



# Newsletter

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## President's Message

It is a great pleasure for me to take the opportunity to say "hello" to all of you in this first edition of our ESFR newsletter. I hope you are all doing well both personally at home and in your work as it is a great gift to balance work and personal family life.

Dr. Judith Dubas, who has taken the initiative for this newsletter, has done this as an extra task and I thank her in advance for this great initiative. I hope all of you will take the opportunity to bring additional ideas and proposals to my attention in the interest of further developments in ESFR.



Also feel free to use the newsletter for exchanging ideas and proposals with other colleagues or other institutes, for instance regarding vacant positions, projects to be worked out in cooperation, upcoming publications, et cetera.

Of course our ESFR is a small society, in its early phase; yet we have made progress. We recently finalized our formal and lawful status as a society for Dutch law. We are currently in the midst of taking up several ambitious and powerful projects. After two conferences, the first in Nijmegen (2002) and the second in Fribourg (2004), it is indeed a pleasure to anticipate our third international conference in Darmstadt. It is a great commitment of these respective university departments and/or institutes of Family Research to take up the challenge to organize a high quality international conference. I consider this as one of our major cooperative accomplishments thus far. We are also in the initial phases of setting up a scientific journal/yearbook. Of course this takes more time and resources than expected, but we are working on building a high quality publication outlet. Finally, another initiative for a one-week summer school for PhD students in family research was realized in August this year by the Family Research Center of the University of Jyväskylä (Finland). Such an effort certainly deserves to be followed by other research institutes, taking their turn in organizing summer schools in family research in their own universities. The newsletter can serve as a means to announce these events.

### ESFR Executive Board

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As ESFR we want to provide and build a forum for the international exchange of knowledge on family life, with the particular ambition to bring our own rich and varied European approaches of family life to the international forefront. I am proud to share this ambition and step with all of you. The next steps will follow.

Jan R.M. Gerris,  
President of ESFR 2002 – 2006

More information about ESFR is available at [www.esfr.org](http://www.esfr.org)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial ESFR Congress

September 28-30, 2006  
Darmstadt, Germany

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the ESFR will be held on the campus of the Technical University of Darmstadt. Prof. Hans-Georg W. Voss is in the process of organizing the conference and a wide array of plenary speakers and activities are planned. Plenary speakers who have confirmed participating include: Prof. Kevin Browne, Professor of Forensic and Family Psychology at the University of Birmingham who will speak about family violence and Prof. Paul Amato, Head of Sociology, Pennsylvania State University, who will speak on the consequences of divorce, and Prof. Meinrad Perrez, Head of the Department of Psychology, University of Fribourg, who will speak about family stress and coping. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

For more information about the conference please go to the website at: [www.esfr-congress2006.org](http://www.esfr-congress2006.org). A call for submissions for symposiums, papers and posters will be available at the website and distributed electronically shortly.

### ESFR Scientific Committee

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**Nobody has ever before asked the nuclear family to live all by itself in a box the way we do. With no relatives, no support, we've put it in an impossible situation.**

**~Margaret Mead**

### Department Spotlight



The **Department of Forensic Psychology** at the Technical University of Darmstadt (Germany) was founded in 2000 by its present head, Hans-Georg W. Voss, Professor of Differential and Developmental Psychology. Past and ongoing research projects have focused on a variety of topics in the field of applied family psychology such as, e.g., violence in the family, stalking of ex-partners, workplace violence, and treatment of victims by the police. The department is also active in teaching of overlapping fields of forensic and family psychology. A third concern is on expertness in custody decisions after divorce. Among the more recent publications is a volume on *Stalking in Deutschland – die Sicht der Opfer und Täter (Stalking in Germany – The Perspective of Victims and Offenders)* by Hans-Georg W. Voss, Jens Hoffmann, & Isabel Wondrak (Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlag, 2005).

### Calendar of Events

#### March 2006

*Society Research in Adolescence* Biennial Meeting in San Francisco, USA. March 23 - 26, 2006 ([www.s-r-a.org/meeting.html](http://www.s-r-a.org/meeting.html)).

