in Brussels

EFPSA is as good as registered! At the moment of writing, May 2009, the statutes and domestic regulations have been sent to Brussels and we hope to be registered soon. It took quite some effort and time, and we will give the statutes another revision the next mandate. For now, we are proud of the result we have accomplished.

Thumbs up for the hard work of the Board of Management and for the input we got from the Executive Board, National Representatives, and our advisors.



4 points out of 5

Increase stability of EFPSA

This mandate we changed the day when the 'new' Executive Board starts working. It seems to be positive that the 'old' Executive Board has some days at the congress to finish up their work.

Also, we have welcomed the Activities Officer to the Board of Management. Direct knowledge about activities has proven to be very useful and the Activities Officer will stay in the Board of Management.

The function of Immediate Past President was created to assure that the president will give a knowledge transfer and stays active as advisor.

Last, we started on the Strategic Plan. This plan should be finalized coming mandate.



5 points out of 5

Increase Cooperation with EFPA

Cooperation with EFPA is very valuable for both our organisations. This mandate it was interesting and helpful to cooperate with EFPA. Through EFPA we have increased or (re)gained our contact with for example the Danish, Swedish and Maltese student organisations. Some EFPA member associations will also sponsor students to attend the European Congress of Psychology, of which we are thankful. EFPA also invited EFPSA to be present at the EuroPsy workshop. We have made some changes to improve the continuity of cooperation with EFPA. The Immediate Past President will be responsible for the personal introduction of the new President to EFPA. Besides that, we started the project called 'Friends of EFPSA', which will hopefully help us increase the contact with individual members of EFPA. Last, EFPSA has written an proposal for closer structural cooperation with EFPA by having an EFPSA student member in the EFPA Executive Council. Cooperation is highly valued, we hope to keep close contact with EFPA.



5 points out of 5

Guard and increase "EFPSA Spirit"

EFPSA Spirit is what drives many of the volunteer students that work with EFPSA. Together we create an atmosphere where hard work and social interaction is so rewarding that there seems to be no end to the energy we can put in the association.

We feel that EFPSA Spirit was very high this mandate. Meetings were attended by almost all of those working with EFPSA and many students were motivated to work hard and share ideas. At least to us, the presidential team, EFPSA Spirit has helped us to keep motivated and to believe in the achievement of our goals! Experiencing such a spirit makes you realise the potential of EFPSA.



5 points out of 5



monetary goals / promotion

Get 10.000 euro from partnership

Sadly this is a goal not reached. We started off with a motivated sponsorship team, sadly they disappeared throughout the mandate. The year was promising though, as we did start or increase some partnerships.

We increased our contact with Swisscare (<http://insurance.efpsa.org>). Next mandate, EFPSA can start providing insurances for students. Besides that, the Radboud University of Nijmegen (<http://www.ru.nl>) sponsored the travel costs for the first Board of Management Meeting and we now have our first website-sponsorship deal with 'concert-tickets.' Last, the project called 'Friends of EFPSA' will hopefully help us in the near future to gain financial stability and recognition.

It is our strong believe that our goal of 10.000 euro is possible if we can explain well what EFPSA can offer to students, other organisations, and psychology in general.



Create new EFPSA promotion

Velvet (<http://velvet.es>) provided us with a first version of a general EFPSA poster. We hope to be able to use the poster in EFPSA promotion soon. We also got EFPSA gadgets as a keychain and in cooperation with SwissCare we made USB sticks. EFPSA webpage gets about 300 visits a day and we have an impressive mouth-to-mouth promotion.



Research Network goals

Organise a successful 2nd European Summer School (ESS)

The second EFPSA European Summer School was a great success! There where 33 students guided by 5 Phd students, together they came from 16 European countries. The only downside was that the event was still not fully financially independent. The Slovakian organisers arranged everything very well and most students got so excited by the opportunity to learn in a group of international students that they also visited the congress and started working with EFPSA.



Publish the first version of the Journal of European Psychology Students (JEPS)

We planned to celebrate the first publication of JEPS, and we have gotten very close to it. The team of JEPS has worked hard this mandate and they now lack just one article to be reviewed. When they receive the last article they can go over to publishing the journal!

