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MESSAGE FROM THE ICP2020 PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 32nd International Congress of Psychology (ICP2020) that will take place in July 2020 in the beautiful city of Prague. With thousand years of remarkable history, Prague is renowned as a cultural center for its achievements in many spheres of the arts: architecture, music, sculpture and painting, to name but a few. Moreover, it stands out as a center of science and humanism. Many famous scientists and humanists lived and worked in Prague such as astronomers Tycho de Brahe and Johannes Kepler, religious reformer Jan Hus and anatomist and surgeon Johannes Jessenius (both also served as rectors of Charles University), philosopher and mathematician Bernardo Bolzano, physiologist Jan E. Purkyně, Czech Nobel prize winners Jaroslav Heyrovský and Jaroslav Seifert. Charles University also hosted Albert Einstein who lectured at the German part of Charles University. Charles University is a symbol of the significant role Prague and Czech lands played in the region. Founded in 1348 by the Czech King and Roman Emperor Charles IV, it has long enjoyed an international reputation for the high quality of teaching and research offered there. Today, more than 51 000 students study at Charles University. We could hardly find a more suitable place for the congress than Prague.

However, the Congress is not only about Prague, other cities and most notably the Moravian University centers in Brno and Olomouc are renowned both for their outstanding scholarly traditions and dynamic scientific development. Along with all Czech psychologists, we warmly invite you to participate at the ICP in July 2020, to share scientific results and to exchange opinions – in the spirit of ‘Open Minds, Societies and the World.

Sincerely,
Stanislav Štech
ICP 2020 President

Gender in the Global Research Landscape

Elsevier’s comprehensive report on research performance through a gender lens, Gender in the Global Research Landscape, spans 20 years, 12 geographies, and 27 disciplines. This global study draws upon data and analytics, a unique gender disambiguation methodology, and involvement of global experts. For more information and to download the report, see: https://www.elsevier.com/research-intelligence/campaigns/gender-17

Elsevier have made raw data from the report freely available on the Mendeley Data repository: LINK
The VI International Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE 2017) was held in Lomonosov at Moscow State University from 11-13 May 2017. The conference was supported by the Russian Ministry of Science and Education, the Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO, the Russian Academy of Education and the World Bank. The event was co-organised by the Russian Psychological Society and had delegates from 25 countries and 75 regions of Russia that participated in the conference.

Every year a Partner Country of the Conference presents their expertise in a sphere of child psychology and education. This year the USA has become a Partner Country and the conference was officially supported and visited by the President of the American Psychological Association (APA), Dr. Antonio Puente, and Senior Director of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Stephanie Olmore. During the opening of the conference a MOU between the APA and the RPS was signed.

The Conference is also held with a goal of preparation for the XVI European Congress in Psychology that will hosted by Lomonosov Moscow State University in Moscow, from 02-05 July 2019.

The Spanish Psychological Association (SPA) also attended the conference and representatives included: Dr. Francisco Santolaya Ochando, President of the SPA, Dr. José Ramón Fernandez Hermida, Member of the Executive Council and responsible of Publications Department, Dr. Manuel Berdullas Temes, Member of the Executive Council and responsible of International Relations. These representatives participated in the opening ceremony of the conference and signed an MOU between the SPA and the RPS. More information can be found at: ecceconference.com
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF PSYCHOLOGISTS (ICP)

The 75th Conference of the International Council of Psychologists took place on 27-30 July 2017 at Pace University, New York City. The conference included a scientific program, human rights summit, banquet dinner and opportunities for conversation, discussion and collaboration in a small, collegial environment. The Conference theme, Psychology’s Contribution to People, the Planet, and the World highlighted the ways in which psychology can and must address the crucial issues of today, reflected in the United Nations’ sustainable development goals. There were also a series of pre-conference workshops preceding the Conference.

