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Editorial

This edition of *The Psychologist* contains personal portraits of two of the most senior figures on the council of The British Psychological Society, the current President **Chris Gibson** and the Vice President (President-elect) **Eileen Cox**. Both should be well known to many for their contributions to psychological research and teaching, as well as their current and past contributions to the BPS. Eileen, for instance, has been a member since the early seventies. In his account Chris also recalls, as a young postgraduate student, the somewhat terrifying experience of giving an oral presentation to the BPS in Bedford College, University of London, in the late sixties. What is remarkable is that both, independently, warmly acknowledged the help and encouragement they obtained from the society and its members during their early formative years. With these two at the helm this emphasis is set to continue. One of the direct ways in which the BPS supports students is through the provision of funds for attending meetings and courses and important information on this is given in the current newsletter on page 9.

Returning to a previous theme, information made available at the last BPS Council meeting held at the University of Westminster provided even more encouraging news about the success of the *European Journal of Psychology*. Since the inception of the journal in 1994, the available information indicates that the impact factor has risen from 0.60 to 1.4. To put this into context the *Journal of Psychology* has gone from 1.93 to 1.85 over the same period. I realise that impact factors are not everyone's cup of tea and their relevance often hotly debated. Nevertheless, they are a measure of the continued success of this journal and all those connected with its production, in particular the editor **Chris Maggs**, are to be warmly congratulated.

