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Change in the CECOG organizing committee:



From the 15th January 2014 **Dóra Kampis** (Central European University, Budapest, Hungary; Kampis_Dora@ceu-budapest.edu) acts as the managing secretary of the Central European Cognitive Science Association replacing the former secretary, Attila Keresztes (Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary).

Otherwise all organizational matters and our intellectual goals remain the same.

VI. Dubrovnik Conference on Cognitive Science:

The next conference organized by the Central European Cognitive Science Association will be held between 22-25 May 2014 in the picturesque city of Dubrovnik, Croatia. The theme of the conference this year is Language and Conceptual Development thus the invited talks will be centred around this topic, but as usual submissions from all areas of cognitive science are welcome.



Invited speakers:

Lisa Feigenson and Justin Halberda

Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences,
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA

Alex Cristia and Emmanuel Dupoux

Laboratoire de Science Cognitive et Psycholinguistique,
ENS-CNRS-EHESS, Paris, France

Nuria Sebastian Galles and Luca Bonatti

Center for Brain and Cognition,
Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain

Gergely Csibra and György Gergely

Department of Cognitive Science,
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

Abstract submission is open until 17th February.

Financial support (covering accommodation and participation fee) may be available for up to 15 students from Central and Eastern Europe.

These 15 students will be chosen on the basis of the quality of their abstracts.

More information:

http://www.cecog.eu/ducog/page_invitation.php

Other conferences that might be of your interest:



**22nd European Congress
on Psychiatry**

1-4 March 2014

Munich, Germany

<http://www.epa-congress.org/>

Registration deadline: 19 February



**14th European Workshop
on Imagery and Cognition**

18-20 June 2014

Paphos, Cyprus

<http://www.ewic2014.org/>

Registration opens: 1 March



**5th International Conference
on Computational Creativity**

10-13 June 2014

Ljubljana, Slovenia

<http://computationalcreativity.net/iccc2014/>

Abstract submission deadline: 31 January



**Language, Culture
and Mind**

23-26 June 2014

Lublin, Poland

<http://lcm6.umcs.lublin.pl/>

Early registration deadline: 30 March

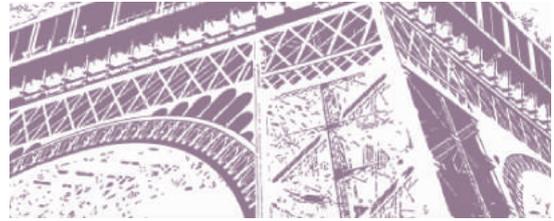


**The 6th International Conference
on Cognitive Science**

23-27 June 2014
Kaliningrad, Russia

<http://www.conf.cogsci.ru/eng/>

Registration is open!



**28th International Congress
of Applied Psychology**

8-13 July 2014
Paris, France

<http://www.icap2014.com/>

Early registration deadline: 15 March



**CEU Summer University course on Morality:
Evolutionary origins and cognitive mechanisms**

23-30 June 2014
Budapest, Hungary

<http://summer.ceu.hu/morality-2014>

Application deadline: 14 February



**International Workshop
on Learning and Memory Consolidation**

10-12 July 2014
San Sebastian, Spain

<http://www.bcbl.eu/events/learning/en/>

Abstract submission deadline: 2 March



**Sleep and Circadian Neuroscience
Summer Schools**

24-27 June 2014
Oxford, UK

[LINK](#)

Application deadline: 31 January



**Cognitive Science of Science:
Kazimiers Naturalist Workshop**

18-22 August 2014
Kazimierz Dolny, Poland

<http://www.obf.edu.pl/content/view/155/34/lang.en/>

Abstract submission deadline: 25 June



**Cognition and Action: the Jagiellonian-
Rutgers Conference in Cognitive Science**

25-29 June 2014
Kraków, Poland

<http://cognitivescience.eu/>

Early registration deadline: 10 April



**Measuring
Behaviour**

27-29 August 2014

Wageningen, The Netherlands

<http://www.measuringbehavior.org/mb2014/home>

Abstract submission deadline: 30 March



24th Annual Conference of the European Second Language Association

3-6 September 2014
York, UK

<http://www.york.ac.uk/education/research/cllr/eurosla24/>

Abstract submission deadline: 28 February



Spatial Cognition

15-19 September 2014
Bremen, Germany

<http://conference.spatial-cognition.de/SC2014/>

Paper submission deadline: 15 February

Conference report: Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development

The fourth annual BCCCD meeting was held between 9-11 January in Budapest, Hungary. BCCCD is the only annual conference on cognitive development in Europe, that welcomes submissions from all areas within this field of research. The conference thus includes presentations on comparative cognition, cultural cognition, early social cognition, language, conceptual learning, numeracy, object cognition, methodological issues, moral cognition and more.

Here is what participants of this year's conference say:

When I returned to the BCCCD as a second time attendee this year, I was already anticipating a great and immensely enriching conference. And certainly, the Cognitive Development group in Budapest did host a wonderful conference again. It is a perfect opportunity to meet some of the great researchers in the field of cognitive development as the number of people attending is pleasantly manageable and the general atmosphere is very welcoming and friendly. Apart from the great line-up of speakers, the scientific input is interestingly diverse always encourages me to broaden my own horizon of research. It is definitely a great way to start into your scientific year and stock up on inspiration until the next BCCCD.

Susanne Göckeritz

Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology,
Leipzig, Germany

This was the first time for me to participate in BCCCD. I was deeply touched at the professionalism, creativity, and passion of everyone who was involved in BCCCD. Specially, it was beneficial to grasp the latest research trends of cognitive developmental psychology and to share information and ideas about many kinds of experiments.



