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## ICP2020

The 32nd International Congress of Psychology 2020 (ICP2020) will be held in Prague, Czech Republic from 19-24 July 2020. The theme of the Congress is "Psychology in the 21st Century: Open Minds, Societies & World". Follow ICP 2020 on Facebook: ICP 2020/International Congress of Psychology, for more information and the latest news.

Website: <http://www.icp2020.com/>



## ASIA PACIFIC PSYCHOLOGY ALLIANCE MEETING

BY: SIMON CROWE AND GOH CHEE LEONG

On Tuesday 20 February 2018 the Asia Pacific Psychology Alliance (APPA) Constitution Working Group held a half-day meeting to further progress the development of the Alliance. The meeting was held at the Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel, Kuta, Bali and was kindly hosted by the ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies (ARUPS) during their 6th ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies Conference, which was also a wonderful success. The meeting discussed the further development of APPA arising from the Yokohama declaration.

Attendees included representatives from each of the signatories to the Yokohama declaration including delegates from New Zealand, Sri Lanka, China, Australia, Singapore, Japan, Malaysia, ARUPS, Philippines, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Taiwan, Korea, Macau, Indonesia and IUPsyS. The main purpose of the meeting was to ratify the draft constitution, thereby initiating the founding of APPA. We are pleased to say that each of the representatives indicated universal support for the draft constitution, and it has now been officially ratified. IUPsyS President, Saths Cooper, was also present at the meeting to offer his support and encouragement.

Within the meeting, workgroups were formed to discuss the goals of the respective organisations who are signatories to the constitution and to address a number of important issues regarding the new Alliance including: what are the goals of the respective member organisations and how will APPA contribute to the achievement of these aims? Each of the existing organisation is focussed mostly on its own local agenda and thus, the challenge of APPA is how to support the associations in meeting their local needs while embracing a broader regional agenda. So the role for APPA will be to provide this more broad focus, while acknowledging that we don't want to re-invent the wheel! The question was posed: what can a more broad regional organisation contribute? Answers included providing local knowledge/experience of the Asia Pacific; sharing resources beyond the national boundaries; and providing conferences, events, and training opportunities for the whole region amongst other possibilities. The group noted that while there is already a social psychology journal in the region it may be that there is scope for some other region specific publications. The Alliance may also be able to provide support for cross country input regarding regulation and training by the sharing of resources, legislative frameworks and local experience.

The meeting confirmed that it would hold its first Assembly in 2018 to:

- 1. Develop a strategic plan for 2019-2021 to guide the developing Alliance and to provide parameters to estimate the cost of doing this work, thus informing the subscription rate, and
- 2. Attach KPIs and deadlines to the strategic plan.

All colleagues were excited by the possibilities that the new Alliance could offer and agreed to take this information back to their respective countries to consider further options for development and to generate tenders to host the first Assembly later this year.

Truly exciting times in our neighbourhood!!



Back row from left to right:  
Xianghong Sun, Chinese Psychological Society  
Hoon-Seok Choi, Korean Psychological Association  
Jianxin Zhang, Chinese Psychological Society;  
Nadia Chan Hei Ka, Macao Psychological Professional Society  
Chung-Hsin Chiang, Taiwan Psychological Society;  
Takao Sato, Japanese Psychological Society;  
Simon Crowe, Australian Psychological Society;

Clare Yeo, Singapore Psychological Society;  
Ho Mi Tee, Singapore Psychological Society;  
Christin Tan, Singapore Psychological Society;  
Mohammed Rahman, Bangladesh Psychological Society;  
Hairul Nizam Ismail, PSIMA (Malaysia)  
Goh Chee Leong, PSIMA (Malaysia) and IUPsyS;  
Shamala Kumar, Sri Lanka Psychological Society

Seated front: from left to right  
Hana Suzuki, Japanese Psychological Society;  
Caping Tarroja, ARUPS;  
Angela (Ola) Regala, Psychological Association of the Philippines;

Tuong Thi Khanh Ha, Vietnam Psychological Society;  
Waikaremoana Waitoki, New Zealand Psychological Society;  
Margaretha Rehulina, Indonesian Psychology Association

## News from National Members and Affiliates

### BELGIAN ASSOCIATION FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE



The mission of the Belgian Association for Psychological Science (BAPS) is to support psychological science in Belgium. A first means for achieving this aim is the organization of an annual meeting where psychological scientists who are active in Belgium and neighbouring countries can meet, interact, and get acquainted with the latest developments in psychological science. The meeting also offers young researchers an opportunity to present their work in a supportive environment before attending international meetings. Secondly, BAPS publishes the ISI listed, open-access journal "Psychologica Belgica" that provides an outlet for psychological research in Belgium. On a regular basis, special issues are published that highlight areas of expertise in Belgian research, as well as topics that are directly related to psychological research in Belgium. Thirdly, we provide incentives for top researchers in Belgium by providing awards at different stages in their career (currently BA, MA, and PhD). The recipients of the awards, as well as the shortlisted candidates, are given the opportunity to highlight their work at the annual meeting. Fourthly, the BAPS mailing list is a popular tool in Belgium for the exchange of information regarding job opportunities, trainings, departmental talks, scientific meetings etc. Finally, we support psychological research in Belgium by representing the interests of Belgian psychological science at the regional, Belgian, European, and global level.

