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President's Column

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Since last summer I am in charge as president of STAR and I would like to share my enthusiasm within the new board.

This is also a good moment to extend my gratitude to our Past President, Stevan Hobfoll, who has governed STAR through difficult times and has successfully addressed culturally sensitive issues and has been a strong promotor of cross-cultural research.

While checking the papers of our society I became aware of the fact that STAR is celebrating its 20th birthday this year, and I know that we all are taking pleasure in two decades of successful history of international scientific interchange on stress, anxiety, and coping.

As you might know the IAAP (International Association of Applied Psychology) will hold its next meeting in 2002 in Singapore and all major national psychology associations have been offered to organize an invited symposium, including STAR, which underscores that STAR has been recognized as an important scientific society. The point has been raised to organize a satellite meeting to IAAP in Singapore and one convenient location for such a meeting could be Melbourne/Australia, where we had been invited by our Australian members Kate Moore and Erica Frydenberg. Since such a venue is at an unusual distance for the European STAR membership I have written a letter to all National Representatives asking for mutual consultation about this difficult issue. In case that responses are favourable and no alternatives are offered we would most likely decide to hold the 2002 meeting in Australia.

Looking into the future the most conspicuous event will be our annual meeting on the wonderful Island of Mallorca, Spain. This time we expect a very large number of participants, so, please, make sure that you submit your abstract in time. The call for papers and other helpful information is in this newsletter and also available on the internet. I look forward to see you all at the next meeting and hope that you will have a stress free winter term.

Treasurer's Note

With this newsletter I enclosed the new STAR flyer which was renewed by Petra Buchwald. The flyer includes the STAR membership application/renewal form 2001. Please remind that we changed our charging system for the journal. In future I will charge members just before the year the journal will be delivered. If there are any problems with the journal please do not hesitate to contact me so that I can clarify problems with the publisher. I also would like to ask you to send back the form, also if you have the status of a free membership. I would like to up-date our addresses. With the up-dated list of members, I would like to prepare a directory and I will set up your e-mail addresses so that in future it should be possible to communicate among members via e-mail.

I also would like to draw your attention to a paper which was provided by Emine Erktin from the Bogazici University Istanbul, Turkey, for our newsletter. I have to thank Emine for her great work, and I am sure that all STAR members will enjoy to read that paper. Claudia Gärtner helped to edit this paper. I would be pleased if this overview of conference presentations would open a discussion among STAR members about the identity of our organization. As many members know, there was a discussion from the beginning if STAR should serve as a more specialized group of scientists working in such fields as test anxiety or measures of stress, or the organization should broaden its perspective and serve as a forum of all kind of scientists and experts working in any field sharing common interests to learn more about stress and adaptation. This would imply a variety of research topics, methodological approaches, and applications. Naturally, there also would be an overlap with other organizations and topics, e.g., health psychology, work psychology, sport psychology, among others. I would like to stimulate all of you to think about our future and to develop ideas how we might proceed in our society. Please send any contributions concerning this question to me so that I can include them in the next newsletter or spread the information electronically.

Looking forward to seeing you next year,

Volker Hodapp

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STAR Awards

STAR has provided two awards: a STAR early career contribution award and a STAR lifetime contribution award. Charles D. Spielberger and Ralf Schwarzer were recipients of STAR's lifetime achievement award, Joachim Stöber and Emine Erktin were recipient of STAR early career award. Nominations for either award are always welcome and should be mailed to Christine Schwarzer.

STAR' 2001

Palma de Mallorca, Spain

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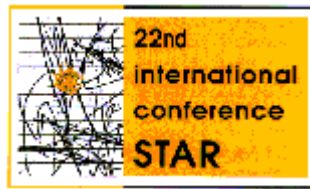
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To submit a proposal, please send your one-page abstract in duplicate and a 3,5" diskette (or by e-mail) to the local organizer.

The one page proposal (abstract submission form) should contain:

- title, name(s), and affiliation of authors.
- abstract (no more than 250 words).
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Deadline for submitting abstracts is JANUARY 31, 2001.

Notice of acceptance will be given by March 1st, 2001.

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Affiliation:.....

