

The Scottish Society for Paranormal Research

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History

The SSPR was founded in 1917 by the Emeritus Professor of Astronomy Yore Eihcra. Eichra studied the psi hypothesis: the claim that "psychic functioning is considerably more extensive and controllable than its seemingly modest experimental manifestations suggest, so much so that it might even play a pervasive role in everyday affairs and operate on a large scale." However through his research, he found the hypothesis not only to be true, but stumbled upon much more troubling phenomena. Eichra founded the society to respond to two needs:

1. To provide students of his night-class "An Introduction to Paranormal Research" with further opportunities to learn about the paranormal and the 'psi hypothesis'.
2. To provide a 'paranormal fire brigade' for members of the public distressed by their paranormal experiences.

The society has hosted many renowned international speakers on paranormal phenomena, and secured funding for research and publications on the paranormal across Scotland.

Little known to the public however, the SSPR's public activities as a charitable body full of eccentrics with too much time on their hands mask the very serious and real task of protecting the public from supernatural Manifestations by training and organising the "Gifted": people who have paranormal capabilities. Rumour has it among SSPR members that the organisation's true history stretches all the way back to the obscure Caledonian magus, Michael Scot. Most find this fanciful.

The SSPR in its modern form strives to counter all manner of malevolent entities or Manifestations, ancient and perilous Objects of Power, and twisted secret societies which manipulate, haunt and hunt in secret. Such threats can be very dangerous, but the SSPR's many years of study and access to ancient knowledge (particularly through its Special Collections at various universities, museums and libraries) gives its members the edge. Behind many a historical event, folk tale or haunted locale is a completed SSPR mission to thwart or

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in a supernatural threat. Or so its members believe.

ess the general public believe in the reality of the supernatural, the more this indicates the
ss of the SSPR - or so its members believe (following some interpretations of the psi
hesis, the more people who believe, the more manifestations). In this twisting world of
uths glimpsed in dark mirrors, there are many interpretations of the reality of the SSPR.

Faculties

R members have responded over the years to hundreds of calls to investigate possible
ormal phenomena and spent many an hour in the dark on 'vigils' – on site investigations
lleged haunted locations. Most of this is a complete waste of time.

ver, if it is determined that the threat is genuine, it may be necessary to call for a Gifted
er of the SSPR to help. Such members manifest various forms of the psi hypothesis, and
osely organised into one of the Faculties of the society. These include:

***Faculty of Telepathy, Faculty of Clairvoyance, Faculty of Psychokinesis, Faculty of
arnation and Mediumship, Faculty of Oneiromancy, Faculty of Ethical Spirit
ing, Faculty of Exorcism, Faculty of Cryptozoology.***

Faculty has its own internal politics and petty rivalries. They do not always play nice with
s, although it may be necessary to call on Gifted members of another Faculty to deal with
cific threat. Gifted individuals are very rare among the general populace, and comprise
about 10% of the Society itself. Gifted members of the SSPR tend to be loners outside of
Faculty meetings, as their abilities can be volatile and lead them to shun society.

ties are based at a university or major cultural institution, conducting SSPR missions by
while juggling regular academic or curatorial activities (as students or staff) by day. While
adership of Faculties tend to be scholars, this is not invariably the case. Often other staff -
itors, security, librarians - are more influential and Gifted. As psi abilities tend to fade with
t is often students who are the most active Gifted members of the SSPR. Small towns
illages usually have at least one member inducted into the SSPR, ready to call for aid
a Faculty should the need arise.

otable Personnel

[Mary Maya](#), Head of Telepathy

[], Head of Psychokinesis

[], Head of Reincarnation and Mediumship

[], Head of Oneiromancy

[], Head of Ethical Spirit Hacking

[], Head of Exorcism

[Isobel Lyall](#), Head of Cryptozoology