### COLOMBIAN COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

The Colombian College of Psychologists (Colegio Colombiano de Psicólogos-COLPSIC) is the professional psychological organisation in Colombia and has over 50 000 current members. It represents the interests of 100 000 registered psychologists in a broad range of institutions and at a governmental level throughout eleven regional offices nationwide. It is a non-profit organisation initially founded in 2004 and established in 2006 when the Professional Psychology Law was passed by the Colombian Legislature to further regulate psychology as a profession in Colombia.

COLPSIC's main aims are to promote the advancement of the psychological science, and to address professional issues related to the role of psychologists in the current complex

reality in Colombia. Other central goals are to set high quality standards for the profession and to orient public opinion. Moreover, it carries out public functions given by the Colombian Legislature such as the issuing of the professional license for psychologists and the establishment of a Board of Ethical Conduct.



In collaboration with the Colombian Association of Psychology Faculties, COLPSIC organises the Colombian Congress of Psychology every two years. The latest conference was organized in Medellín in 2017, and the following will take place in Santa Marta, Colombia in 2019. In 2015, the two organizations hosted the Latin American Regional Conference, under the auspices of IUPsyS, IAAP, and IACCP, with the main purpose of providing a venue for discussions on developmental strategies for national organizations in the region. Last November, during the National Assembly, a new National President, Dr. Bernardo Useche Aldana, and Directive Council were elected for a three-year period.

COLPSIC has recognised the need to enhance the continuous response of the psychological community in health issues, to participate in public policy advocacy for culturally and socially relevant issues, credentialing through the development of a competence model and to increase the awareness of both Colombian and Latin American psychology in other regions.



**Colpsic Directive Council 2017–2020: from L-R:** Carmelina Paba Barbosa (Member), Wilson López (Member), Bernardo Useche Aldana (National President), Juan José Cañas Serrano (Member), Rodrigo Mazo Zea (Member), and Santiago Trujillo Lemus (Member). Missing in photograph: Angela María Estrada Mesa (National Vice-President), Gloria María Berrío Acosta (Member) and Nancy Vargas Espinosa (Member).

**Dr. Bernardo Useche Aldana, National President  
(2017 – 2020)**



## News from National Members and Affiliates

### DANISH PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION: INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR: ICD-11 GUIDELINES & SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATIONS: MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL & NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS

The Danish Psychotherapeutic Society for Psychologists and the Danish Psychological Association, together with their co-hosts, The Society for Psychological Psychiatry



and the Society of Children and Adolescent Psychopathology, will be hosting an international seminar entitled: ICD-11 Guidelines and Scientific Foundations: Mental, Behavioral & Neurodevelopmental Disorders from the 04-05 October 2018 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The keynote speakers will be Professor Geoffrey M. Reed, Senior Project Officer WHO, and Professor Cary Kogan, University of Ottawa.

This seminar will present an overview of key principles of ICD-11, provide in-depth knowledge about the new diagnostic guidelines for mental, behavioural & neurodevelopmental disorders, including an overview of the scientific foundations of the classification. The seminar will be highly relevant to assessment of psychopathology and the diagnosis of mental and behavioural disorders in everyday clinical practice regardless of the current diagnostic system in use. Further details of the program and registration may be viewed at: <http://www.dp.dk/decentrale-enheder/dansk-psykoterapeutisk-selskab-for-psykologer/sign-up-tilmelding-icd-11-seminar-2018/>



October 4th – 5th 2018  
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Copenhagen - Denmark

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### SWISS PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Swiss Psychological Society (SPS) was founded in 1943 by Jean Piaget and currently has approximately 360 members. The main aim of the society is to promote psychological science in education, research, and practice in Switzerland. The SPS is collaborating closely with the Departments of Psychology in Swiss universities and has on its board representatives from each of these institutions:

- Matthias Kliegel, President, University of Geneva
- Roberto Caldara, Vice-President, University of Fribourg
- Joëlle Darwiche, Treasurer, University of Lausanne
- Jens Gaab, University of Basel
- Martin Grosse Holtforth, University of Bern
- Tania Zittoun, University of Neuchâtel
- Johannes Ulrich, University of Zurich
- Matthias Burtscher, University of Zurich
- Heidi Ruprecht, Secretary