More information can be seen at: http://icp2017.cloudaccess.host/

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This year the Psychology Non-Governmental Organizations at the United Nations, United Nations Permanent Missions, Agencies, and the private sector came together on 18 April for an exciting event - the 10th Annual Psychology Day at the UN. Each year this event provides a venue to explore in collaboration with the UN how psychological research and practice can address issues of global importance. Previous Psychology Day meetings have focused on topics such as peace and human rights, global violence, migration, education and sustainable development. This year, the meeting was focused on the role of psychological research and practice in increasing well-being in the complex and dynamic interdependence of psychosocial, socioeconomic, cultural, environmental and political systems that structure 21st Century challenges. The topic was chosen to align with the inclusion of well-being in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in 2015 that outlines the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and to demonstrate ways in which theory, research, and practice in the psychology of well-being can increase the welfare of individuals globally to facilitate achievement of the SDGs, and to address the challenges of contemporary social, economic, and environmental systems. The mandate for well-being also extends across Goals 4 (Quality Education), 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).

The theme chosen to align with SDG 3 was “Promoting Well-Being in the 21st Century: Psychological Contributions for Contemporary Social, Economic and Environmental Challenges” represented by three eminent speakers, Doug Oman, Ann Master, and Minu Hemmati.

SDG3, i.e., “Ensure Healthy Lives and Promote Well-Being for All at All Ages”, explicitly addresses the need to promote mental health and well-being in Target 3.4 and to strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse in Target 3.5.

The event this year was co-chaired by the International Union of Psychological Sciences representative to the UN, Sonia Suchday, Professor and Chair, Psychology Department, Pace University, along with Ayorkor Gaba, Psy.D., American Psychological Association, Senior Project Director, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Department of Psychiatry. The Program Chair, David Marcotte, Clinical Assistant Professor and Associate Director of Clinical Training, Institute for Multicultural Counseling and Educational Services, Fordham University moderated the event and Neal Rubin, International psychology professor at Argosy University in Chicago moderated the panel discussion.

Following welcome remarks by the Co-Chairs, opening remarks were given by H.E. Ambassador Rubén I. Zamora, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations and H.E. Dr. Caleb Otto, Former Permanent Representative of Palau to the United Nations. Both of these missions and ambassadors co-sponsored the event. Dr. Otto was also instrumental in helping integrate well-being into the SDGs and emphasized the importance of indicators of well-being in addressing global health issues. For example, mental health is as important as mental illness in indexing global health. The moderator, Dr. Marcotte, introduced the Panelists by emphasizing that the event was focused on highlighting how we can be our “best self” and that well-being is a skill that can be developed like any other skill. Dr. Minu Hemmati, the first speaker spoke about “Psychology & the Environmental Pillar: Impacts of Environmental Challenges on Well-Being and Contributions to Realizing the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda”. She emphasized the importance of psychological contributions in bringing research to bear on issues of import to the impact of climate change on humanity including climate change and air pollution, deforestation, biodiversity loss, soil degradation, overpopulation, pollution of oceans, ozone layer depletion. She also emphasized the importance of psychology research contributions to process and policy. Dr. Ann Masten followed up with her remarks on “Investing in Resilience for the Well-Being of Individuals and Societies” emphasizing the importance of resilience at every level of society given the interconnectedness of individuals, families, communities, and societies for protection, particularly protection of the young to enable ongoing human development. She also highlighted the research on the science of resilience and the importance of integrating this research into policy and into the day-to-day milieu of societies at every level.

Dr. Oman, the third panelist speaking about “Spirituality & Religion: Contribution and Implication for Well-Being and SDGs” pointed to the emergence of spirituality and religion in scientific literature in the past 30 years and emphasized the important role that religion and spirituality have played in coping throughout time.
News from International Bodies

Since religion and spirituality are so widespread in human society, they can play an important role in harnessing human potential through local resource management and in public health. The final speaker, Gustavo Gonzalez-Canali, MD, Senior Adviser at the UN Coordination Division for UN WOMEN in New York discussed difficulties experienced by women and girls all over the world which are not biologically determined, but significantly impacted by social norms, political choices, and levels of economic advancements, all of which contain patterns of gender discrimination. The discussion, which included questions that were tweeted from all over the world, and in-person questions from the 400+ audience, was very ably moderated by Dr. Neal Rubin, integrating the three pillars and emphasizing the importance of well-being to all SDGs and development of human potential. Of particular note was a question from the social media platform asking about Psychology’s contributions to people dislocated by war? Answers generated included the importance of providing a voice for displaced people through education, development of resilience, and emphasizing existing strengths such as religion and spirituality.

