

Postgraduate Psychology Students

Introduction:

These Speaker notes are provided as a supplement to the Powerpoint Presentation. For each slide there is additional material which expands on the content of the slide.

Slide 2: The Australian Psychological Society (APS)

The APS appreciates the opportunity to explain to you its role as a professional association, and the strong emphasis it places on involving Student Subscribers who are the long-term future of the Society.

Slide 3: Student Subscriber Rate Reduced

The APS annual Student Subscriber rate is \$75. By paying \$75 now, you will retain APS membership through to 31 May 2012. As a result, students receive up to 15 months membership for the price of 12 months.

Slide 4: Largest Psychological Association

While there are other psychology groups in Australia, the APS is by far the largest professional group of psychologists with over 19,000 members.

Slide 5: APS Units

APS Units include 40 Branches, 9 specialist Colleges and 40 Interest Groups.

Slide 6: APS Member Groups - Branches

Information about the 40 Branches can be viewed under Member Groups at the APS Website. Information regarding each Branch's news, events and professional development is available.

Slide 7: APS Colleges

There are nine specialist Colleges. Membership of APS Colleges can be linked to the 9 areas of practice endorsement adopted by the Psychology Board of Australia.

The new rules for eligibility for APS College Membership (based on the new PBA requirements) requires:

- completion of an APAC accredited Doctorate in the specialty followed by one year of supervised practice including at least 40 hours of supervision and 40 hours of professional development activities in the specialist field; or
- completion of an APAC accredited Masters in the specialty followed by two years of supervised practice including at least 80 hours of supervision and 80 hours of professional development activities in the specialist field.

If students were enrolled in an APAC accredited postgraduate degree in psychology on 30 June 2010, then the old rules apply. They are as follows:

- Completion of an APAC accredited Doctorate in the specialty; or
- completion of an APAC accredited Masters in the specialty followed by one year of supervised practice including at least 40 hours of supervision and 40 hours of professional development activities in the specialist field.

For more information about this issue visit the PBA website at www.psychologyboard.gov.au

At this university you can study ... (Speaker – please alert students to the postgraduate psychology programs available at your university).”

Slide 8: APS Colleges (Cont.)

Information about the 9 Colleges can be viewed under APS Member Groups at the APS Website. Information regarding College news, events, professional development and how to join each College is available.

Slides 9 & 10: APS Interest Groups

Interest Groups were developed to encourage members with similar interests to meet and discuss issues in that particular area of psychology or interest. There are no eligibility criteria to join Interest Groups except for an interest in the area, and paying a small annual fee (half-price for Student Subscribers).

Slide 11: APS Interest Groups (Cont.)

Information about the 40 Interest Groups can be viewed under APS Member Groups at the APS Website. Information regarding Interest Group news, events, professional development and how to join each Interest Group is available.

Slide 12: Medicare Initiative

Medicare rebates are available for clients of psychologists seeking assistance with mental health issues. Clients must obtain a referral from a GP. The client can claim an \$81.60 rebate when seeing a psychologist and a \$119.80 rebate when seeing a clinical psychologist. More detail is available on the APS website's link to Medicare on the home page.

Slide 13: APS website - www.psychology.org.au

The APS website covers a comprehensive range of topics. There is a separate members only section which incorporates access to much of the valuable resources. The home page has a latest news section which gets constantly updated. Any news releases that the APS sends to the media are pasted here so you can see the APS view on a wide range of matters.

Slide 14: The APS Home Page

Please note the Quick Links section down the right hand side, and the News & Media and Psychology Topics sections.

Slide 15: Ethical Guidelines

The APS Ethical Guidelines can be located by going to Membership/Ethics Resources. These Guidelines apply the APS Code of Ethics to issues encountered in everyday professional practice. There are now 32 different Guidelines.

Slide 16: Student Resources

As a member of the APS, students receive psychological resources in order to stay in touch with developments in the psychological field. APS Matters is emailed to members fortnightly and the national bulletin *InPsych* and state newsletter is each received by members on a bi-monthly basis.

Slide 17: *InPsych*

InPsych incorporates feature articles on topical issues, regular updates and commentary, which makes it compulsory reading for psychologists. It is distributed to members every two months.

Slide 18: APS Matters

APS Matters provides students with the latest news and information from the APS, with links to the APS website.

Slide 19: Resources and Benefits

As a student you pay the Student Subscriber rate. You may later obtain professional recognition by being able to use the post-nominals for Associate Member (Assoc MAPS) or Member (MAPS) status. You have access to a range of Tip Sheets on relevant topics, significantly reduced professional indemnity insurance rates for Associate Members and above, and information about job opportunities through the use of psychXchange.

Slide 20: PsychXchange

Provides recruitment and business opportunities for psychologists. Search for the latest psychological jobs in all locations and sectors of psychology. APS members can arrange for email reminders to be sent to them when specific jobs become available.

Slide 21: Tip Sheets

Tip sheets cover a broad range of psychological issues. New Tip Sheet information is constantly being added. Tip Sheets can be found at the APS Website under Publications and Products.

Slide 22: Further Resources

Additional resources are available to the student member. Information about psychological associations, career options, professional development events as well as links to relevant websites to name just a few.

Slide 23: Events Calender

The Events Calender lists all upcoming events nationally in 2011. The highlight of 2011 being the Annual APS Conference being held in Canberra in October.

Slide 24: Overseas Psychological Associations

Links are available to overseas psychological associations. From the APS Homepage go to Community Information/Useful Links to access this information.

Slide 25: Student Focus 2011

The APS welcomes student membership and encourages greater participation. As recognition of their status, the APS offers substantially discounted registration at the 2011 Annual Conference in Canberra, comprehensive distribution of updated powerpoint presentations and links with other psychology student associations.

Slide 26: APS Annual Conference

Information on the 2011 APS Conference being held in Canberra can be downloaded at www.apsconference.com.au.

Slide 27: Become a Member, Associate Member or Student Subscriber

It's easy! Just download an application form from the APS Website. From the Home page go to "Membership" and then "Applying for Membership". Member and Associate Member applications require the endorsement of one Member who nominates you, along with the receipt of certified copies of your academic transcripts. Student Subscribers can ask their course co-ordinator to sign the application form.

Slides 28, 29 & 30: Examples of APS Membership Application Forms.