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Investigative Psychology is rapidly developing worldwide. It is a newly established, interdisciplinary area of research and application, concerned with the systematic, scientific examination of all those aspects of psychology and the related behavioural and social sciences that may be relevant to criminal and civil investigations and their legal consequences. This new journal covers studies, reviews and empirically based reports that deal with *inter alia*:

- The retrieval of information during an investigation, its management and interpretation, including all aspects of interviewing, statement assessment, validation and analysis.
- Decision support systems, investigative decision-making and approaches to investigation management.
- A major area for **JIP-OP** will also be the study of criminal behaviour in ways that are relevant to police investigations, more commonly known as 'Offender Profiling'.
- The expert evidence that may be presented in court that draws on psychological aspects of investigations.

The journal welcomes contributions using any systematic methodology including case studies, qualitative explorations and quantitative analyses of any appropriate level of sophistication. Reviews of topics or books and accounts of relevant work in a given locality are also welcome. The journal gives emphasis to work that has high ecological validity and relevance to any form of investigation, so laboratory based experimental studies will only be considered if their relevance outside of the laboratory is direct and clear. However, **JIP-OP** accepts the principle that 'there is nothing so applicable as a good theory' and therefore encourages submissions that make clear the theoretical basis of the work and which contribute to the understanding of the phenomena under study.

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