From my perspective, in addition to having the highest attendance, Psychology Day at the UN this year was highly inspirational with requests from the panelists and audience to keep the conversation going. Not only did it highlight the important role that Psychology can play in the world, the speakers’ experience and knowledge of their areas also resulted in many practical suggestions.


Participants at the 10th Annual Psychology Day at the United Nations

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE (ICSU)

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

ICSU have released their Annual Report, which highlights key achievements during 2016. The report may be browsed online at: https://www.icsu.org/publications/annual-report-2016

2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Registration has now opened for the 2017 General Assembly which will be held in Taipei from 23-26 October 2017. National and Union Members, Scientific Associates, Interdisciplinary Bodies, Joint Initiatives and Policy Committees, as well as partner organizations have until 15 September 2017 to register online for the event. The meeting will include a two-day joint meeting with the ISSC on 25 and 26 October. During the joint meeting Members will take a final decision on the proposed merger of the two organizations. Comprehensive documentation including an updated version of the strategy and Transition Task Force outputs will be shared with members.

For more information, see: https://www.icsu.org/events/32nd-icsu-general-assembly
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ICSU/ISSC MERGER UPDATE

Members of the Strategy Working Group (SWG) and Transition Task Force (TTF) responsible for developing plans for the proposed merger of the International Council for Science and International Social Science Council recently met in Paris. The SWG meetings took place on 30-31 May 2017 and were followed by a two-day meeting of the TTF, which is responsible for developing statutes and rules of procedure for the new organisation, a consolidated budget and multi-year financial analysis, as well as a legal framework for the merger. Discussions at the SWG meeting focused on a draft high-level strategy for the new organisation, following the feedback from ISSC and ICSU members on the initial draft circulated at the end of March. Following the meetings, the final draft strategy and draft outputs of the TTF were submitted to executives of ISSC and ICSU for their joint meeting which took place on 28-29 June in Paris. An updated version of the strategy and TTF outputs will be submitted to members, ahead of the joint meeting of ICSU and ISSC that will take place during the ICSU General Assembly detailed above.

A GUIDE TO SDG INTERACTIONS: FROM SCIENCE TO IMPLEMENTATION

ICSU have released a report entitled “A Guide to SDG Interactions: From Science to Implementation” that examines the interactions between the various goals and targets, and determining to what extent they reinforce or conflict with each other. It provides a blueprint to help countries implement and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

For more information, see: https://www.icsu.org/publications/a-guide-to-sdg-interactions-from-science-to-implementation

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL (ISSC)

WORLD SOCIAL SCIENCE FORUM 2018

The next World Social Science Forum will take place from 25-28 September 2018, in Fukuoka, Japan, with the theme of Security and Equality for Sustainable Futures. A call for session proposals is now open and proposals for parallel sessions under the following sub-themes of the Forum are invited:

- Sustainability and security
- Cybersecurity
- Human security
- Security and the 2030 agenda
- Globalization, diversity and cultures of belonging
- Development and inclusion in urban and rural areas
- Gender equality and security
- Health, safety and biosecurity
- Freedom, democracy and security

Proposals should be submitted by 01 September 2017. All information is available at: http://www.wssf2018.org/index.html

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: HEINEKEN PRIZES 2018

Nominations for the prestigious Heineken Prizes 2018 are being accepted until 15 October 2017. These international prizes, worth $200 000 each, reward outstanding achievement in the fields of: biochemistry and biophysics; cognitive science; environmental sciences; history; and medicine. These biennial prizes are intended for scientists and scholars who are currently active in their field and whose research still holds considerable promise for future innovative discoveries. For more information, see: http://www.worldsocialscience.org/2017/06/call-nominations-heineken-prizes-2018/