

The Joint Annual Convention of The Parapsychological Association, Inc.
(51st) and The Incorporated Society for Psychical Research (32nd)
August 13—17, 2008
West Downs Centre, The University of Winchester, Winchester,

Provisional programme

Wednesday 13th August

16.00- Registration begins. Please make own arrangements for dinner.

Thursday 14th August

8:00 – 9.00

ENGLISH BREAKFAST

8:55

WELCOMING REMARKS

9.00-9.30

David P. Luke, Deborah Delanoy & Simon J. Sherwood - Psi may look like luck: Perceived luckiness and beliefs about luck in relation to precognition [PA]

9.30-10.00

David P. Luke, Chris A. Roe & Jamie Davison - Testing for forced-choice precognition using a hidden task: Two replications [PA]

10.00-10.30

Serena M. Roney-Dougal & Jerry Solfvin - An exploratory study relating two Tibetan meditation techniques with the Stroop effect and precognition [PA]

10.30-11.00

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11.00-11.30

Kimberly Robbins & Chris A. Roe - An empirical test of the theory of morphic resonance using recognition for Chinese symbols [PA]

11.30-12.00

Adrian Ryan - New insights into the links between ESP and geomagnetic activity [PA]

12.00-12.30

Mark Zilberman - Prediction of future random events with an artificial intuition device [PA]

12.30-14.00

LUNCH

14.00-14.30

Matthew D. Smith & Louie Savva - Experimenter effects in the Ganzfeld [PA]

14.30-15.00

Robin Wooffitt & Nicola J. Holt - Reporting on consciousness: Communication in mentation narratives [PA]

15.00-15.15

Adrian Parker & Björn Sjöden - The subliminal priming of film clips used in the Ganzfeld [PA]

15.15-15.45

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

15.45-16.15

Alejandro Parra - Aura vision as a hallucinatory experience: Its relation to fantasy proneness, absorption, and other perceptual maladjustments [PA]

16.15-16.45

Nicola J. Holt, Christine A. Simmonds-Moore & Stephen L. Moore - Benign schizotypy: Investigating differences between clusters of schizotypy on paranormal belief, creativity, intelligence and mental health [PA]

16.45-17.15

Etzel Cardeña & Devin B. Terhune - A distinct personality trait? The relationship between hypnotizability, absorption, self-transcendence, and mental boundaries [PA]

19.00

DINNER

Friday 15th August

- 8:00 – 9.00 ENGLISH BREAKFAST
- 9.00-9.30 Alexander Moreira-Almeida - Allan Kardec and the development of a research program in psychic experiences [PA]
- 9.30-10.00 Hannah Jenkins - A catch-22: Psi and explanation [PA]
- 10.00-10.30 Dick J. Bierman - Consciousness induced restoration of time-symmetry (CIRTS), a psychophysical theoretical perspective [PA]
- 10.30-11.00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK
- 11.00-11.30 Ian S. Baker & Paul Stevens - An investigation into the cortical electrophysiology of remote staring detection [PA]
- 11.30-11.45 Christine A. Simmonds-Moore, Sally Rhine Feather & Jean Hamilton - A qualitative exploration of spontaneous psychokinetic phenomena [PA]
- 11.45-12.30 PA POSTER SESSION
- 12.30-13.50 LUNCH
- 13.50-14.00 SPR WELCOMING REMARKS (Bernard Carr)
- 14.00-14.30 Peter Lamont - The presentation and reception of anomalous phenomena in Britain prior to the emergence of psychical research [SPR]
- 14.30-15.00 Chris Bratcher - Mark Twain and 'mental telegraphy' [SPR]
- 15.00-15.30 Fotini Pallikari - The 1935 Oslo International Parapsychology Congress and the telekinesis of Cleio [SPR]
- 15.30-16.00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK
- 16.00-16.30 Paul Rogers & Kimberley Prophet - Paranormal belief and susceptibility to misconceptions of visual noise [SPR]
- 16.30-17.00 David Wilde & Craig Murray - The experience and management of anomalous experience: An examination of the out-of-body experience using interpretative phenomenological analysis. [PA]
- 17.00-17.20 David Wilde & Craig Murray - Finding meaning in NDEs: An interpretative phenomenological analysis [SPR]
- 17.20-17.30 Mick O'Neill - A conference attempt to win the National Lottery jackpot psychically [SPR]
- 18.15 PA/SPR PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION (ALL WELCOME)
- 19.00 DINNER
- 20.15 PA AWARDS CEREMONY
- 20.30 PA PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS –
Roger D. Nelson - Mind matters: A new scientific era

Saturday 16th August

- 8:00 – 9:00 ENGLISH BREAKFAST
9.00-9.30 David Fontana - What might survive physical death? [SPR]
9.30-10.00 John Poynton - The Whiteman-Stevenson correspondence on reincarnation [SPR]
10.00-10.30 James Beichler - A theory to die for! [SPR]
10.30-11.00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11.00-11.30 Erlendur Haraldsson - New survey of psychic experiences in Iceland with an international comparison [SPR]
11.30-12.00 Stefano Siccardi, Annalisa Bozzini, Massimo Biondi, Brunilde Cassoli & Cecilia Magnanensi - Spontaneous cases: An analysis of the Italian literature [SPR]
12.00-12.30 Sergio Schilling & Waldo Mora - Genetic study of anomalous experiences [SPR]
12.30-14.00 LUNCH
14.00-14.30 Mary Rose Barrington - Broken threads in the fabric of reality [SPR]
14.30-15.00 Fotini Pallikari - In search of the universal character of micro-PK [SPR]
15.00-15.30 Jon Taylor - The importance of subject feedback in ESP experiments [SPR]
15.30-16.00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK
16.00-16.30 Daryl J. Bem - Feeling the future III: Additional experimental evidence for apparent retroactive influences on cognition and affect [PA]
16.30-17.30 INVITED ADDRESS - Edwin C. May - Looking forward: The challenges facing research parapsychology [PA]
19.00 BANQUET
21.00 BANQUET ADDRESS - Max Velmans - Unconscious interconnections

Sunday 17th August

- 8:00 – 9:00 ENGLISH BREAKFAST
9.00-9.30 Eberhard Bauer - How stands the Rosenheim RSPK case after 40 years?[SPR]
9.30-10.00 David Rousseau - New light on the “ghost-written” poems from Queen’s House, Cambridgeshire [SPR]
10.00-10.30 Christian Gaden Jensen, Etzel Cardeña & Devin B. Terhune - A controlled long distance test of a professional medium [PA]
10.30-11.00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11.00-11.30 Ann Winsper, Steven Parsons & Ciarán O’Keeffe - Have the lunatics taken over the (haunted) asylum? [SPR]
11.30-12.00 Steven Parsons, Ann Winsper & Ciarán O’Keeffe - Was there something in the cellar? [SPR]
12.00-12.45 Parapsychology and Investigating Haunting Experiences
Panel discussion with Ciarán O’Keeffe (chair), Ian S. Baker, Steven Parsons, Simon J. Sherwood & Devin B. Terhune [PA]
12.45-13.00 CLOSING REMARKS (Roger Nelson & Deborah Delanoy)
13.00-14.00 LUNCH
14.00-15.00 PA ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING