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Special Issue on “HUMOR, WELL-BEING AND HEALTH”

Special Issue of Europe’s Journal of Psychology (EJOP) on “Humor, Well-Being and Health” (August 2014)

Over the past decade there has been an exponential growth in psychological research investigating the impact of humor on psychological well-being and physical health. In line with this increasing interest, a presentation of contemporary psychological research and theory on this topic will be the focus of the August 2014 Special Humor Issue of EJOP. This issue will feature papers dealing with the various facets of humor, well-being and health. The special guest editor of this issue is **Professor Nick Kuiper (kuiper@uwo.ca)**.

We are considering novel and well-designed research papers documenting the facilitative effects of humor on well-being and/or physical health for publication. We are particularly interested in papers that show how humor might function (1) to enhance positive life experiences or (2) to minimize or even eliminate the detrimental impact of stressful events and life circumstances. However, we are also interested in research studying negative effects of humor on psychological well-being or physical health. A broad definition of the humor concept will be welcomed, to include humor or laughter as a manipulation (e.g., watching a funny film), as an emotion regulation strategy, or as an individual-difference variable that could be either adaptive (as in self-enhancing humor) or maladaptive (as in aggressive humor).

Although the primary focus will be on innovative empirical papers in this domain, strong theoretical contributions, including literature reviews, will also be welcomed.

All papers should be submitted through the EJOP online submission process no later than **January 20, 2014** and should confirm to all requirements listed on the EJOP website: <http://www.ejop.psychopen.eu/about/submissions>