Walking with Coffee, Why does it spill?
Lead Author: Mayer, HC
Journal: Physical Review
ABSTRACT: Particularities of the common cup sizes, the coffee properties, and the biomechanics of walking proved to be responsible for the spilling phenomenon. The studied problem represents an example of the interplay between the complex motion of a cup, due to the biomechanics of a walking individual, and the low-viscosity-liquid dynamics in it.

Cerebral Activation during Micturition in Normal Men.
Lead Author: Nour, S
Journal: Brain
ABSTRACT: In this study, in which urinary bladder contraction was verified cystometrically, the onset and maintenance of micturition in normal men is associated with a vast network of cortical and subcortical regions, confirming observations from clinical and animal studies.

Lead Author: Durac, J
Journal: Behav Res Ther
ABSTRACT: Results prove conclusively that the two phenomena are not merely similar, but fundamentally interconnected, and, interestingly, the causal sequence can operate in either direction. Treatment by cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) is recommended as generally successful except when certain facts are denied.

Beer and garlic sausage induced halitosis: De gustibus non est disputandum
Lead Author: Winship, MJ
Journal: JAMA
ABSTRACT: Recommendations are the following: (1) Teeth and tongue should be brushed to make sure that no odoriferous substance adheres to them. (2) Time should be allowed for oxidation of ingested alcohol. (3) Water, tea, or other nonalcoholic, noncarbonated beverages should be drunk to help clear the mouth of volatile flavor- or taste-bearing oils. (4) A bit of chewing gum or other convenient masticatory, kept in the mouth to encourage a free flow of saliva, should reduce the risk of offending patients, clients, or other persons who are in close proximity.

A Phenomenological Investigation of Being Bored with Life.
Lead Author: Bargdill, RW
Journal: Psychological Reprints
ABSTRACT: This paper describes a phenomenological study focused on subjects who experienced habitual boredom. They were bored with their lives.

The Pragmatics of Swearing
Lead Author: Jay, T
Journal: J of Politeness Research
ABSTRACT: The appropriateness of swearing is highly contextually variable, dependent on speaker-listener relationship, social-physical context, and particular word used. Collectively the data support the idea that it takes time for speakers to learn where, when, and with whom swearing is appropriate.

Exorcism-resistant ghost possession treated with clopenthixol.
Lead Author: Hale, AS.
Journal: Brit J Psychiatry
ABSTRACT: Many cultures give rise to apparently genuine cases of ghost possession. Neuroleptics may relieve symptoms of exorcism-resistant possession.
Advice to Presenters

How to procrastinate and still get things done.
Lead Author: Perry, J
Journal: Chronicle of Higher Education
ABSTRACT: One needs to be able to recognize and commit oneself to tasks with inflated importance and unreal deadlines, while making oneself feel that they are important and urgent. This clears the way to accomplish several apparently less urgent, but eminently achievable, tasks.

Leaning to the Left makes the Eiffel Tower seem Smaller: Posture-modulated Estimation.
Lead Author: Eerland, A
Journal: Psychological Science
ABSTRACT: Posture was manipulated within subjects so that participants answered some questions while they leaned slightly to the left, some questions while they leaned slightly to the right, and some questions while they stood upright. Crucially, participants were not aware of this manipulation. Estimates were significantly smaller when participants leaned to the left than when they leaned to the right.

The Sense of Being Stared At.
Lead Author: Sheldrake, R
Journal of the Society for Psychical Research
ABSTRACT: Over 80% of the population have experienced the sense of being stared at. Conversely, most people have found they can make others uneasy by looking at them, even from behind.

Reactions to generosity or stinginess from an intelligent or stupid work partner.
Lead Author: Kahn, A.
Journal: J Soc Personality and Soc Psychology
ABSTRACT: A bias to equal allocation was observed.

Out on the Town

The Effect of self-administered alcohol induced “hangover” in a naturalistic setting on psychomotor and cognitive performance and subjective state.
Lead author: Finnigan, F
Journal: Addiction
ABSTRACT: Hangover had negative effects on self-reported subjective and physical state and subtle effects on performance. Ratings of subjective state revealed significant group differences for the variables ‘ability to drive’, ‘concentrate’ and ‘react quickly’ as well as ‘tiredness’.

Beauty is in the Eye of the Beer-Holder: People who Think They are Drunk also Think They are Attractive.
Lead Author: Begue, L
Journal: Brit J Psychology
ABSTRACT: Participants who thought they had consumed alcohol gave themselves more positive self-evaluations. However, ratings from independent judges showed that this boost in self-evaluation was unrelated to actual performance.

Effect of Country Music on Suicide.
Lead Author: Stack, S
Journal: Social Forces
ABSTRACT: The results of a multiple regression analysis of 49 metropolitan areas show that the greater the airtime devoted to country music, the greater the white suicide rate. The effect is independent of divorce, southernness, poverty, and gun availability. The existence of a country music subculture is thought to reinforce the link between country music and suicide. Our model explains 51% of the variance in urban white suicide rates.

One thing you learned at the Forum

Efficacy of stethoscope placement when not in use: traditional vs. cool.
Lead Author: Hanley, WB
Journal: CMAJ
ABSTRACT: The cool group (circumcervical placement of the stethoscope) was much slower to transfer stethoscope to functional position than the traditional group, despite their younger years. This wasted time could translate into a substantial financial burden on Canada’s health care system.