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Instructions for presentation

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- Title of Presentation

- Abstract of (not more than 250 words)

Up to 3 key words in CAPITAL LETTERS

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Registration fee

| | Before May15 2001 | After May15 2001 |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| STAR members | \$ 140 (24.000 ptas) | \$ 180 (30.000 ptas) |
| Non members | \$ 210 (35.000 ptas) | \$ 250 (42.000 ptas) |
| Students, developing countries, and eastern european countries | \$ 90 (6.750 ptas) | \$ 110 (6.750 ptas) |

STAR members anual fee= \$ 60

The Registration fee includes congress materials, coffee, pastries, and reception.

75% refund before May 15th, 2001. No refund after this date.

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Lodging and Breakfast

Single Room \$ 106 Double Room \$ 95

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**STAR AS A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY INTER-CULTURAL MEDIUM FOR STRESS
AND ANXIETY RESEARCH**

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Developments in technology brought about external memory storage units to supplement the human brain. Accumulated knowledge is no longer the essential part in scientific organisations. Thus, like in other areas, in stress and anxiety research, the enrichment accomplished by the interaction of multi-disciplinary, cross cultural approaches where questions are investigated through a variety of formations are called for.

STAR Society forms an exceptional model for multi-disciplinary and cross-cultural research. The yearly STAR meetings set the stage for multiform inter-disciplinary studies. The variety of topics that appeal to the members from more than 40 countries cover almost every aspect of stress and anxiety research.

According to the Members Directory (1998) STAR had around 280 members from around 40 different countries and different areas and disciplines: Argentina, Armenia, Australia , Austria Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt , Estonia, Ethiopia ,Finland, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, China, Hungary, Iceland, India, Israel, Italy ,Korea, Kuwait. Japan. Malavsia. The Netherlands. Nigeria. Norway. Poland. Portugal. Russia. Saudi

Ukraine and USA. In the last four years meetings participants from countries like Brazil, Iran, Ireland, Lithuania, Mexico, North Ireland, Romania, South Africa contributed as well.

The programs and abstract books of the last five years' STAR meetings were reviewed and the contributions from each country in the form of oral and poster presentations were listed (Table 1):

USA (79) Germany (78), Poland (64), Slovakia (53), Turkey (50), Russia (27), Israel(27), Australia (25), Canada (22), Hungary (21), Ukraine (19), Austria (18) Spain (17), Czech Republic (16), India (15), Romania (13) , Italy (12), Hong Kong (11), Netherlands (9), Greece (8), South Africa (8), United Kingdom (6) , Belgium (6), Egypt (3), Finland (5),Taiwan(5), Japan (3),Iran (3), Argentina (3), Armenia (3), Scotland (3), Norway(3), Denmark(2), , Estonia(2), Lithuania (2), Mexico (2), Ireland (1) , Slovenia (1), Korea (1), Sweden (1), Brazil (1), Ethiopia (1), North Ireland(1), New Zealand (1).

Table 1: Contributions from different countries for STAR meetings 1996–2000.

| COUNTRIES | MEMBER-SHIP | total last 4yrs | total last 5yrs | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| ARGENTINA | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | | 2 |
| ARMENIA | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | 2 | |
| AUSTRALIA | 24 | 22 | 25 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 4 |
| AUSTRIA | 5 | 2 | 18 | 16 | 2 | | | |
| BELGIUM | 6 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | |
| BRAZIL | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| CANADA | 5 | 21 | 22 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| CZECH | 13 | 9 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| DENMARK | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | | 1 |
| EGYPT | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| ESTONIA | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | |
| ETHIOPIA | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| FINLAND | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | | | 4 | |
| GERMANY | 36 | 65 | 78 | 13 | 30 | 9 | 15 | 11 |
| GREECE | 7 | 8 | 8 | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| HONG KONG | 1 | 8 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | |
| HUNGARY | 3 | 20 | 21 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 5 |
| ICELAND | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| INDIA | 7 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 6 | | 2 | 2 |
| IRAN | 0 | 3 | 3 | | | | 2 | 1 |
| IRELAND | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| ISRAEL | 18 | 24 | 27 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 4 |
| ITALY | 6 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | |
| JAPAN | 4 | 3 | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| KOREA | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | |
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|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| MALAYSIA | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| MEXICO | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | 1 |
| NEW ZEALAND | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| NIGERIA | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| NORTH IRELAND | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| NORWAY | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | | 1 | |
| POLAND | 16 | 49 | 64 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 21 | 15 |
| PORTUGAL | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| RUMANIA | 0 | 12 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| RUSSIA | 5 | 25 | 27 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| SAUDI ARABIA | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| SCOTLAND | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | 2 | |
| SLOVAKIA | 1 | 50 | 53 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 30 |
| SLOVENIA | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 0 | 7 | 8 | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| SPAIN | 13 | 14 | 17 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| SWEDEN | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| SWITZERLAND | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| TAIWAN | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | | | 1 |
| THE NETHERL. | 13 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | |
| TURKEY | 6 | 45 | 50 | 5 | 6 | 19 | 11 | 9 |
| UK | 11 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| UKRAINE | 1 | 19 | 19 | | 5 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| USA | 51 | 63 | 79 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 19 | 7 |

The last five years meetings were held in Austria (1996), Germany (1997), Turkey (1998), Poland (1999) and Slovakia (2000). The high number of contributions from the hosting countries justifies the tradition of having the STAR conferences at a different country each year. Scientists who are unable or unwilling to travel get to have a chance to attend a STAR meeting this way. The STAR conference participants on the other hand, might get a chance to acquire a new cultural perspective from the works of the local researchers.

On a small study where the contributions of the years 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 were reviewed, and classified, it was observed that the following categories of stress and anxiety and related topics were discussed by the participants in STAR meetings in the past ten years (cf., Tables 2 and 3):

Clinical issues (14%), Education (13%), Health (12%), Coping (10%), Work -related stress (9%), Anxiety and related emotions (7%), Methodology and assessment (6%), Computers and technology (6%), Stress and coping of the elderly (6%), Test anxiety (5%), Disasters and post traumatic stress (4%), Treatment (4%), Stress and anxiety in Sports (3%), Cross-cultural issues (2%), Stress and anxiety in Music (1%), Migration (1%) .

For the past ten years, clinical studies, education and health seem to be the three most popular categories investigated by the STAR researchers. STAR had been founded as a society for test anxiety research. So it is expected that educational issues should always be an important part of discussions at STAR meetings. It was however foreseen that limiting the studies to test anxiety research would be too confounding and a decision had been made to

alter the name of the organisation which was until ten years ago Society for Test Anxiety Research. Keeping the initials, it was rightfully changed to Society for STress and Anxiety Research. The variety of topics discussed at each meeting reveals the accuracy of this decision. At this point in STAR's history, research on test anxiety seems to have reached a saturation point. In the 1990 meeting the test anxiety studies constituted 19% of the contributions. The number of studies on test anxiety were in decline until in the 1999 meeting test anxiety studies formed only 1.4 % of the total number of presentations (cf., Figure 1).

The percentage of studies on health issues indicates the new perspective and enrichment brought to the society by the incorporation of stress and related issues.

The studies on coping are on the increase. More and more studies on different theories and models of coping have been discussed increasingly in the past few years' STAR meetings.

Table 2: Categories of presentations at STAR meetings 1990 and 1993 to 2000.

| | 1990 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | total |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| CROSS-CULTURAL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 18 |
| WORK | 1 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 17 | 18 | 14 | 17 | 8 | 93 |
| ELDERLY | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 14 | 17 | 1 | 55 |
| EDUCATION | 9 | 10 | 15 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 21 | 32 | 12 | 126 |
| METHODOLOGY / ASSESSMENT | 6 | 5 | 18 | 3 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 61 |
| HEALTH | 6 | 4 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 23 | 14 | 18 | 18 | 116 |
| COMPUTER | 5 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 31 |
| SPORT | 3 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 30 |
| MUSIC | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| CLINICAL | 15 | 18 | 9 | 11 | 15 | 24 | 12 | 10 | 23 | 137 |
| COPING | 4 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 17 | 17 | 22 | 102 |

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|---|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| MIGRATION | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| DISASTER | 0 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 37 |
| TREATMENT | 4 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 44 |
| TEST ANXIETY | 13 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 49 |
| ANXIETY RELATED EMOTIONS (ANGER, OPTIMISM...) | 8 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 71 |
| Total | 68 | 66 | 90 | 70 | 99 | 148 | 117 | 136 | 115 | |

Table 3: Rank order of topics in STAR meetings during past ten years.

