1. NEWS

Unfortunately there is yet more sad news. On May 31, 2006 Michael Mahoney, aged 60, died. We have been told it appears he committed suicide. His obituary and tributes from people all over the world can be found at: http://www.onhfh.com/OBITS/05-31-06_Mahoney/obituary.htm

Michael was one of the keynote speakers at our Sydney Conference four years ago where he spoke in a stimulating, unpretentious and entertaining manner. His contribution to clinical psychology, as well as constructivism, was very extensive.

2. THE CONFERENCE

The 12th Australasian PCP Conference in Wollongong approaches quickly. While it is too late to get on the programme, it’s not too late to register. The website looks beautiful, thanks to Joern Scheer and some lovely photos by Desley Hennessy. So even if you are not coming, check it out. http://www.pcp-net.org/aus/conf06/

There are a couple of extra things:-

Starting time is 11.00 am on the 13th and finishing time on the 14th is 4.00pm. The dinner on the 13th is at 7.00pm at the Harbourside Restaurant, at the boat harbour on Cliff Rd.

Some people thought it was unclear if the dinner was extra. It is and will be round about $40. If anyone can’t come to the conference, but would like to come to dinner, contact Tilly at omr58@uow.edu.au

There will likely be a bit of a problem with parking in that, although it is the break, it is graduation. So leave a bit of time to find a space.

Bronwyn Seaborn will pick anyone up on the first morning at the Boatharbour Motel. Please let her know in advance if you want to take advantage of this. EMAIL: seaborn@ozemail.com.au

I had an incorrect email address for Coral Warren, who is in charge of accommodation that is not at the Boatharbour Motel. Her correct address is: coraliz@bigpond.net.au

If anyone is not coming, but wants to help with organizing the international conference next July, can they let me know. The organisation meeting will be on the morning of the 15th from breakfast at the Boatharbour Motel. We will meet in the dining room for breakfast, but may then move the meeting to the courtyard if its not feasible to continue in the dining room.
3. TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS....

...is the theme of the 1st Conference about Requirements and Solutions for Personal Construct Psychology in Organizational and Managerial Context (Business-PCP) in Germany (Chemnitz - Saxony).

Dates: 24. – 26.11. 2006

The Business-PCP Conference starts a discourse among its proponents for questions about validation of Repertory Grid methods and applying Personal Construct Theory in organizations and management. One particularly important topic is Multi-Grid-analysis and how to apply it on groups, departments or whole organizations. Devi Jankowicz (Lancaster – UK) is expected to be one of the keynotes, focusing on his whole work in managerial psychology.

Saxony is about to become a very interesting location for business and science in the heart of Europe. The Free State of Saxony also looks back at a long and proud history which is evident in over a thousand palaces, castles and gardens.

Please use the following URL for further information: http://www.tu-chemnitz.de/wirtschaft/bwl5/pcpbc

4. UK WORKSHOP

Professor Guillem Feixas will be facilitating a workshop organised by the Centre for Personal Construct Psychology at the University of Hertfordshire, on the 18th August 2006. The details of the workshop are:

Workshop title: "Working with dilemmas: A Personal Construct Therapy Perspective"
Date of workshop: 18th August 2006
Venue: University of Hertfordshire

Workshop facilitator: Professor Guillem Feixas (University of Barcelona)

Workshop details:

After studying the construct systems of hundreds of clients within various diagnostic categories, we have found that in many cases their problems involve some kind of dilemma, often ethical dilemmas related to core values.

In a conjoint project involving researchers from a variety of universities and centres, we have defined a procedure for identifying these dilemmas based on
repertory grid technique, and we have developed a method for the analysis and resolution of these conflicts. This is an intervention which is well suited to a brief therapy format. Clinical material will be used to illustrate the method, demonstrating its phases and the different techniques available.

Participants will have an opportunity to:

· work in small groups to identify dilemmas from grids and clinical interview material;
· explore the implications of dilemmas;
· role play psychodramatic work with dilemmas.

The fee for the day will be £30.

Please contact Nick Reed, the Director of the Centre, for booking details: n.b.reed@herts.ac.uk

5. FAY’S 80TH BIRTHDAY CONFERENCE

“PCP: A Personal Story”

The Centre for Personal Construct Psychology is hosting a one day conference to celebrate both the Centre becoming part of the University of Hertfordshire and the 80th birthday of its Founder, Professor Fay Fransella. Speakers will include Dr Trevor Butt, Peggy Dalton, Professor Fay Fransella, John Porter, Professor Dorothy Rowe, Professor Joern Scheer, Chris Thorman, Professor David Winter

The speakers, all leading experts in their fields, will say how PCP has affected them personally and discuss their experience of using Personal Construct Psychology in their work.

Venue: University of Hertfordshire  Cost £30.00

Please contact Nick Reed, the Director of the Centre: n.b.reed@herts.ac.uk

Date: 29th September
6. UK AUTUMN WEEKEND 2006

Personal Construct Psychology
Autumn Weekend 2006
Crossing Boundaries
Call for programme contributors

6th - 8th October 2006 from Friday lunch to Sunday breakfast (or lunch).
The Ship Inn Ashford Hill, near Newbury, Berks. Tel. 01189 811 793.

Our annual residential weekend is eagerly awaited by those who have been in previous years – the opportunity to catch-up with old friends, make new connections and top-up on our continuing professional development needs in a relaxed and thought-provoking way.

This year, our weekend will be take place Friday 6th – Sunday 8th October 2006, in the usual lovely setting of The Ship Inn near Newbury. Starting with lunch on Friday and ending with breakfast on Sunday, the weekend will offer a choice of lively workshop sessions in a friendly, relaxed environment. There will be opportunities for self-reflection, informal meetings around themes of common interest and time to enjoy the peaceful surroundings of Ashford Hill. There will be additional workshops through to Sunday lunch for those who would like to stay longer.

As in previous years, the weekend will build upon our annual professional one-day workshop programme (for those undertaking the PCP Association Practitioner’s Certificate the weekend offers similar credits to 2 professional one-day workshops). This year we will explore Crossing Boundaries between people and situations of many kinds: between family members, between professionals, between different communities, genders, religions, races. We will look at ways in which barriers might be crossed without invading others’ rightful space. For boundaries there must be in order to maintain the integrity of a group and respect its uniqueness. We will consider the idea that crossing barriers is about inviting and being invited, about listening for what is important to others, about understanding what is important to us.

We are seeking a diverse programme that will explore Crossing Boundaries (including verbal/non-verbal boundaries) from many different personal and professional perspectives. Offers to run workshops, extra-mural activities and/or plenary sessions are welcome and should be sent to Adele Pile, casmopile@hotmail.com, by no later than Friday 2nd June. Joint presentations are especially welcome.

The full programme of activities will be issued by the end of June. However, as numbers are limited to 22, early booking is advised. Please contact Fiona Duggan, fiona@fionaduggan.com, for more details and an application form.