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Dear STAR Members,

Though the new year started a couple of weeks ago, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for 2009! In the following, you will find a brief summary of news which updates you on recent developments in the STAR society and among its members.

After introducing modifications to the newsletter format in 2007, another make-up seemed advisable during the recent past. Accordingly, we decided to readapt the format and pilot an email newsletter whose contents are presented in brief paragraphs and can be grasped at a glance. Parallel, the frequency of issues will increase, updating you on news more regularly.

This newsletter contains the following points. Deepening information can be found under each headline below.

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Reminder for STAR membership renewal 2009

In case you have not renewed your STAR membership for 2009, we would appreciate if you could do so as soon as possible. Please note that from now on the deadline for renewing your STAR membership for the following year will be 31st of December of the current year. By becoming a full member you will regularly receive the journal "Anxiety, Stress, and Coping" and the STAR newsletter. For 2009, you will further be eligible for a reduced fee for the STAR conference in Budapest, Hungary. If you have any issues regarding subscriptions or membership at this time, you should address them to Nina <<mailto:nina.knoll@charite.de>>

Reminder for nominations for STAR awards 2009

Deadline for the nominations for this year's STAR early career and life time career awards is extended to Feb 20th 2009. The deadline for the STAR Student Development Award is also Feb 20th 2009. For details on the nomination process, please, visit: www.star-society.org For further questions on this year's STAR awards, please, do not hesitate to contact Nina Knoll (nina.knoll@charite.de).

Number of ASC Journal issues increased from 4 to 5

Starting from 2009, the number of issues of "Anxiety, Stress, and Coping" increases from 4 to 5. Partly due to such increase of issues, the annual STAR membership fees rises from €60 Euro to €75 Euro.

Nina Knoll becomes new temporary Secretary/Treasurer

Unfortunately, Hector Gonzales who was elected as Secretary/Treasurer of the STAR Society at the 2008 Conference in London, had to resign from this position due to health problems. We deeply regret Hector's decision but understand the determining circumstances and wish him a quick recovery. A new Secretary/Treasurer for the same term of office, that is for 2008-2010 will be found in Budapest at our next STAR conference. Until then, Nina Knoll fills in the gap temporarily. In case you wish to apply for this position, please do not hesitate to contact Petra Buchwald <<mailto:pbuchwald@uni-wuppertal.de>>.

Reminder: submission deadline for STAR 2009 is Jan 31

It is a great pleasure that the 30th STAR conference, July 16-18, 2009 will take place at the Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary, for the second time. Please note that the deadline for submission of abstracts will be this week on the 31st of January, 2009. Participants will be notified about the status of their abstract submission by 1st of March 2009.

Reminder: submission for proceedings of 2008 STAR conference

Petra Buchwald and Kate Moore are serving as editors of the Proceedings of the 2008 STAR conference, held in London. After completing the review and selection of abstracts, authors were advised to submit their full papers until mid of Jan 2009. In case you haven't submitted the full paper of your accepted abstract, please ensure to email it to Petra Buchwald by Jan 31, 2009: <<mailto:buchwald@phil-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de>>. In a second step, authors will receive a final decision on acceptances. Publications details will be placed on the web and distributed in the Newsletter late 2009 when the volume is complete.

Invited STAR Symposium at Health Psychology 2009 in Zurich

We are delighted to inform you that an invited STAR symposium will take place at the Health Psychology Conference of the German Psychological Society (DGPs). The conference will be held at the University of Zurich, Switzerland. Chairs of the symposium will be Nina Knoll and Urte Scholz.

STAR 2010 will take place in Galway, Ireland

At the STAR conference in London last year, the National Representatives decided by vote where the 31st STAR conference will be held in 2010. In a close voting procedure, the conference was given to the National University of Ireland in Galway, Ireland. Brain Hughes will be the local organiser.

STAR 2011 will take place in Muenster, Germany from July 18 to 20

After the invitation of submissions for the 2011 STAR conference, the National Representatives voted by email. Following a close vote, the decision is to hold the 2011 conference at the Federal University of Applied Sciences in Munster, Germany. Drafted dates will be from July 18 to 20, 2011. Tobias Ringeisen will be the local organiser.

Message from Moshe Zeidner

The time has come to update my 1998 book entitled "Test anxiety: The state of the art", published by Plenum Press. Although the book was well received, it is a bit outdated, and needs to be revised and updated. The second edition will be published in the Human Exceptionality series of Springer Press. I would be keen to receive any relevant materials from the astute members of STAR, related to anxiety, test anxiety, evaluative anxiety, and cognate topics. Any journal or chapter reprints or preprints, or other materials can be send to the following e-mail:

Zeidner@research.haifa.ac.il

My institution address, for snail mail, is: Center for Research on Emotions, University of Haifa, Mt. Carmel, 31905, ISRAEL

Thanks in advance, and any material referenced will be duly accredited.

Cheers, Moshe Zeidner

In case you wish to share information with all STAR members or provide a contribution to the newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards and good health to all, especially to Hector.

Best wishes from the STAR Newsletter Editor,

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