The SPS edits a Newsletter four times a year and publishes the Swiss Journal of Psychology. This scientific journal is published four times a year with contributions from all areas of psychology, including basic research, as well as practical applications of psychology and book reviews. The membership fee includes the journal subscription. More information on the Swiss Journal of Psychology may be seen at: <https://www.hogrefe.de/produkte/zeitschriften/swiss-journal-of-psychology>

Every two years, the SPS organizes an international scientific conference. The conference offers psychologists, and younger researchers in particular, an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and to engage in discussions

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with professional colleagues. The upcoming 15th biannual congress will be held in Lausanne on the 08-09 September 2018 and details may be accessed at: <https://www.ssp-sgp2017.ch/cms/home>. "Treasuring the Diversity of Psychology" was chosen to as the motto for this conference. We will prioritize scientific discussions about new theoretical directions in psychology, as well as presentations of work from young researchers who are our future.

Recently, the society has developed a new online platform with the aim of grouping information about all the SPS members and their research on one website. Details may be accessed at: <https://swisspsychologicalsociety.ch>



Departments of Psychology in Swiss Universities  
Top Row (L-R): Basel, Bern and Fribourg  
Bottom Row (L-R): Geneva, Neuchâtel and Lausanne

## News from International Bodies

### UNITED NATIONS



### 11TH PSYCHOLOGY DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

BY: SONIA SUCHDAY AND ZSUZSANNA FEHER

The 11th Psychology Day at the United Nations was another successful event attended by Psychology professionals and trainees along with UN mission staff and visitors. Co-sponsored by The Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations and The Permanent Mission of Palau to the United Nations, the focus of the event was on Climate Change and the role of Psychological Interventions in preventing, promoting, mitigating, and adapting to the deleterious effects of climate change to lands, people, and economies. The International Union of Psychological Science along with the American Psychological Association were the two largest sponsors of this annual event. Dr. Sonia Suchday represented the IUPsyS on the Executive Committee which organized Psychology Day at the UN and was ably assisted by Natasha Grujicic, Zsuzsanna Feher, and Akru Patel, the three IUPsyS interns.

The mission of the Psychology Day at the United Nations is to celebrate Psychology in the context of the United Nations. It provides an opportunity for representatives of the field of Psychology to share with UN Permanent Missions, UN agencies, NGOs and the private sector the activities of psychologists at the U.N.; and the role of psychology in addressing concerns of global importance. Psychology Day also introduces psychologists and psychology students to psychology's current and potential involvement in UN activities and issues.

Climate change presents human and systemic challenges and requires the creation and development of resilience among individuals and societies and is the focus of the Sustainable Development Goal #13 of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, to "take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts." The discussion at the event led by internationally known speakers emphasised the contributions of psychological theory, research and practice in aiding preventing, promoting, and intervening to mitigate against the deleterious impact that climate change and natural disasters have on individuals globally. The information and

recommendations will help prepare for upcoming discussions when Goal #13 is reviewed in depth at the High Level Political Forum in 2019. Details of the event along with a list of speakers and topics is available at: <https://www.unpsychologyday.com/>

A live webcast of the event can be viewed at:

<http://webtv.un.org/search/11th-annual-psychology-day-at-the-united-nations/5769788009001/>

### WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



### WHO BULLETIN

The WHO Bulletin is one of the world's leading public health journals. It is a peer-reviewed monthly journal with a special focus on developing countries, giving it unrivalled global scope and authority. The Bulletin is one of the top public and environmental health journal and details may be accessed at: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/en/>

### INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL

#### 2018 WORLD SOCIAL SCIENCE FORUM: FIRST PLENARY SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

The World Social Science Forum has become a flagship activity of the ISSC, with previous fora taking place in Bergen, Norway; Montreal, Canada, and Durban, South Africa. The 2018 event will be a historic event for many reasons as it takes place at an important moment in the ISSC's history. In October 2017, members of the ISSC and International Council for Science (ICSU) voted to merge to form the International Science Council (ISC), a single voice to advance global science. Under the auspices of the International Science Council (ISC), the 2018 Forum will provide an international platform for interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research to contribute to transformations to a more sustainable world. ISSC has announced a number of plenary speakers for the 2018 World Social Science Forum, which takes place in Fukuoka, Japan, from 25-28 September 2018. The theme of the Forum is 'Security and Equality for Sustainable Futures'. Details of the plenary speakers already confirmed may be viewed at: <http://www.worldsocialscience.org/2018/03/first-plenary-speakers-announced-2018-world-social-science-forum/>



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