I think it is important to investigate how infants think and behave, because these research have much contribution to human society like education and medicine.

Park, Yunhee

Kyoto University, Japan

The BCCCD14 was organized in the city of Budapest, which is known as one of most beautiful cities in Europe. I appreciated the information on the website of the conference, which included program schedule in detail and posters for download. I was very glad to hear talks not only about social norm, joint action, social group, action perception and prediction, which covered a series of hot topics recently, but also about language acquisition and preverbal communication, which researched on traditional topics but with new approaches. I enjoyed the passionate presentation and hot discussion in poster session so much that wished there had been more time. Besides, the reception dinner was wonderful with the lovely rewards and everyone's happy face!

Yue Zhou

Kyoto University, Japan

Conference report:

Joint meeting of the 33rd International Ethological Conference (IEC) & the Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour (ASAB)



The 33rd meeting of the IEC and the ASAB, Behaviour 2013, was organized by the Centre for Behaviour and Evolution at Newcastle University, UK, by Conference President Melissa Bateson. Behaviour 2013 was the largest international animal behaviour meeting of the year and as such was a wonderful display of modern ethology in action. Attendees were overwhelmed with a choice of presentations from diverse fields integrating the study of behaviour with cognitive psychology, consciousness studies, engineering, linguistics, molecular biology, neurobiology, physiology, robotics and more. In addition to the presentations the conference was host to over 350 posters presentations. One of the main responses to this conference was the totally overwhelming array of choice; there was something for everyone, and often more, giving you the feeling of wishing to be in two or more places at once so as not miss anything! The talks and posters represented the large range of

current research in the fields of animal personality and individual differences, the function, impact and development of social behaviour, and animal cognition. In total out of 33 symposia, 11 were cognition themed covering species from horses, birds, apes and bee's to fish and even amoebas. The conference got off to a great start, the cognition symposia proved very popular with people queuing out of the doors to hear the equine cognition and welfare talks on the first day.

The cognitive science included studies focussing on cognitive bias as a means of welfare assessment, comparative numerical competence and social cognition. In keeping with the ethological foundations there was also a large and very interesting focus upon the evolution, development, mechanism and function of cognition in both wild and domesticated species. Highlights of the conference included some not to be missed plenary talks including one from Kazuo Okanoya, of the University of Tokyo entitled 'Evolution of song complexity in Bengalese finches: Four questions and beyond'.

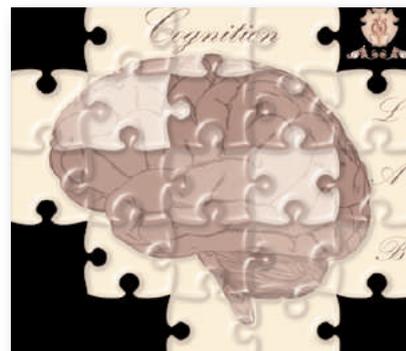
In addition to the academic focus the venue was set in a beautiful location on the Tyne River in Newcastle, and attendees were treated to an evening of dining and Scottish 'Ceilidh' dancing. Overall it was the perfect location for learning something new, meeting new people and reacquainting with old friends. I can only talk for myself but personally I left tired but definitely inspired.

Naomi Harvey

Behaviour 2013 participant
School of Veterinary Medicine and Science,
University Of Nottingham, UK

Introducing Research Institutes in Central Europe: Cognition Lab, National University of Ostroh Academy, Ukraine

The National University of Ostroh Academy (NaUOA) is the successor of the Ostroh Slavic, Greek and Latin Academy, the first higher educational establishment of the Eastern Slavs. It was founded in 1576 by Prince Vasyl-Kostiantyn of Ostroh. Ostroh Academy, was revived in 1994 by a Decree of the President of Ukraine. In 2009 the NaUOA received the status of autonomous Scientific and Research Higher Educational Institution and was recently ranked fifth among all classical universities of Ukraine.





Cognition Lab is the first experimental psychology lab in Ukraine, where research primarily focuses on questions of mental processes in human cognition. The Cognition Lab was founded by the two psychologists Igor Pasichnyk (Rector of NaUOA), in collaboration with Fredrik Jönsson (Stockholm University, Sweden), who were later joined by Ruslana Kalamazh (Pro-rector NaUOA). The Cognition Lab is part of the Department of Psychological and Pedagogical Studies (NaUOA). The laboratory aims to be a center for educating young Ukrainian psychologists in modern psychological methodology with a focus on experimental research. The lab is led by experienced psychologists with the aim to become both a strong empirically-based research center in the Ukraine, as well as an educational base for future Ukrainian scientists in Psychology. At present, our lab focuses on research projects in several areas

of cognitive psychology, including memory and metacognition, thinking and mental representation and perception. Currently, we use a wide range of methods, including both experimental as well as questionnaire-based research, and we have recently built a computer lab for testing participants with the E-prime experimental software. We work with many different organizations and other laboratories around the country, sharing science and ideas, for our mutual benefit we hope to extend our international collaboration in the future.

For a more detailed description of the Cognition Lab (including publications) please visit our homepage: <http://cognition.oa.edu.ua/> or contact us via e-mail: cognition.lab@oa.edu.ua

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PhD student

ABOUT CECOG:

The Central European Cognitive Science Association (CECOG) is a civil association promoting cooperation in the field of cognitive science in Central Europe. The association was initiated at a meeting in August 2008 by the Budapest University of Technology and the University of Zagreb. The CECOG organizing committee: Melita Kovacevic, Ilona Kovács and Csaba Pléh; President: Csaba Pléh; Managing organizers and local hosts of the DuCog series: Nevena Padovan and Dóra Kampis; Managing secretary of the association: Dóra Kampis.

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