Dear members,

a (slightly belated) happy New Year to you all! On a cold January day in England, last year’s annual conference in Malta seems a long way away - hopefully those of you that attended enjoyed both the conference programme and everything else on offer, as well as the lovely weather and location. This newsletter will give an overview of the conference, as well as further details of this year’s conference in Nottingham. There will also be news of recent developmental workshops and a report from the SRIP symposium at last year’s ICM conference in Prague.

34th Annual SRIP Conference 2014 in Malta

Last year’s annual conference took place at The Grand Hotel Excelsior in Valetta, Malta, on 16th and 17th September. Apart from the spectacular view and excellent setting, the conference also offered a varied and stimulating academic programme and two social excursions giving a glimpse of Malta’s rich history.
Keynote Lecture

The Keynote Lecture was given by Dr Ethel Felice on ‘Challenges in the management of perinatal depression: the role of screening.’ Dr Felice is a prominent Maltese psychiatrist whose work focuses on perinatal mental health issues. In her lecture, Dr Felice emphasized the role of screening in perinatal depression and the importance of effective treatment: while almost 20% of pregnant women show depressive symptoms, only a minority receive treatment.

SRIP Lecture

The SRIP Lecture was given by Bea Van den Bergh, professor of developmental psychology at Tilburg University in the Netherlands. Professor Van den Bergh, who specialises in the developmental origins of behaviour, health and diseases, gave a fascinating lecture on ‘The emotional state of the mother during pregnancy and offspring brain and behaviour development: the state of the art’.

SRIP Prizes

Each year SRIP awards a number of prizes. Emma Hodgkinson won the Doctoral prize with her research into perinatal body image. The runner up Doctoral prize was awarded to Caroline Wyatt, who presented her research into relationships and puerperal psychosis. Sarah Sangster won the Master's prize for her exploration of the psychological impact of infertility; the results of her research into how infertility is constructed in print news are published in volume 32, issue 5, of the Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology. The poster prize was won by Georgette Spiteri from the University of Malta for her poster on ‘Preparation for Parenthood: A concept analysis’.
2014 SRIP Conference

A glimpse of Malta
The social programme at last year’s conference included two excursions. On the night before the start of the conference there was a reception at Verdala Palace, the official summer residence of the of Malta. A tour of the palace was followed by chance to chat to fellow delegates in the beautiful gardens. On the evening of the last night, delegates had the chance to go on a tour of the Three Cities, which consist of the three ancient fortified cities Conspicua, Vittoriosa and Senglea.

Conference dinner
One of the highlights of the conference was the conference dinner, a fantastic barbeque in the grounds of the Grand Hotel Excelsior with beautiful views of the harbour.

Twitter: #srip2014
A number of delegates tweeted live from last year’s conference using the hashtag #srip2014. If you would like a taste of what was discussed at the conference, you can still access #srip2014 on twitter. We would of course also welcome new followers to our official twitter account, @theSRIP—and there is #srip2015 to look forward to!
SRIP committee news

New SRIP Chair

Louise Bryant, who has chaired the SRIP Committee for the last five years, stepped down at last year’s annual SRIP conference in Malta. Louise, Associate Professor in Medical Psychology at the University of Leeds, has been an excellent chair and will remain active on the SRIP committee. Julie Jomeen, Professor of Midwifery at the University of Hull, has now taken over as chair.

Membership

In other committee news, Jane Iles has now taken over as membership secretary. As this has coincided with SRIP’s recent bank account change, we are taking this as an opportunity to ensure that our membership database is up to date. We would be very grateful if you could take a moment to check your membership and, if necessary, update your payment details. On the next page you will find further information in a letter by Jane Iles. You may well have received this already, but as it is a very important issue we have decided to include it here.

Journal

Colin Martin has stepped down as editor after five years. Fiona Alderdice, Professor in Perinatal Health and Well-being at Queens University Belfast, has taken over as editor alongside Maggie Redshaw from the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit in Oxford. James Newham, postdoctoral research associate at Newcastle University, is now associate editor of the journal.
Dear SRIP member,

Firstly, let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jane Iles, and I am the new membership secretary for the Society for Reproductive and Infant Psychology. We have recently updated a few aspects of the membership process, so I am contacting you to make you aware of these.

**Change of bank account details**

We have recently changed our bank account details, and now have a **new account number and sort code**. All future payments will need to be paid into this new account, as the old one is no longer in operation. Please amend your records to ensure all future payments are credited to our new account:

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We confirm we are authorised to operate the account represented by the Society for Reproductive & Infant Psychology and Account number shown immediately above.

We are aware that this may have affected recent membership payments made to the society, and that some payments may not have been credited properly. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. If you have any problems related to this, or would like to check whether your payment has been credited to our account, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

**Membership**

We are currently updating our membership database, to ensure that we have correct addresses and contact details for all society members. We will therefore be contacting many of you individually to check that we have the correct details. If you have changed postal address or email address please let us know so that we can update our records accordingly. This will ensure you receive copies of the *Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology* as per your membership fees, and will enable you to be part of the SRIP email discussion list if you wish. If you have had any problems receiving the journal, please contact me as soon as possible so I can rectify this.

