



## ISPA 2012 Outstanding International Scholar Award Professor Robert (Bob) Burden

Professor Robert Burden is the successful recipient of the 2012 ISPA Outstanding International Scholar Award. He has received this as a result of his practice, research, training and direct application of psychology to a range of important issues which has influenced the international field over many years.

Dr. Robert Burden demonstrates a level of unparalleled professional excellence. His distinguished career started as a highly respected and innovative applied educational psychologist. He became Head of the University of Exeter's School of Education where he set up the training course for educational psychologists. He pioneered the application of a more evidence-based 'systems' approaches to school psychology.

Dr. Burden's scholarly contributions have been witnessed through the many articles he has written on issues related to school psychology internationally and particularly in the field of dyslexia/learning disabilities and in cognitive thinking skills. Dr. Burden has written four books on topics important to school psychologists by leading publishers. He also authored 22 book chapters and 94 articles.

Dr. Burden established a Cognitive Education Centre at Exeter from which he has developed an accredited system for schools to improve their methods to enhance thinking and learning for students.

He has assisted colleagues to increase their international reach by developing school psychology in other parts of the world such as Mongolia.

As co-editor of *School Psychology International* since 1985, Professor Burden has been energetic in maintaining the academic profile of the journal internationally, in ensuring its wide readership among ISPA members and amongst others interested in research and practice in school psychology.

Dr. Burden is known as a congenial colleague, always willing to lend support to others but also willing to challenge and to question established views. His work clearly demonstrates a life long commitment to exemplary scholarship which makes him highly worthy recipient of the ISPA 2012 Outstanding International Scholar Award.

Jürg Forster  
ISPA President  
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