Dear SRIP members

Welcome to the May 2016 edition of the SRIP newsletter. If you attended the conference in Nottingham in September you have hopefully enjoyed it! If you were not able to attend, there is a quick roundup in this newsletter. And of course there is always the 2016 conference in Leeds to look forward to! There will be details of the keynote speaker and SRIP lecturer, as well as information about the call for abstracts, bursaries and student prizes.

The deadline for abstract submissions, bursaries and prizes for the annual SRIP conference in September is Tuesday 31st May 2016!

Changes in the committee

There have been a few changes to the SRIP committee during the last few months. Dr Zoe Darwin, research fellow in maternal wellbeing and women’s health at the University of Leeds, has now taken over as deputy chair. Dr Jane Morrell and Dr Ken Gannon will both leave the committee during the next year while Dr Judi Walsh, senior lecturer in psychology at the University of East Anglia, and Julie Hennegan, DPhil candidate at the University of Oxford have now joined the committee.

We are currently looking for new committee members and a facilitator of the SRIP discussion list—more details on page 4.

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.
Last year’s conference took place at the East Midlands Conference Centre in Nottingham. The programme included 40 presentations on a wide range of topics as well as poster presentations. Our keynote speaker and SRIP lecturer were Professor Lynne Murray and Professor Cindy-Lee Dennis respectively. Abstracts of the oral and poster presentations are now available on the Taylor & Francis website: http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02646838.2015.1115265.

The conference dinner took place at the historic Wollaton Hall—the food was excellent and, with it being in Nottingham, Robin Hood Maid Marian were, naturally, in attendance.

If you would like to have a look at what was tweeted during the conference, we have used the twitter hashtag #SRIP2015. There were several hundred tweets using this hashtag, giving a good overview of the range of presentations and speakers at the conference.

### Prize winners

Every year SRIP awards prizes to doctoral and masters students. Last year’s winners were:

**Doctoral Prize: Robin Hadley** (Keele University): ‘Life without Fatherhood: a qualitative study of older involuntarily childless men’

**Doctoral Prize runner-up: Romana Farooq** (University of Leeds): ‘Making visible the bereavement experiences of Pakistani women following infant mortality’

**Masters Prize: Emilie Epperlein** (University of East London) ‘Man vs Vagina: A Foucauldian analysis of men’s discourses about the perfect vagina and female genital grooming’

The conference’s **poster prize** was awarded to a poster by Laura Bozicevic, Mark Tomlinson, Nicole Schuitmaker, Marguerite Marlow, Oska Paul, Holly Rayson, Leonardo de Pascalis and Lynne Murray for their poster ‘The effect of culture and early maternal characteristics on later child regulation of frustration’. Winners of the **runner-up poster prize** were Kirstian Gibson, Sarah Sangster, Fiona Fick and Karen Lawson for ‘“They’re just weird”: Young adults’ views of the childfree’.

If you have recently completed a doctoral, masters or undergraduate thesis, you could enter it for this year’s awards. Further details on our website.
The 2016 SRIP conference will be held in Leeds on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th September at the Hinsley Hall Conference and Pastoral Centre in Headingley. The venue has good transport links from Leeds / Bradford airport and the trains; free parking is available on site. Our keynote speaker this year will be Professor Olga van den Akker, Professor of Health Psychology at the University of Middlesex. Professor Louise Howard from the Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College London, will give the annual SRIP lecture. The dinner will be held at the Thackray Medical Museum at St James University Hospital.

Call for abstracts: Submissions for symposia, oral presentations 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. For symposia, papers or posters a 300 word abstract should be submitted using the SRIP abstract template by email to SRIP2016@leeds.ac.uk by 5pm Tuesday 31st May 2016. Further information is available on the SRIP website.

Bursaries covering conference fees, two nights’ accommodation at the conference venue, and travel (up to £150) are available for students, NHS staff and early career researchers—please see the funding section of the SRIP website for further details. The deadline for applications is 5pm Tuesday 31st May 2016.

Every year SRIP offers prizes for Undergraduate, Masters and Doctoral dissertations. To be eligible for a prize, the degree must have been awarded within the last year. Further information is available on the funding section of the SRIP website. The deadline for applications is 5pm Tuesday 31st May 2016.
2 Exciting Opportunities for SRIP members

Committee membership Opportunity
Are you interested in influencing the future direction of the Society? We are looking for committed and enthusiastic members to join the committee. Due to terms coming to an end, we will be seeking to appoint 3 new members at the 2016 SRIP AGM, which will take place at this year’s conference in Leeds. We will also be looking to appoint one member to the role of treasurer and one to the role of membership secretary. If you are interested in joining us on the committee, and/or in one of the specified roles please submit an expression of interest to the SRIP committee secretary, Dr Cathy Ashwin cathy.ashwin@midirs.org, outlining why you would like to be on the SRIP committee and briefly outlining any relevant experience.

