



Report 2015-2017

of the

Board of Professional Development

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**To the EFPA General Assembly in Amsterdam on
July 15-16, 2017**

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Executive summary

The Board of Professional Development has, in effect, been inactive since the General Assembly held in Milan in 2015. Therefore, no report can be produced at this moment in time.

Introduction

The GA 2015 had approved the following EC recommendations:

- the report be accepted with appreciation for the work done and the achievements obtained regarding (a) the development of a Common Training Framework, a framework for supervised practice and a framework for CPD, (b) the exploration of mechanisms for linking theory to practice, and (c) a specialist certificate in health psychology
- the convenor, Peter Kinderman, be thanked for his leadership, and the members for their contributions
- the information acknowledged and be taken into consideration in the work of EFPA and its Member Associations
- the composition of the Board be changed as to incorporate more expertise regarding the European Qualifications Directive and EuroPsy, as well as greater awareness of needs for further developments compatible with EuroPsy
- the Board updates its working plan for the period 2015-2017 and submits this to the EC not later than Dec 1 of 2015
- the working plan contain suggestions about:
 - inventorying and comparing the state of the development of our profession between countries and relative to other professions
 - inventorying and comparing mechanisms for linking scientific research and evidence to practice
 - developing a Common Training Framework (compatible with EuroPsy)
 - developing a framework for Continued Professional Development (compatible with EuroPsy).

Activities

None

Meetings (also videoconferences, or skype meetings) during term 2015-2017

There were attempts made by the EC Liaison and the EFPA HO calling a meeting in Brussels on behalf of the BPD. However, there was a notable lack of response. Namely, only three members indicated any availability to meet and also to continue being involved in the group. It was decided to postpone any meetings until further developments.

None the less, professional development was a central topic in discussions within the Presidents' Council Meetings, as well as the annual (S)NAC Chairs' meetings. Continuous Professional Development is placed at the forefront in term of EuroPsy development.

Important: Information & recommendations for GA & Member Associations

There is no information and/or recommendations by the BPD for the GA and Member Association.

Proposals for decisions by GA

The General Assembly is advised to accept the following proposals:

1. That the BPD is discontinued due to lack of activity and/or interest.
2. Since CPD presents as one of the most important issues discussed in meetings and there has been a noted need to develop criteria and a framework compatible with EuroPsy, it is recommended that a Working Group be composed to take on this specific task. Specifics can follow the recommendations approved by GA 2015.

Members of the group: (name and country)