Although we did not manage to publish the first version in this mandate, it should be only a matter of weeks now, so we are very happy with the work the JEPS team has done.





miscellaneous goals

Improve external communication

This mandate we wanted to improve our communication with external organisations. The cooperation with EFPA, one of our most important partners, was very successful as we mentioned before.

We also had good contact with our IFISO partners, we exchanged ideas and provided each other with feedback. Also, we helped guiding the first IFISO meeting of the mandate. New projects in cooperation with other organisations are taking place, examples are the Leadership Summer School and the Parkinson Summerschool (yet to take place).

Besides that, EFPSA has had the pleasure to join other projects and meetings such as the European HELP-Campaign against tobacco, the European Brain Council, and we started exploring a cooperation with EuroPLAT (European Network for Psychology Learning and Teaching).

At the International Congress of Psychology EFPSA held a workshop and many students were able to attend the congress. We are happy with the development of students being able to attend such congresses.

All in all we are very happy with the cooperation that has taken place this mandate. It is wonderful that we are able to provide students a variety of summer schools where they can meet students from other studies and it is good to be able to help think about teaching in psychology. Cooperation with other organisations is very important because it is beneficial to all parties.



5 points out of 5

Improving internal communication

EFPSA had some plans to improve the internal communication. One of the most important and intense goals was to improve the structure of Sharepoint (the communication platform of our federation). We did not manage to improve the structure of the documents on sharepoint.

What we did do was clean our mailing lists and receive all the executive board reports. Besides that, almost all students who are active in EFPSA attended the meetings. This was very important to us and we are happy to see that the attendance was so high and the students were so motivated this mandate. Personal contact was also very important to us this mandate and we feel content about this goal.



3 points out of 5



Improve Travel Network

Sadly we did not achieve improvement of the Travel Network. We had some difficulties and the Travel Network remains the same. There are still some problems in the software. We do have renewed contact with the guy who wanted to help us create a new site, but for now we keep working with the old version of Travel Network. We are proud of this great service and hope to improve it more in the next mandate.



Four past presidents of EFPSA present at the Alumni Meeting, later to be joined by Anja Bregar as the fifth past president attending the meeting.



Start EFPSA Alumni group

We had the first EFPSA Alumni meeting this mandate. This is a big and very important step for the stability of EFPSA. At this meeting the president got to discuss with people who have been important for EFPSA throughout the past years, there were 4 past presidents and the current president attending the meeting! This greatly helped with knowledge transfer and perhaps because of this meeting, the alumni have been very active and helpful in advising the Board of Management.

The Alumni group has grown throughout the mandate and the next Alumni meeting will take place next summer. We strongly feel that the possibilities of the Alumni are only starting to become visible and we hope to see more growth and formalisation of the Alumni group.

At the next Alumni meeting the new president will once again learn from experiences of the past. This is very important for the stability of EFPSA.



Profit and loss account EFPSA mandate 2008/09 (Period March 2008 - March 2009)

	Budget 2008	Account 2008	Budget 2008	Account 2008
Services	875.00	0.00		
Projects	0.00	0.00		
Contributions to meetings and congresses	600.00	800.00		
Application Committee - support	3575.00	1231.03		
P-Team travel support	800.00	445.05		
EFPSA general promotion	1500.00	0.00		
Administrative expenses	1406.16	101.55		
Obligations	629.60	0.00		
Other expenses	0.00	6.25		
TOTAL EXPENSE	9385.76	6402.91		
Membership fees 2008/09			2520.00	3605.00
Unpaid membership fees 2007/08			654.00	51.00
EFPA support			1240	1240.00
ESS Support			0.00	2963.22
Sponsors			3500.00	5.00
Funds			0.00	0.00
Other income			1187.00	510.56
TOTAL INCOME			9401.00	8961.58
Difference		2338.67		

Balance as of 27.03.2009

	Assets	Liabilities
Bank	5.107.11	
Debitors	957.00	
Total Assets	6.044.11	
Creditors		1.247.55
Equity		4.796.56
Total Liabilities		6.044.11

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