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This special issue of the "The Profiler" aims to bring you the news from ICAP & The College AGM. Submissions are called for the next issue by the 30th of September on any topic you think relevant - please send to cached41@gmail.com.

Sam van der Wijngaart, Editor

CHAIR'S COLUMN

I would like to begin my first chair's report by thanking Professor Alfred Allen for his invaluable efforts of Chair of the College of Forensic Psychologists. In this role Alfred has provided wonderful leadership. This was duly recognised at the Annual General Meeting held at the ICAP congress in July. At this meeting Alfred was awarded the college's Award of Distinction. Since most members of the college were not there I have decided to reproduce the nomination:

Re: Nomination for the Australian Psychological Society Forensic College Award of Distinction of Professor Alfred Allan

The National Forensic College Executive nominates Professor Alfred Allan for the above mentioned award.

Professor Allan came to Australia from South Africa in 1998 to coordinate the Forensic Psychology Program at Edith Cowan University. He became a full member of the APS in 1999 and the Forensic College in 2000. He was the Foundation Chair of the WA state section of the Forensic College 2000-2001, and again 2007-2008 having to give up that role when he became national Chair in 2008. He still holds this position.

He has held roles as Chair of the Ethics Committee of the APS, and a member of the Ethical Guidelines Committee of the APS, and is currently a member of the newly formed Psychologists' Registration Board of Australia.

The appointment is recognition of Professor Allan's expertise in the area of health ethics and law and his contribution to psychology in Australia.

He was recently awarded a Vice-Chancellor's citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning at Edith Cowan University (2010). This award was for teaching that influences, motivates and inspires postgraduate psychology students to integrate, and competently apply, legal-ethical principles in their professional practice. An important focus of his practice, teaching and research has been in the areas of health and professional law, ethics, policy and practice.

He has published widely in legal, medical, psychiatric and psychological journals and in his recent publications in refereed journals he examined the use of apologies in various areas of law, including tort cases flowing from adverse medical incidents. He has authored of a number of books related to the law and ethical practice or psychologists.

He has facilitated a number of workshops and training seminars for psychologists working in forensic settings, and on writing reports for court, and dealing with subpoenas, and is a very popular presenter on behalf of the Forensic College. He is actively involved in developing relationships with the judiciary and relevant stakeholders on behalf of the Forensic College, and since taking on the position of National Chair of the Forensic College he has been instrumental in developing a strategic plan and driving this plan in order to raise the profile of Forensic Psychology in Australia.

Professor Allan is highly regarded in both psychology, psychiatry and law circles in Australia, and internationally, and is

considered an expert in the areas of law and ethics in psychology.

I would also like to express my thanks to those former members of the National Executive for their efforts during their period of service, particularly Dr Leonie Coxon and Ms. Mary-Anne Martin. I would also like to thank Associate Professor Andrew Day for his work as editor of *The Profiler* and to thank the former executive for their efforts. We welcome Sam van der Wijngaart to the role of editor of *The Profiler*.

Finally, I would like to introduce the new National Executive. The new executive is

Dr Michael Daffern	Chair
Dr Mike Davis	Secretary
Dr Jack White	Treasurer
Mr Gavan Palk	Membership secretary
Dr Greg Dear	Course approval Secretary
Mr Ronnie Zuessman	Professional Development Secretary

Ex officio members

Assoc Prof Andrew Day	Chair of the SA section
Dr David Bright	Chair of NSW section
Dr Michael Daffern	Chair of Vic section
Dr Greg Dear	Chair of WA section
Mr Gavan Palk	Chair of Qld section

Co-opted members

Kerri Pezos	Web Master
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Registration matters

Presently, the college and the profession of psychology are embarking on significant changes with the move to national registration. For further information on the Psychology Board of Australia please see: <http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/>. Details on new registration standards can be found at:

<http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/en/Registration-Standards.aspx>. In this latter website you can see guidelines for those seeking endorsement.

Regarding continuing professional development many of you will be aware that the APS is changing its Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements, and that the new requirements will align closely with the new CPD standards put in place by the Psychology Board of Australia (PBA) for all registered psychologists. The APS is currently in the process of designing new supporting materials for members as well as a new electronic CPD monitoring and recording system. Further information on the number of hours required for members of two or more colleges is currently being determined and we will bring you

more information about this issue as it becomes available.

