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**47th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association Program August 5 - 8, 2004**

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**Program**

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2004**

19.00 – 21.00 Early Check-In/Advance Registration

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2004**

8.00 on Registration

9.00 – 9.05 Opening Remarks

**Theoretical Issues**

9.05 – 9.35 Peter Mulacz
*Strange People – Rare Events*

9.35 – 10.05 James McClenon
*What is to Be Done: Evaluating the Ritual Healing Theory*

10.05 – 10.35 Walter v. Lucadou & Frauke Zahradnik
*Predictions of the Model of Pragmatic Information About RSPK*

10.35 – 11.00 ------------------------Coffee Break--------------------------

**Theoretical Issues and Reanalyses**

11.00 – 11.30 John Palmer
*Synchronicity and Psi: How are they Related?*

11.30 – 12.00 Edwin C. May
*Anticipatory Skin Conductance Responses: A Possible Example of Decision Augmentation Theory*

12.00 – 12.30 Holger Bösch
*Reanalyzing a Meta-analysis on extra-sensory perception from 1940, the first comprehensive meta-analysis in the history of science*

12.30 – 14.00 ------------------------Lunch Break--------------------------

**Replicating Rupert Sheldrake?**

14.00 - 14.30 Eva Lobach & Dick J. Bierman
*The Invisible Gaze: Three attempts to Replicate Sheldrake’s Staring Effects*

14.30 - 15.00 Stefan Schmidt, Susanne Müller, & Harald Walach
*Do You Know Who is on the Phone? Replication of an Experiment on Telephone Telepathy*

15.00 - 15.30 Eva Lobach & Dick J. Bierman
*Who’s Calling at this Hour? Local Sidereal Time and Telephone Telepathy*
15.30 - 16.00  ------------------------Coffee Break------------------------

16.00 - 18.00  **Poster Session**

Eckhard Etzold  
*Does Psi Exist and Can we Prove it? Belief and Disbelief in Psychokinesis Research*

Liudmila B. Boldyreva & Nina B. Sotina  
*Classification of Phenomena of Parapsychology from the Point of View of Physics. Superfluid Physical Vacuum*

Luisa Sartori, Stefano Massaccesi, Massimiliano Martinelli & Patrizio E. Tressoldi  
*Physiological Correlates of ESP: Heart Rate Differences Between Targets and Non Targets in Clairvoyance and Precognition Forced Choice Tasks*

Gao Shan  
*A Primary Quantum Model of Telepathy*

Joseph W. McMoneagle, & Edwin C. May  
*The Possible Roll of Intention, Attention and Expectation in Remote Viewing*

Tatsu Hirukawa & Masato Ishikawa  
*Anomalous Fluctuation of RNG Data in Nebuta: Summer Festival in Northeast Japan*

Bernard M. Auriol, Frédérick Garcia, Laetitia Puech, Sylvie Lagrange, Corinne Morer, Myriam Campardon, Olivier Rabat, Sophie Valentin, Olivier Perrin, & Eve Leconte  
*Agapè: Group Telepathy. A Long-Term Experimental Series*

Wai-Cheong Carl Tam & Yung-Jong Shiah  
*Paranormal Belief, Religiosity and Cognitive Complexity*

Johannes Hagel & Margot Tschapke  
*The Local Event Detector (LED) - An Experimental Setup for an Exploratory Study of Correlations between Collective Emotional Events and Random Number Sequences*

Suitbert Ertel  
*Psi Test Feats Achieved Alone at Home: Do they Disappear under Lab Control?*

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**Welcome Reception**

19.00  Reception at the Vienna City Hall
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2004

Micro-PK: Theories, Correlations and an EEG-Paradigm

9.00 - 9.30  Joop M. Houtkooper
Exploring Volitional Strategies in the Mind-Machine Interaction Replication

9.30 - 10.00  Fotini Palikari
On the False Hypothesis of Psi-Mediated Shift of Statistical Average in Tests with Random Event Generators

10.00 - 10.30  Thilo Hinterberger, Joop M. Houtkooper, & Boris Kotchoubey
Effects of Feedback Control Training on Slow Cortical Potentials and a Random Event Generator

10.30 - 11.00  ------------------------Coffee Break------------------------

Questionnaire Studies in OBEs, Superstitious Belief and Creativity

11.00 - 11.30  Craig D. Murray & Jezz Fox
Body Image in Respondents with and without prior Out-Of-Body Experiences

11.30 - 12.00  Richard Wiseman & Caroline Watt
Measuring Superstitious Belief: Why Luck charms Matter

12.00 - 12.15  RESEARCH BRIEF: Nicola J. Holt
Creativity, Subjective Paranormal Experiences and Altered States of Consciousness

12.30 – 14.00  ------------------------Lunch Break------------------------

Psychophysiology

14.00 - 14.30  Richard S. Broughton
Exploring the Reliability of the ‘Presentiment’ Effect

14.30 - 14.45  RESEARCH BRIEF: Jiří Wackermann, José Raúl Naranjo, & Peter Pütz
Event Related Correlations between Brain Electrical Activities of Separated Human Subjects

