

# Annual Report - Japan

## Conferences

The 27th Japanese Association of Health Psychology (JAHP) Conference will take place from 1st – 2nd November 2014 at Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology. The theme for this conference is ‘Linking Longevity with Health Psychology’. As per previous years, JAHP is expecting this event to attract health psychology researchers from Japan and surrounding Asian regions, and as such welcomes colleagues from Europe to attend.

The Japanese Union of Associations for Psycho-medical Therapy is organising a conference themed ‘Positive Psychology and Mental Health’ on the 7th September 2014 at Nihon University.

The 21st Japanese Behavioural Medicine Conference will take place from 22nd – 23rd November 2014 at Waseda University. Its theme is ‘A New Foundation for Healthcare: Behavioural Medicine & Cognitive Behavioural Therapy’.

The 6th Asian Congress of Health Psychology was held from 23rd – 24th July 2014 in Yokohama City, Japan. The theme was ‘Health Research & Practice from Asia’. The President for this year’s Congress was Professor Kyoko Noguchi from Bunka Gakuen University. Keynote speakers included Professor Annette Stanton from University of California, Los Angeles and Professor Robert Donovan from Curtin University.

## Organizational aspects

In an attempt to promote knowledge

exchange in health psychology between Japan and Europe, the Japanese Association of Health Psychology (JAHP) has launched the Young Health Psychologist Award programme

in 2014 to support early career researchers to attend the upcoming 28th EHPS Conference in Innsbruck. Five young researchers have been chosen this year. It is encouraging to witness JAHP’s commitment towards the strengthening of ties with the EHPS. We hope that this initiative will continue in the years to come so as to encourage more Japanese researchers to attend future EHPS conferences.

## Miscellaneous

EHPS member Dr. Catrinel Craciun from Free University of Berlin was invited to give a guest lecture while on a research visit in Japan. Her talk, titled ‘Resources for Positive Aging in a Changing Social Context: the German Experience’ held on 17th March 2014 resulted in an engaging session, as population ageing is a top of the agenda for both Japan and Germany. JAHP expresses their appreciation to Dr. Craciun, and is looking forward to hosting more researchers in Europe for similar events in future.

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