SRIP Discussion List Facilitator
For some years SRIP has had a members online discussion forum, we would like this forum to become much more active and valuable to our members as a forum for promoting academic debate and sharing of valuable information, as well as offering a platform to support relevant opportunities and events. In order to support our ambition for the discussion forum, we would like to offer an opportunity for a SRIP member to become the list facilitator. Whilst this would be undertaken in a voluntary capacity, some administrative support could be offered. If you think this is a role that would interest you please submit an expression of interest to the SRIP committee secretary, Dr Cathy Ashwin cathy.ashwin@midirs.org, outlining why you are interested in the role and briefly outlining any relevant experience.

If you want to discuss either of the opportunities above or just understand more about the society, the committee and its work then please feel free to contact the Chair, Professor Julie Jomeen: j.jomeen@hull.ac.uk

Dr Louise Bryant, SRIP committee member and former chair, has been asked to join the *Nuffield Bioethics Council working group on non-invasive prenatal testing* (nuffieldbioethics.org/project/non-invasive-prenatal-testing).

Fee increase
Our membership has remained the same for many years. From January 2016 the fee has increased to £40 per year (£20 for students). We feel this is still very good value—and you do receive five copies of our journal!
Developmental Grant Award

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 (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

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.

Editor-in-Chief: Professor Fiona Alderdice
Associate Editors: Professor John Worobey, Dr James Newham
Book Reviews Editor: Dr Zoe Darwin

Professor Fiona Alderdice has now taken over as editor from Dr Maggie Redshaw, who has edited the journal since 2006. Please note that correspondence needs to be sent to Fiona rather than Maggie in future.

Peer reviewers and book reviewers wanted!
If you would be willing to review papers or books for the journal, please contact the editors or book review editor respectively. We are always looking for reviewers with relevant expertise and experience.
Latest journal articles

The latest articles, not yet available in print, are on the Journal of Reproductive & Infant Psychology website’s ‘latest articles’ section: http://www.tandfonline.com/action/showAxaArticles?journalCode=crji20. These articles currently include:

- ‘Italian women’s childbirth: a prospective longitudinal study of delivery predictors and subjective experience’ (V. Fenaroli, E. Saita, S. Molgora & M. Accordini)
- ‘Sister-to-sister oocyte donation: couples’ experiences with regard to genetic ties’ (E. Wyverkens, H. van Parys, V. Provoost, G. Pennings, P. de Sutter & A. Buysse)
- ‘Keeping things under control: exploring migrant Eastern European women’s experiences of pregnancy in Ireland’ (M. Dempsey & S. Peeren)
- ‘Another twinkle in the eye: contemplating another pregnancy after perinatal mental illness’ (A. Delicate)
- ‘Reproductive motivation in Russian women in the family context’ (J.V. Borisenko, K.N. Belogay, I.S. Morozov & T.O. Ott)
- ‘Social support, religious commitment, and depressive symptoms in pregnant and postpartum women’ (A.D. Clements, T.R. Fletcher, L.D. Childress, R.A. Montgomery & B.A. Bailey)
- ‘Together ... for only a moment’: British newspaper constructions of altruistic non-commercial surrogate motherhood’ (O. van den Akker, I. Camara & B. Hunt)
- ‘Psychological well-being, positive changes in outlook and mental health in parents of sick newborns’ (P. Barr)
- ‘Risk factors for depression and anxiety among men and women planning for pre-implantation genetic diagnosis’ (S. Järnholm, M. Broberg & A. Thurin-Kjellberg)
- ‘The identification of severity ranges for the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale’ (J.E. McCabe-Beane, L.S. Segre, Y. Perkhounkova, S. Stuart & M.W. O’Hara)
- Book review of ‘Reconceiving the second sex: men, masculinity, and reproduction’ (edited by M.C. Inhorn, T. Tjørnhøj-Thomsen, H. Goldberg & M. la Cour Mosegaard) by R.A. Hadley
- Book review of ‘Women’s reproductive mental health across the lifespan’ (edited by D. Barnes) by K. Gibson