ICAP

Many members were in attendance at the International Congress of Applied Psychology in Melbourne this July. The ICAP featured numerous lectures and symposia related to forensic psychology. If you were not able to attend but were interested in looking at the abstracts for this congress these can be found at:

<http://icap2010.eproceedings.com.au/abstract.list.php?categoryid=3>

At ICAP the Annual General Meeting was held, following which there was a small social function for members of the college and members of Division 10 (Psychology and Law) of the International Association of Applied Psychology at the ICAP conference. At ICAP we were also able to distribute information on the next APS Forensic Psychology National Conference, focusing on *Diversity and Specialism in Forensic Psychology*. The conference will be held in Noosa, Qld from the 4th-6th August 2011. Further information on this conference will be posted as it becomes available. If you have specific inquiries though you can contact the organising committee via Gavan Palk, gavan.palk@qut.edu.au, and keep an eye on the webpage relevant to the conference: <http://www.groups.psychology.org.au/cfp/news/#2011conference>.

Current focus

The work of the National Executive in the near term is to continue to pursue the strategic plan that was developed by the past national executive. Furthermore, we are presently in discussion with the APS to assist them determine the requirements for continuing professional development, and finalise course approval guidelines. We are also developing member resources in the form of tip sheets for some common tasks undertaken by members of the college.

Michael Daffern

National Chair, Forensic College

National Forensic Conference

The next conference will be held 4th - 6th August 2011 at Noosa in Queensland. The theme will be: **Diversity and Specialisation in Forensic Psychology** (with a focus on ethical and professional practice).

Upcoming Forensic College Professional Development Activities



College of Forensic Psychologists Victoria

The Victorian section will be having its annual student research day on the **14th October**. There will be a presentation on the **11th August**, and a 1/2 day workshop by Assoc. Prof. Andrew Day on domestic violence on Thursday **11th November**. The annual general meeting is on Wednesday evening on the **8th December** at University House, Melbourne University. All welcome. Please contact Michael Daffern for more information on any of these events (or consult Psych News for Victorian members).



College of Forensic Psychologists New South Wales

The NSW section is planning two other PD events for 2010. Further details, including dates, will be forthcoming.



College of Forensic Psychologists South Australia

In 2010 we have the following events scheduled:

Dr Michael Daffern: Introduction to using in-custody Offence Paralleling Behaviour (OPB) to inform risk assessment and intervention

When: Friday 3rd September 2010, 2.45-5.15pm.
Where: Parkview Room, Fullarton Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Adelaide.
Cost: \$10-\$60 depending on level of APS membership (APS non-members very welcome). Please register through the APS website under the events calendar:

<http://www.psychology.org.au/Events/EventView.aspx?ID=5766>

Professor Martine Powell: Investigative interviewing of suspected offenders: Good forensic practice?

When: Friday 12th November 2.45-5.30pm.
Where: Parkview Room, Fullarton Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Adelaide.
Cost: \$10-\$60 depending on level of APS membership (APS non-members very welcome). Please register through the APS website under the events calendar:

<http://www.psychology.org.au/Events/EventView.aspx?ID=5940>

Enquires: Andrew Day andrew.day@deakin.edu.au or mob. 0403 064239



College of Forensic Psychologists Queensland

Dr Edward Heffernan: Madness, the Media and Musical Chairs: The mentally ill in custody.

When: 18 Aug 2010, 6 – 8:30pm
Where: QCWA, Ruth Fairfax House, 89-95 Gregory Terrace (free street parking), Spring Hill QLD
Cost: \$10-\$25 depending on level of APS membership (APS non-members very welcome). Please register through the APS website under the events calendar:

<http://www.psychology.org.au/Events/EventView.aspx?EventID=6710>

Roz Robertson: Psychological Autopsies

When: 12 Oct 2010
Where: 433 on Logan (in Stones Corner) Conference Facility

Angela Carr + Prof David Middleton: Treating internet sex offenders

When: November 2010 (Date to be confirmed) 1 Day.
Where: Bond University

Professor Paul Wilson: Prosecuting evil: the Cambodian genocide trials

+ AGM and includes end of year function

When: 8 Dec 2010
Where: 433 on Logan (in Stones Corner) Conference Facility 0403 064239



College of Forensic Psychologists Tasmania

Any enquiries for the Tasmanian Branch should be forwarded to Dr Georgina O'Donnell at ForensiClinic@gmail.com.

Once a contact list is established, the Tasmanian College will hold their first meeting later in the year.

Please send all contributions for The Profiler to the Editor,

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