

Convention at a glance

47th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association Program August 5 - 8, 2004
Lecture Auditorium C1, Hörsaalzentrum at the University Campus, Alser Str. 4, Vienna

| | Thursday August 5th | Friday August 6th | Saturday August 7th | Sunday August 8th |
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| 09:00 | Theoretical Issues <i>Mulacz McClenon Lucadou & Zahradnik</i> | Micro-PK <i>Houtkooper Pallikari Hinterberger et al</i> | Suggestion Experiments <i>Wiseman & Greening Wilson & French</i> | Panel Counseling Persons with Exceptional Experiences |
| 09:45 | | | Mediumship Studies <i>Wiseman & O'Keeffe Krippner</i> | |
| 10:30 | 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break | | | |
| 11:00 | Theoretical Issues and Reanalyses <i>Palmer May Bösch</i> | Questionnaire Studies <i>Murray & Fox Wisemann & Watt Holt</i> | Panel Perspectives in the Study of Mediumship | ESP Experiments <i>Roney-Dougal & Solfvin Roe et al Westerlund & Dalkvist</i> |
| 12:30 | 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break | | | |
| 14:00 | Replicating Rupert Sheldrake? <i>Lobach & Bierman (2x) Schmidt et al</i> | Psychophysiology <i>Wackermann et al Kittenis et al Ramakers Broughton</i> | Research Briefs <i>Joines et al; Ivtzan & French; Simmonds</i> | Business Meeting (only PA Members) |
| 14:45 | | | News from the Ganzfeld <i>Smith & Savva Sherwood et al</i> | |
| 15:30 | 15.30 - 16.00 Coffee Break | | | |
| 16:00 | Poster Session 16:00 - 18:00 | Precognitive Habituation <i>Savva et al McDonough et al; Bem</i> | News from the Ganzfeld <i>Westerlund et al Roe & Holt Fox & Simmonds</i> | |
| 17:00 | | | | |
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| 18:00 | | | | |
| 19:00 | | 19:00 Presidential Address <i>Nancy L. Zingrone Reception</i> | 19:00 Banquet <i>Reception Dinner J. B. Rhine Address</i> | |
| 19:30 | 19:30 Welcome Reception <i>Reception at the Vienna City Hall</i> | | | |

Program
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CONFERENCE VENUE
Lecture Auditorium C1, Hörsaalzentrum at the University Campus ("Altes AKH"),
2nd Yard, Alser Strasse 4, 1090 Vienna, Austria

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2004

19.00 – 21.00 Early Check-In/Advance Registration

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2004

8.00 on Registration

9.00 – 9.05 Opening Remarks

Theoretical Issues (Chair Eberhard Bauer)

9.05 – 9.35 Peter Mulacz
Strange People – Rare Events

9.35 – 10.05 James McClenon
What is to Be Done: Evaluating the Ritual Healing Theory

10.05 – 10.35 Walter v. Lucadou & Frauke Zahradnik
Predictions of the Model of Pragmatic Information About RSPK

10.35 – 11.00 -----Coffee Break-----

Theoretical Issues and Reanalyses (Chair Caroline Watt)

11.00 – 11.30 John Palmer
Synchronicity and Psi: How are they Related?

11.30 – 12.00 Edwin C. May
Anticipatory Skin Conductance Responses: A Possible Example of Decision Augmentation Theory

12.00 – 12.30 Holger Bösch
Reanalyzing a Meta-analysis on extra-sensory perception from 1940, the first comprehensive meta-analysis in the history of science

12.30 – 14.00 -----Lunch Break-----

Replicating Rupert Sheldrake? (Chair Suitbert Ertel)

14.00 - 14.30 Eva Lobach & Dick J. Bierman
The Invisible Gaze: Three attempts to Replicate Sheldrake's Staring Effects

