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A look back on the EFPSA year



Welcome everyone

As our mandate is coming to an end, it is time to summarize this EFPSA year that started in April 2010 at the 24th EFPSA Congress in the Netherlands.

We are inviting you to join us looking back at the EFPSA events, the improvements in the EFPSA services and a small yet exciting selection of all the inspiring new ideas and projects that have evolved this mandate. Enjoy!

250 students celebrating scientific and cultural exchange at the 24th EFPSA Congress in the Netherlands

An eventful summer

This summer, EFPSA brought European psychology students together again. The *EFPSA European Summer School (ESS)* in Bulgaria let the participants conduct their own research in international research groups. Only a week later, the first *Train the Trainers (TtT)* summer school taught how to deliver trainings. The resulting pool of trainers is already supporting the work of our whole organisation.

Services on the move

EFPSA also offered its services to every psychology student in Europe: the *Journal of European Psychology Students* published its second issue and launched the JEPS Bulletin that provides advice on writing scientific texts like theses or articles. The *Travel Network* announced its brand new website inviting psychology students to be a part of our free-of-charge accommodation network.





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Intercultural research on “Social Cognition” by psychology students and PhDs at the EFPSA European Summer School in Bulgaria

Active members

Meanwhile, the *Member Representatives* created a task force to exchange more information about events organised by the EFPSA member organisations. The results of their work will mean a tighter cooperation inside EFPSA and even more possibilities for psychology students to learn, see, experience and travel.

EFPSA strategy

One of our biggest goals was to start a discussion about EFPSA's long-term strategy. The *Joint Executive Board/Member Representatives' (EB/MR) meeting* in Slovenia provided a fruitful ground for everyone in EFPSA to exchange thoughts on this topic. We are excited to take this project to a next level in the coming mandate.

Brand new conference

Thanks to a tight cooperation with the Member Representatives, we were able to conceptualize a pilot EFPSA event, the *EFPSA Conference* taking place in the UK in 2012. The conference will provide an extensive week-long scientific programme and inspire more psychology students for Europe-wide scientific collaboration.



Psychology students learning how to conduct trainings at the first Train the Trainers Summer School in EFPSA history



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80 active students shaping EFPSA at the weeklong EB/MR meeting in Slovenia

EFPSA marketing

The first *Marketing Team* in EFPSA history did essential groundwork: Excellent pictures, a central contact databank and increased focus on social media form the basis for our organisation to attract even more students. Additionally, we saw the first *EFPSA Day* happen simultaneously in various cities across Europe. It inspired many psychology students with opportunities offered by EFPSA.

E-communication

EFPSA Alumni Markus Hausammann is helping us closing a deal to get *Sharepoint 2010* - a professional online communication tool for virtual teams. It will significantly improve the EFPSA capacities to share information, documents and tasks - a must for an organisation that works online most of the time.

The quest for funds

To find more financial support for EFPSA, we planned to apply for the European Commission's Youth in Action Grant 4.1 that offers financial support for youth organisations. Sadly, however, we did not make it to the deadline. Still, we will use this experience in the next mandate to apply again for the grant. On a brighter note, we are thankful for the *Dutch Association of Psychologists (NIP)* to support EFPSA.



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EFPSA network

EFPSA is increasingly collaborating with other organisations. The *Informal Forum of International Students' Organisations (IFISO)* let us exchange knowledge and experiences with various student NGOs. In view of an evolving cooperation with *BEST, the Board of European Students of Technology*, we were invited to their General Assemblies and Trainers Forum (TsF) and are in return happy to welcome BEST representatives at the EFPSA Congress. EFPSA also continued a close exchange with the *European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA)* and is represented in all EFPA task forces and standing committees.

A growing family

Most importantly, EFPSA is growing! We have three membership applications from *Ireland, Kosovo and Slovakia. Sweden and Latvia* are applying to become observer organisations. Their candidacies will be voted upon at the General Assembly in Poland. We are excited to see the EFPSA family grow soon.

A warm thank you...

...goes to all active students, to all our sponsors, partner organisations, Alumni and EFPSA enthusiasts for their dedicated contribution. We hope to celebrate with many of you at the 25th EFPSA Congress in Poland!

*Your Board of Management
Doro, Lisa, Dorota, Ingrid,
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