

Publication Policy and Notes for Contributors

The two aims of SPJP are to contribute towards development in the region, as well as in psychology itself as a discipline and a profession within the South Pacific. In particular, this journal provides a forum for psychologists indigenous to the region, and serves as an archive for psychological studies especially germane to its development. To view such archives, see: <http://134.148.232.1/pacific>

Studies demonstrating how cultural conditions limit general psychological principles are welcomed, as are studies evaluating the applicability of psychological technologies, including therapies and measurements, with specific cultural groups. The journal welcomes contributions across theoretical orientations and is receptive to studies incorporating qualitative as well as quantitative methods. All suitable manuscripts submitted (3 copies) are fully peer-reviewed, must conform to APA style, and should be sent to **the Editor, Stuart C. Carr, Department of Psychology, University of Newcastle, NSW 2308 Australia.**

SPJP will consider four types of unsolicited contributions. These are (a) full-length articles; (b) qualitative studies, including health/welfare and social/organisational case studies; (c) short papers; and (d) papers at the interface between psychology and technology. Precise instructions for authors in each of the new and special categories (c + d) are included overleaf. Especially welcome in all categories are papers about the effectiveness of international aid within the region.

Annual suscription (including airmail) is US \$ 25.00, AUD/NZ \$ 25.00, or equivalent, with backissues available from the homepage. SPJP is published annually, but we will also consider additional issues, under special editorship. Proposals are welcome for review at any time. SPJP is published jointly by the Universities of Papua New Guinea and Newcastle, Australia (ISSN 1329-2617).

Call for Short Papers

The South Pacific Journal of Psychology is calling for short papers that interested researchers might like to submit for publication in this new section in the Journal. SPJP recognises that the South Pacific is a diverse area, both geographically and culturally. However, there is a relative dearth in the concentration of research relevant to the region, or even indeed a concentration of researchers in the region, that might stimulate relevant research projects. In order to facilitate research in the region the Journal, we propose to include a section of short papers.

These papers can include any type of research which is relevant to the South Pacific. We would like to see short reports (between 500-1500 words, including references) which authors may feel is not likely to be published as a full journal article, but which appears to offer intriguing, preliminary findings. Proposals for research areas, along with their justifications, might also be relevant. Preference however will be given to research that emphasises contextualised methodology.

The format of the short papers should follow a shortened version of normal APA guidelines: A short abstract, introduction, concise and shortened methodology, brief main results, and a discussion. APA citations and referencing are applicable.

PSYCHOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY - CALL FOR PAPERS

The *South Pacific Journal of Psychology* is pleased to announce the introduction of a new section in the journal, "Psychology and Technology." In recent years, psychologists in academia and industry have become increasingly involved in the development of new technology, and in analysing the social impact of that technology in diverse settings, such as in education and in the workplace. This new section aims to incorporate both empirical studies and evaluations of new technologies in which psychologists have been involved. For example:

- * instructional technology (computer-based teaching);
- * human factors;
- * human-computer interaction; and
- * organisational and work psychology;

as well as reviews of the broader social implications of new technology. The focus of reviews and studies submitted for publication in this section should reflect the journal's focus on the South Pacific, either by stating how the technology is relevant, or how it might be relevant, particularly with respect to regional development issues. In this issue, a position paper on distributed information technology and development is presented by Watters and Watters. It addresses the issues raised in UNDP reports some five years ago, regarding the need for internet-like technology in the South Pacific, and discusses the progress, and the limitations of, implementing this technology in our region.

Submissions in APA format may be made to the Section Editor, Paul Watters, via text or Uuencoded e-mail, at paw24@cam.ac.uk, or by post to: Paul Watters, Physiological Laboratory, University of Cambridge, Cambridge CB2 3EG, UNITED KINGDOM. We look forward to receiving your manuscripts!