To ensure that our membership list is fully up-to-date, we may contact you individually to confirm subscription to the society, and to clarify subscription rates.

**Membership fees are currently:**

- £32 (full rate)
- £16 (students/retired).

Membership will now run for a year from the month that you join, as opposed to needing to join in the Autumn each year.

Please bear with us while we make these changes and update our database. If you have any queries about membership please don’t hesitate to contact me on: j.iles@imperial.ac.uk. Thank you for your continued interest in the Society for Reproductive & Infant Psychology. I hope to meet you all at the 2015 conference in Nottingham this year!

With best wishes,

Jane Iles
The 2015 annual SRIP conference will take place at the East Midlands Conference Centre (EMCC), University of Nottingham, on 14th and 15th September 2015. The EMCC, set in 330 acres of the University of Nottingham’s landscaped parkland, is easily accessible by car or public transport and has plenty of parking. Accommodation will be available in the adjacent Orchard Hotel, a 202-bed eco-friendly hotel designed to maximise the use of natural daylight and featuring outside terraces, floor-to-ceiling windows and a unique contemporary décor throughout.

Conference speakers
Our Keynote Speaker and SRIP Lecturer this year will be Professor Lynne Murray from the University of Reading and Professor Cindy Lee-Dennis from the University of Toronto.

Conference dinner
The conference dinner will be held on 14th September at Wollaton Hall, one of the country’s finest Grade One listed Elizabethan mansions. After a sparkling drinks and canapé reception, dinner will be served in The Great Hall - a magnificent formal Elizabethan Hall featuring stone screen archways and a superb hammer beam ceiling.

First call for submissions!
Submissions for symposia, papers and posters on the psychological, behavioural, medical and social aspects of all areas of reproduction, birth and infancy are invited from researchers, students and practitioners. We would particularly welcome papers dealing with health inequalities, ethnicity, child protection, mental health, domestic abuse and obesity. Submissions on other SRIP related topics are also very welcome. A 300 word abstract should be submitted using the SRIP abstract template by email to Karen Lees (Karen.lees@nottingham.ac.uk) by 17th April 2015. Please visit the SRIP website for further details (www.srip.ac.uk/conference.php).

Conference organisers
Dr Jane Morrell (University of Nottingham), Ms Karen Lees (University of Nottingham), Professor Julie Jomeen (University of Hull) and Dr Cathy Ashwin (MIDIRS).
If you have any items which may be of interest to SRIP members, please contact the newsletter editor, Franziska Wadephul, on F.Wadephul@hull.ac.uk.

If you are on twitter, please follow SRIP on @TheSRIP.

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SRIP symposium at the ICM conference 2014

Members of SRIP joined together at the International Confederation of Midwives Conference in the lovely city of Prague in June 2014, to present a symposium on behalf of SRIP entitled ‘Exploring Perinatal Mental Health through a continuum approach – Implications for midwives’. The symposium was chaired by Professor Julie Jomeen and included presentations by Professor Fiona Alderdice, Professor Debbie Carrick Sen, Dr Jane Morrell, Dr Maggie Redshaw and Dr James Newham.

The symposium presented a contemporary overview of perinatal mental health issues, the promotion of positive mental health and a discussion of the implications of this for midwives. The symposium was extremely well attended, with attendees not only filling all seats but sitting on the floor and lining the walls! The aim of the symposium was two-fold. Firstly to highlight the importance and implications of perinatal mental health within maternity care and secondly to promote SRIP and hopefully attract new members to the Society. The interest in the session and the approaches afterwards certainly suggest this may have been a successful.
Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology

As part of your membership to the Society (only £32 per year!) you receive 5 issues a year of the Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology. The Journal is the major source of published material on the psychological aspects of human reproduction; by reporting and reviewing outstanding research on psychological, behavioural, medical and social aspects of human reproduction, pregnancy and infancy. To read more about the Journal visit www.tandfonline.com/loi/cjri20.

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Developmental Grant Awards

The Society will provide up to £1500 to cover travel and accommodation for participants and other small incidental costs. Applications can be made by completing the application form on the SRIP website (www.srip.ac.uk/funding). The organisers and participants of the workshop must include some members of SRIP.

Although all applications will be considered on their merits, the following are most likely to be successful:

- Workshops dealing with topics that are important both academically and clinically
- Workshops which involve a reasonable number of speakers and other participants and extend over more than one day
- Workshops whose participants come from a number of different Universities, NHS Trusts or other organisations with some regional geographical spread
- Workshops which are multidisciplinary and involve clinical or other professional practitioners as well as academic participants

Please see the SRIP website, www.srip.ac.uk/funding, for further details.