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|----------------|----|----|
| CLINICAL | 137 | 14% | TEST ANXIETY | 49 | 5% |
| EDUCATION | 126 | 13% | TREATMENT | 44 | 4% |
| HEALTH | 116 | 12% | DISASTER | 37 | 4% |
| COPING | 102 | 10% | COMPUTER | 31 | 3% |
| WORK | 93 | 9% | SPORT | 30 | 3% |
| ANXIETY RELATED EMOTIONS (ANGER, OPTIMISM...) | 71 | 7% | CROSS-CULTURAL | 18 | 2% |
| METHODOLOGY / ASSESSMENT | 61 | 6% | MUSIC | 5 | 1% |
| ELDERLY | 55 | 6% | MIGRATION | 5 | 1% |

Work related stress has also been expanding as a popular issue for the past years

Apparently Professor Spielberg keeps inspiring the STAR contributors. And this is also observed when one glances at the studies on anxiety and related emotions such as anger, and hostility which make up 7% of the contributions in the past ten years.

Disaster studies presented at STAR meetings mark the history for the natural and man-made disasters like the Gulf war and major earthquakes and the sensitivity of the STAR scientists .

Many categories are recognised by the researchers who carry out the studies and lead the way for and inspire others. Computer and technology related stress and anxiety and studies on the elderly are such categories and they make up almost 12% of the contributions.