14.45 - 15.15  Marios Kittenis, Peter G. Caryl, & Paul Stevens
Distant Psychophysiological Interaction Effects between Related and Unrelated Participants

15.15 - 15.30  RESEARCH BRIEF: Peter Ramakers
Response Characteristics and Lability in an EDA-DMILS Study using Emotional Stimuli

15.30 - 16.00  ------------------------Coffee Break------------------------
Precognitive Habitation

16.00 - 16.30 Louie Savva, Robert Child, & Matthew D. Smith
The Precognitive Habituation Effect: An Adaptation Using Spider Stimuli

16.30 - 16.45 RESEARCH BRIEF: Bruce E. McDonough, Norman S. Don, & Charles A. Warren
Combining the Event Related Brain Potential (ERP) and Precognitive Habituation (PH) Techniques: A Feasibility Demonstration

16.45 - 17.00 RESEARCH BRIEF: Daryl J. Bem
Precognitive Avoidance and Precognitive Déjà Vu

17.00 – 19.00 ------------------------Dinner Break------------------------

Presidential Address

19.00 – 19.05 Carlos Alvarado
Introduction

19.05 – 19.50 Nancy L. Zingrone
TbA

19.50 – 22.00 Presidential Reception

Saturday, August 7th, 2004

Suggestive Experiments

9.00 – 9.30 Richard Wiseman & Emma Greening
‘It’s still Bending’: Verbal Suggestion and Alleged Psychokinetic Ability

9.30 – 9.45 RESEARCH BRIEF: Krissy Wilson & Christopher C. French
Memory Conformity and paranormal Belief

Mediumship Studies

9.45 - 10.15 Richard Wiseman & Ciarán O'Keeffe
Testing Alleged Mediumship: Methods and Results

10.15 - 10.30 RESEARCH BRIEF: Stanley Krippner
The Visions and Dreams of Eva Hellström

10.30 - 11.00 ------------------------Coffee Break------------------------

Panel:
Perspectives in the Study of Mediumship

11.00 - 12.30 Carlos S. Alvarado, Ruth Reinsel, Peter Mulacz, Rosemarie Pilkington & Erlendur Haraldsson

12.30 – 14.00 ------------------------Lunch Break------------------------
Research Briefs
14.00 – 14.15 William T. Joines, Stephen B. Baumann, Christine Simmonds, Jeremy Kim, & Jonathan Zile
The Measurement and Characterization of Charge Accumulation and Electromagnetic Emissions from Bioenergy Healers

14.15 - 14.30 Itai Ivtsan & Christopher C. French
Testing the Validity of Tarot Cards: Can we Distinguish between a Real and a Control Reading?

14.30 - 14.45 Christine A. Simmonds
A Qualitative Investigation of Source Monitoring in the Context of Subjective Paranormal Experiences

News from the Ganzfeld
14.45 – 15.00 RESEARCH BRIEF: Matthew D. Smith & Louie Savva
Experimenter Effects and Psi Performance Using a Digital Autoganzfeld System

15.00 – 15.30 Simon J. Sherwood, Chris A. Roe, Nicola J. Holt & Stuart Wilson
Interpersonal Psi: Exploring the Role of the Experimenter and the Experimental Climate in a Ganzfeld Telepathy Task

15.30 - 16.00 ------------------------Coffee Break------------------------

News from the Ganzfeld (continued)
16.00 - 16.30 Joakim Westerlund, Adrian Parker, Jan Dalkvist & Anneli Goulding
Remarkable Correspondences between Ganzfeld Mentation and Target Content

16.30 - 17.00 Chris A. Roe & Nicola Holt
A further consideration of the sender as a PK agent in Ganzfeld ESP studies

17.00 - 17.30 Jezz Fox & Christine Simmonds
Ruling out Items in the Judging Set: a Novel Protocol for Detecting Psi in the Ganzfeld

Banquet at the Natural History Museum
19.00 - 20.00 Reception
20.00 Dinner in the Cupola Hall

J.B. RHINE ADDRESS:
Lynne McTaggart
Guided Tours on the Roof Top
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2004

PANEL: Counseling Persons with Exceptional Experiences: The Example of IGPP

9.00 - 10.30 Eberhard Bauer, Martina Belz-Merk, Wolfgang Fach, Niko Kohls & Harald Walach

10.30 - 11.00 ------------------------Coffee Break------------------------

ESP Experiments in the Field and in the Lab

11.00 - 11.30 Serena M. Roney-Dougal & Jerry Solfvin
   Field Study of an Enhancement Effect on Lettuce Seeds: Working in Adverse Conditions

11.30 - 12.00 Chris A. Roe, Russell Davey, & Paul Stevens
   Experimenter Effects in Laboratory Tests of ESP and PK using a common protocol

12.00 - 12.30 Joakim Westerlund & Jan Dalkvist
   A Test of Predictions from five Studies on Telepathic Group Communication of Emotions

12.30 Convention Close

12.30 – 14.00 ------------------------Lunch Break------------------------

Business Meeting

14.00 - 15.30 General Business Meeting of the Parapsychological Association
   PA Members only