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Dear reader,

Please enjoy the September VC newsletter.

All the best,
Ellen

NEWS

PhD Defence Leonie Venhoeven

On September 29th Leonie Venhoeven successfully defended her PhD thesis titled "A look on the bright side of an environmentally-friendly life. Whether and why acting environmentally-friendly can contribute to well-being" in the Aula of the University of Groningen.

UPCOMING

Registration

Registration: SPSP 2017

Registration is open for the SPSP convention organized The Society for Personality and Social Psychology's Annual Convention is the premier international event for more than 3800 social and personality psychologists. Attendees from academia, non-profit, government, and private sectors present and discuss research, network and collaborate on projects, and pursue professional development while advancing science and pedagogy in the field.

For more information click [here](#)
Deadline early bird: December 2, 2016

New MSc trajectory – Environmental Psychology master

Students can now enrol in the Master programme Environmental Psychology at the University of Groningen (the Netherlands) if they want to start their master in February.

Description: Climate change is seen as the greatest threat to our future and that of generations to come (Obama, 2015). In recognition of this threat, almost 200 nations agreed to combat environmental problems. It is widely acknowledged that social sciences have an important role to play in this respect. To combat climate change, it is crucial to understand what motivates people to act pro-environmentally, and which strategies are effective and acceptable to encourage pro-environmental actions. In the Master programme "Environmental Psychology", students acquire knowledge and skills that enable them to understand the human dimension of environmental and energy problems. After completing the programme, students are able to develop, test and apply theories in the field of Environmental Psychology and to examine the effects and acceptability of theory-based interventions to enhance environmental quality. Career prospects include, among others, pursuing a PhD in Environmental Psychology, conducting research at an institute for applied sciences, consultancy on environmental issues, environmental communication and education, policy advisor or environmental policy making, and behavioural expert in environmental or energy organisations.

For more information, see: www.rug.nl/masters/environmental-psychology

Calls

Call: IAAP Best Paper and Dissertation Award within the field of Environmental Psychology

We are happy to announce to you that the Unilever Best Paper Award 2015 (written by a PhD student) and Unilever Best Dissertation Award 2015 of the IAAP division 4 (Environmental Psychology) are now open for submissions. Ph.D. papers and dissertation within the field of Environmental Psychology are eligible for consideration (regardless of home discipline)

The Best Paper Award will be given to the author of the best paper written by a PhD student. All PhD students who are the first author of a paper published in 2015 are invited to submit their paper to the committee of the Best Paper Award. The committee will evaluate the paper on scientific as well as practical importance. The winner will receive an official certificate, a free one-year membership to IAAP, and 250 euros (minus taxes) provided by Unilever.

Please send your submission to iaapbestpaper@gmail.com.

The criteria for the Best Paper Award are:

- At the time of writing the paper, the first author was a PhD student
- Only those who did not yet obtain their PhD on August 1, 2014 may submit
- The paper must be published in a peer-reviewed journal in 2015 (online and/or in print).

The Best Dissertation Award will be given to the author of a PhD thesis published in 2015. The committee will evaluate the dissertation based on scientific and practical importance, the theoretical framework, methodology and creativity. The winner will receive an official certificate, a free one-year membership to IAAP, and 750 euros (minus taxes) provided by Unilever.

Please send your submission to iaapbestdissertation@gmail.com.

The committees who will evaluate the papers or dissertations will consist of PhD students and senior researchers from different universities.

Deadline: October 9, 2016 (but do not hesitate to submit your paper or dissertation sooner, if you wish to participate)

Call for Papers: Special Issue in Sustainability "Sustainable Consumer Behaviour"

The journal Sustainability (ISSN 2071-1050, IF 1.343) is currently running a Special Issue entitled "Sustainable Consumer Behavior". We invite you to submit a paper on the subject of Sustainable Consumer Behavior. Sustainability may be achieved through many different agents and institutions in society, including governments, new technologies, industries, and markets. In addition to these agents, consumers and households play a crucial role in the adoption of sustainable products and technologies. Therefore, we believe your research might fit the Special Issue. Special Issue guest editor: Prof. dr. Gerrit Antonides.

For more information click [here](#)

Deadline: January 30, 2017

Call for Abstracts: 20th Academy of Marketing Science World Marketing Congress

Abstract submission for the 20th AMS World Marketing Congress "Marketing Transformation- Marketing Practice in an Ever Changing World" will open August 1, 2016. The conference will be hosted by the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand on June 27-July 1, 2017. Of special interesting may be track 7: Ethics, Social Responsibility, and Sustainability (co-chairs Michael Luchs and Marcus Phipps)

For more information click [here](#) and for the call for abstracts click [here](#)

Deadline: October 1, 2016

Call for abstracts: 6th Annual Sustainability Psychology Preconference

For the SPSP convention held in San Antonio USA on 19- 21 January there will also this year be a Sustainability Psychology Preconference (SPSPSP). Researchers of all varieties (e.g., academic, industry, non-profit) and career stages (e.g., student, post-doc, faculty) are invited to submit abstracts to present posters or data blitz talks at SPSPSP 2017. Data blitz talks are short presentations of new work: five slides in five minutes. Preference will be given strongly to submissions that present new empirical results. Data blitz and poster presentation applications are competitive. We're excited to hear about your work.

For more information click [here](#)

Deadline: November 15, 2016

Call for abstracts: 1st International Conference on Energy Research & Social Science

The launch of Energy for Society: 1st international conference on Energy Research & Social Science has been announced. The event, which takes place 2-5 April 2017 in Sitges (near Barcelona), Spain, will cover a range of topics revolving around the intersection of energy technologies, fuels, and resources; and social processes and influences - including communities of energy users, people affected by energy production, social institutions, customs, traditions, behaviours, and policies.

For more information visit the website <http://www.erssconference.com/>

Deadline for abstract submission: November 4, 2016

Deadline for early bird registration: January 20, 2017

Call for abstracts: International Conference on Environmental Psychology

You are invited to participate in the International Conference of Environmental Psychology (ICEP): "Theories of change and social innovation in transitions towards sustainability" held on August 30-September 1 2017 in A Coruña (Spain). This international symposium is being organized by the IAAP (International Association of Applied Psychology), Division of Environmental Psychology, to promote the science and practice of applied psychology and to facilitate scientific exchange and communication on Environmental Psychology topics.

For more information visit the website <http://www.icep2017.org/>

Deadline for abstract submission: November 20, 2016

Deadline for early bird registration: April 30, 2017

Events

| 2016 | | |
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| 27- 30 October | Association for Consumer Research Conference (ACR) | Berlin, Germany |
| 2017 | | |
| 19 January | 6th Annual Sustainability Psychology Preconference (SPSPSP) | San Antonio, USA |
| 20- 21 January | SPSP Convention 2017 | San Antonio, USA |
| 2-5 April | 1 st International Conference on Energy Research & Social Science | Melía Sitges, Spain |
| 19- 21 June | Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) Europe Annual Meeting | Lisbon, Portugal |
| 27 June- 1 July | 20 th Academy of Marketing Science World Marketing Congress | Christchurch, New Zealand |
| 30 August- 1 September | International Conference of Environmental Psychology 2017 | A Coruña, Spain |
| 13- 17 September | International Association for Research in Economic Psychology 2017 Conference (IAREP) | Rishon LeZion, Israel |

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