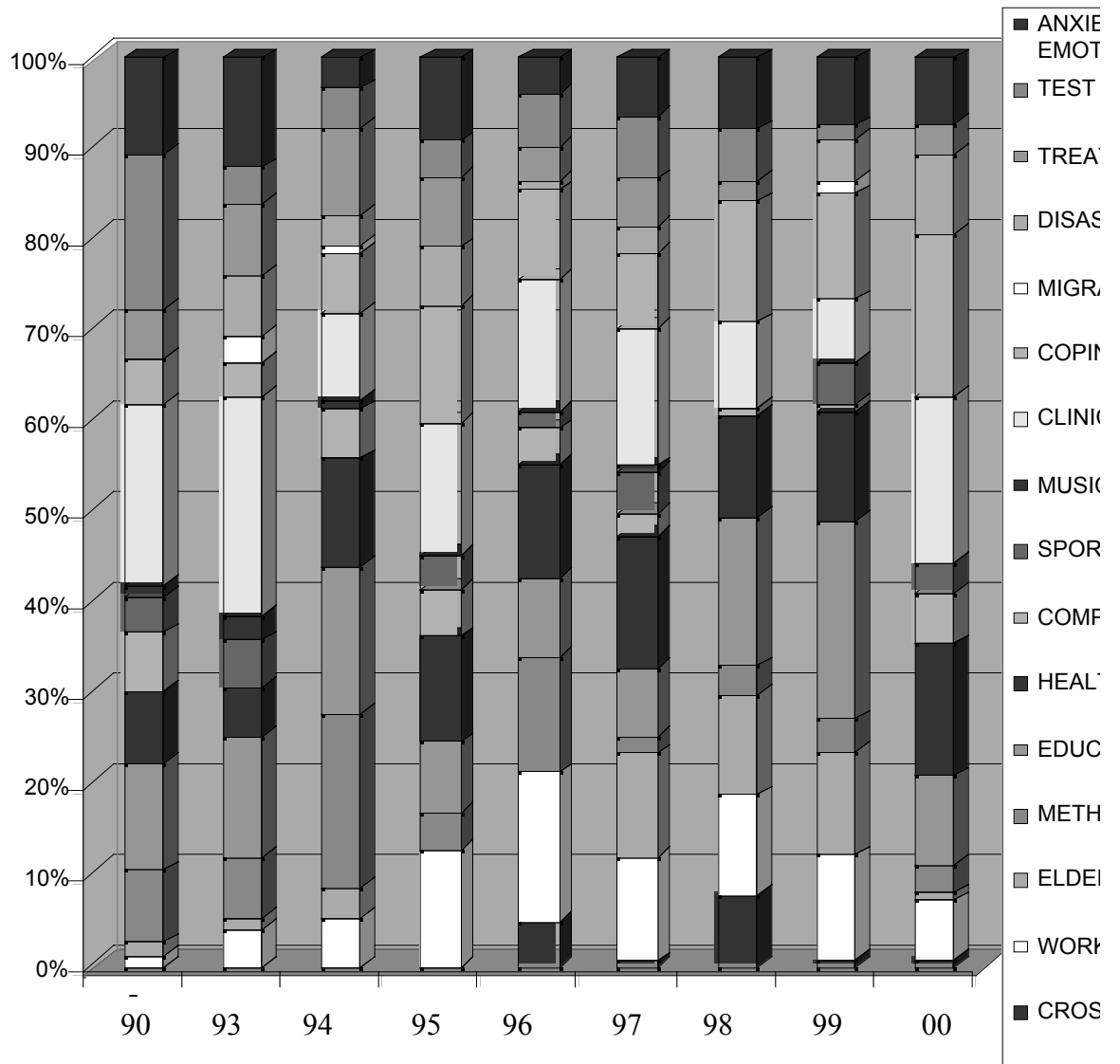


Figure 1: Changes of topics in STAR meetings during past ten years

Although the issues on methodology and assessment studies constitute 6% of the total number of studies, they have been in decline in recent years. The diminishing interest in these more technical aspects of anxiety research seems to go parallel with the reluctance of some eminent researchers working on these issues and who contributed greatly to the STAR in the past years, to regularly attend the conferences.

After more than twenty years of hard work STAR is not only an established scientific community but also an educational environment bringing together distinguished researchers and novices, celebrating the works of the former and inspiring and encouraging the studies of the latter. Adopting policies to integrate more different cultures and disciplines meanwhile carefully maintaining the existing communication and the social ambience which makes each STAR meeting a jubilation, may be the primary mission of the STAR Board in the future.

National Representatives

Because we have broadened the scope of the organization in recent years, the STAR Board has appointed National Representatives to acquaint colleagues in their respective countries with our organization. If your country does not have a National Representative and you would like to suggest someone (including yourself), please contact Christine Schwarzer, the STAR president. The term of a National Representative will be three years, renewable if jointly agreed upon. National Representatives are appointed by the Board during each STAR annual meeting.

The primary role of the National Representative is to enhance STAR's visibility thorough: 1. Announcement of the Call for Proposals and annual meeting in newsletters, journals, etc.; 2. Recruitment of new members who are doing research in the areas of stress, anxiety, and coping; 3. Reporting activities as National Representative at the meeting of National Representatives at the annual STAR conference; and 4. Distribution of STAR information materials.

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Conferences and Important Dates

January 31, 2001. Proposal Deadline for the STAR 2001 Annual Meeting.

May 26-29, 2001. ESTSS Seventh European conference on Traumatic Stress, Edinburgh, Scotland. Conference Secretariat: Cheryl Goff, Meeting Makers, Jordanhill Campus, 76 Southbrae Drive, Glasgow, G13 1PP, UK. Phone: +44 141 434 1500; Fax: +44 141 434 1519; E-mail: ecots@meetingmakers.co.uk; Conference website: www.ecots.org.uk.

June 14-17, 2001. 13th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Society, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Information: Melanie Weiner, American Psychological Society, 1010 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005-4907, USA. Phone: +1 202 7832077, Fax: +1 202 7832083, E-mail: mweiner@aps.washington.dc.us.

June 27-29, 2001. Conference on Affective Human Factors Design, Singapore. Information: <http://www.unimas.my/cahd2001>.

July 12-14, 2001. 22th International STAR Conference, Majorca, Spain.

August 24-28, 2001. Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, USA. Information: APA Convention Office, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242, USA. Phone: +1 202 3366020, Fax: +1 202 3365956, Website: www.apa.org.

July 7-12, 2002. Twenty-Fifth International Congress of Applied Psychology, Singapore. Information: CEMS Pte Ltd, 1 Maritime Square, #09-43 World Trade Centre, Singapore 099253. Phone: (65) 278-8666, Fax: (65) 278-4077, E-mail: cemssvs@singnet.com.sg,