- 14.30 - 15.00 Stefan Schmidt, Susanne Müller, & Harald Walach
Do You Know Who is on the Phone? Replication of an Experiment on Telephone Telepathy
- 15.00 - 15.30 Eva Lobach & Dick J. Bierman
Who's Calling at this Hour? Local Sidereal Time and Telephone Telepathy
- 15.30 - 16.00 -----Coffee Break-----
- 16.00 - 18.00 **Poster Session**
- Eckhard Etzold
Does Psi Exist and Can we Prove it? Belief and Disbelief in Psychokinesis Research
- Liudmila B. Boldyreva & Nina B. Sotina
Classification of Phenomena of Parapsychology from the Point of View of Physics. Superfluid Physical Vacuum
- Luisa Sartori, Stefano Massaccesi, Massimiliano Martinelli & Patrizio E. Tressoldi
Physiological Correlates of ESP: Heart Rate Differences Between Targets and Non Targets in Clairvoyance and Precognition Forced Choice Tasks
- Gao Shan
A Primary Quantum Model of Telepathy
- Joseph W. McMoneagle, & Edwin C. May
The Possible Roll of Intention, Attention and Expectation in Remote Viewing
- Tatsu Hirukawa & Masato Ishikawa
Anomalous Fluctuation of RNG Data in Nebuta: Summer Festival in Northeast Japan
- Bernard M. Auriol, Frédérick Garcia, Laetitia Puech, Sylvie Lagrange, Corinne Morer, Myriam Campardon, Olivier Rabat, Sophie Valentin, Olivier Perrin, & Eve Leconte
Agapè: Group Telepathy. A Long-Term Experimental Series
- Wai-Cheong Carl Tam & Yung-Jong Shiah
Paranormal Belief, Religiosity and Cognitive Complexity
- Johannes Hagel & Margot Tschapke
The Local Event Detector (LED) - An Experimental Setup for an Exploratory Study of Correlations between Collective Emotional Events and Random Number Sequences
- Suitbert Ertel
Psi Test Feats Achieved Alone at Home: Do they Disappear under Lab Control?

Welcome Reception

- 19.30 Reception at the Vienna City Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2004

Micro-PK: Theories, Strategies and an EEG-Paradigm (Chair Roger Nelson)

- 9.00 - 9.30 Joop M. Houtkooper
Exploring Volitional Strategies in the Mind-Machine Interaction Replication
- 9.30 - 10.00 Fotini Pallikari
On the False Hypothesis of Psi-Mediated Shift of Statistical Average in Tests with Random Event Generators
- 10.00 - 10.30 Thilo Hinterberger, Joop M. Houtkooper, & Boris Kotchoubey
Effects of Feedback Control Training on Slow Cortical Potentials and a Random Event Generator
- 10.30 - 11.00 -----Coffee Break-----

Questionnaire Studies in OBEs, Superstitious Belief and Creativity

(Chair Deborah Delanoy)

- 11.00 - 11.30 Craig D. Murray & Jez Fox
Body Image in Respondents with and without prior Out-Of-Body Experiences
- 11.30 - 12.00 Richard Wiseman & Caroline Watt
Measuring Superstitious Belief: Why Luck charms Matter
- 12.00 - 12.15 RESEARCH BRIEF: Nicola J. Holt
Creativity, Subjective Paranormal Experiences and Altered States of Consciousness
- 12.15 - 12.30 -----Group Photo-----
- 12.30 - 14.00 -----Lunch Break-----

Psychophysiology (Chair Edwin May)

- 14.00 - 14.15 RESEARCH BRIEF: Jiří Wackermann, José Raúl Naranjo, & Peter Pütz
Event Related Correlations between Brain Electrical Activities of Separated Human Subjects
- 14.15 - 14.45 Marios Kittenis, Peter G. Caryl, & Paul Stevens
Distant Psychophysiological Interaction Effects between Related and Unrelated Participants
- 14.45 - 15.00 RESEARCH BRIEF: Peter Ramakers
Response Characteristics and Lability in an EDA-DMILS Study using Emotional Stimuli
- 15.00 - 15.30 Richard S. Broughton
Exploring the Reliability of the 'Presentiment' Effect
- 15.30 - 16.00 -----Coffee Break-----

Precognitive Habituation (Chair Daryl Bem)

- 16.00 - 16.30 Louie Savva, Robert Child, & Matthew D. Smith
The Precognitive Habituation Effect: An Adaptation Using Spider Stimuli
- 16.30 - 16.45 RESEARCH BRIEF: Bruce E. McDonough, Norman S. Don, & Charles A. Warren
Combining the Event Related Brain Potential (ERP) and Precognitive Habituation (PH) Techniques: A Feasibility Demonstration
- 16.45 - 17.00 RESEARCH BRIEF: Daryl J. Bem
Precognitive Avoidance and Precognitive Déjà Vu