#### May 2006

10th *European Association for Research on Adolescence* Conference in Antalya, Turkey. May 2 - 6, 2006 ([www.earaonline.org](http://www.earaonline.org))

#### July 2006

19th Biennial Meeting of the *International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development* in Melbourne, Australia, July 2 - 6, 2006. ([www.isbd2006.com](http://www.isbd2006.com))

#### September 2006

3<sup>rd</sup> *European Society on Family Relations* conference in Darmstadt, Germany. September 28-30, 2006. ([www.esfr-congress2006.org](http://www.esfr-congress2006.org)).

## From the Editor's Desk



Welcome to the first edition of the ESFR newsletter. While attending a recent meeting of the planning committee for our next conference in Darmstadt, it became clear that the interests and activities of our group are slowly beginning to take form and an outlet is needed to share this information. I volunteered to embark on the creation of a newsletter in order to facilitate the exchange of information among our members.

The ESFR Newsletter will be electronically published twice a year (Fall and Spring). In addition to reporting on the business of the society, I hope that the newsletter will serve as a convenient forum for communicating opportunities and accomplishments in the field of family research. The success of this endeavor will depend in large measure on your interest and willingness to provide news for me to report. If you know of opportunities that would be of interest to others in the field of family studies (funding opportunities, workshops, or conferences), or if you have recently published a book, chapter or journal article that you would like announced, or if you have other ideas for this newsletter, please send the information to me at [j.dubas@fss.uu.nl](mailto:j.dubas@fss.uu.nl).

Given our limited budget and staff (n = 1), the newsletter will only exist in electronic form and be transmitted via e-mail.

Happy reading!

Judith Semon Dubas  
Utrecht University

## Recent Publications

of some Executive Board Members

Caprara, G.V., Pasatorelli, C., Regalia, C. **Scabini, E.**, Bandura, A. (2005). Impact of adolescents' filial self-efficacy on quality of family functioning and satisfaction. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 15(1), 71-97.

Delsing, M.J.H., van Aken, M.A.G., Oud, J.H.L., de Bruijn, E.E.J., **Scholte, R. H.J.** (2005). Family loyalty and adolescent problem behavior: The validity of the family group effect. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 15(2), 127-150.

Engels, R.C.M.E., Vermulst, A.A., **Dubas, J.S.**, Bot, S.M., & **Gerris, J.R.M.** (2005). Long term effects of family functioning and child characteristics on problem drinking in young adulthood. *European Addiction Research*, 11, 32-37.

**Kinnunen, U.**, Mauno, S., Geurts, S., & Dikkers, J. (2005). Work-family culture in organizations: Theoretical and empirical approaches. In S. A. Y. Poelmans (Ed.), *Work and family: An international perspective* (pp. 87-120). Mahwah, NJ, US: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

## Call for Manuscripts

The *Journal of Family Psychology* is currently inviting manuscripts for a special issue on sleep and family processes. Guest editors are Mona El-Sheikh and Ronald Dahl. The goal of the special issue is to address the question: What important factors, processes, and mechanisms link sleep and family functioning? For more information go to [www.apa.org/journals/fam/papercall.html](http://www.apa.org/journals/fam/papercall.html).

**Deadline: March 1, 2006**

## Publications continued

Mauno, S., **Kinnunen, U.**, & Piitulainen, S. (2005). Work-family culture in four organizations in Finland: Examining antecedents and outcomes. *Community, Work and Family*, 8(2), 115-140.

Rantanen, J. & Pulkinen, L. & **Kinnunen, U.** (2005). The Big Five personality dimensions, work-family conflict, and psychological distress: A longitudinal view. *Journal of Individual Differences*, 26(3), 155-166.

Wilhelm, P., & **Perrez, M.** (2005). How is my partner feeling in different daily-life settings? Accuracy of spouses' judgements about their partners' feelings at work and at home. *Social Indicators Research*, 67(1-2), 183-246.

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