17.00 – 19.00 -----Dinner Break-----

Presidential Address

- 19.00 – 19.05 Carlos Alvarado
Introduction
- 19.05 – 19.50 Nancy L. Zingrone
Complicating the Conversation: Rhetoric and Substance in Parapsychology
- 19.50 – 22.00 Presidential Reception

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2004

Suggestion Experiments (Chair Adrian Parker)

- 9.00 – 9.30 Richard Wiseman & Emma Greening
'It's still Bending': Verbal Suggestion and Alleged Psychokinetic Ability
- 9.30 – 9.45 RESEARCH BRIEF: Krissy Wilson & Christopher C. French
Memory Conformity and paranormal Belief

Mediumship Studies (Chair Adrian Parker)

- 9.45 - 10.15 Richard Wiseman & Ciarán O'Keeffe
Testing Alleged Mediumship: Methods and Results
- 10.15 - 10.30 RESEARCH BRIEF: Stanley Krippner
The Visions and Dreams of Eva Hellström

10.30 - 11.00 -----Coffee Break-----

PANEL: Perspectives in the Study of Mediumship

- 11.00 - 12.30 Carlos S. Alvarado, Peter Mulacz, Rosemarie Pilkington & Erlendur Haraldsson

12.30 – 14.00 -----Lunch Break-----

Research Briefs (Chair Stefan Schmidt)

- 14.00 – 14.15 William T. Joines, Stephen B. Baumann, Christine Simmonds, Jeremy Kim, & Jonathan Zile
The Measurement and Characterization of Charge Accumulation and Electromagnetic Emissions from Bioenergy Healers
- 14.15 - 14.30 Itai Ivtzan & Christopher C. French
Testing the Validity of Tarot Cards: Can we Distinguish between a Real and a Control Reading?
- 14.30 - 14.45 Christine A. Simmonds
A Qualitative Investigation of Source Monitoring in the Context of Subjective Paranormal Experiences

News from the Ganzfeld (Chair Robert Morris)

- 14.45 – 15.00 RESEARCH BRIEF: Matthew D. Smith & Louie Savva
Experimenter Effects and Psi Performance Using a Digital Autoganzfeld System
- 15.00 – 15.30 Simon J. Sherwood, Chris A. Roe, Nicola J. Holt & Stuart Wilson
Interpersonal Psi: Exploring the Role of the Experimenter and the Experimental Climate in a Ganzfeld Telepathy Task
- 15.30 - 16.00 -----Coffee Break-----

News from the Ganzfeld (continued)

- 16.00 - 16.30 Joakim Westerlund, Adrian Parker, Jan Dalkvist & Anneli Goulding
Remarkable Correspondences between Ganzfeld Mentation and Target Content
- 16.30 - 17.00 Chris A. Roe & Nicola Holt
A further consideration of the sender as a PK agent in Ganzfeld ESP studies
- 17.00 - 17.30 Jez Fox & Christine Simmonds
Ruling out Items in the Judging Set: a Novel Protocol for Detecting Psi in the Ganzfeld

Banquet and J.B. Rhine Address at the Natural History Museum

- 19.00 – 20.00 Reception (Cocktails)
- 20.00 Dinner at the Cupola Hall
- After Dinner J.B. RHINE ADDRESS:
Lynne McTaggart
The Awesome Power of Your Intention: Your Thoughts Can Change Your World

Excursion on the rooftop of the Natural History Museum

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2004

**PANEL: Counseling Persons with Exceptional Experiences:
 The Example of IGPP**

9.00 - 10.30 Eberhard Bauer, Martina Belz-Merk, Wolfgang Fach, Niko Kohls & Harald
 Walach

10.30 - 11.00 -----Coffee Break-----

ESP Experiments in the Field and in the Lab (Chair Peter Mulacz)

11.00 - 11.30 Serena M. Roney-Dougal & Jerry Solfin
 *Field Study of an Enhancement Effect on Lettuce Seeds: Working in Adverse
 Conditions*

11.30 - 12.00 Chris A. Roe, Russell Davey, & Paul Stevens
 *Experimenter Effects in Laboratory Tests of ESP and PK using a common
 protocol*

12.00- 12.30 Joakim Westerlund & Jan Dalkvist
 *A Test of Predictions from five Studies on Telepathic Group Communication of
 Emotions*

12.30 Convention Close

12.30 – 14.00 -----Lunch Break-----

Business Meeting

14.00 - 15.30 General Business Meeting of the Parapsychological Association
 PA Members only