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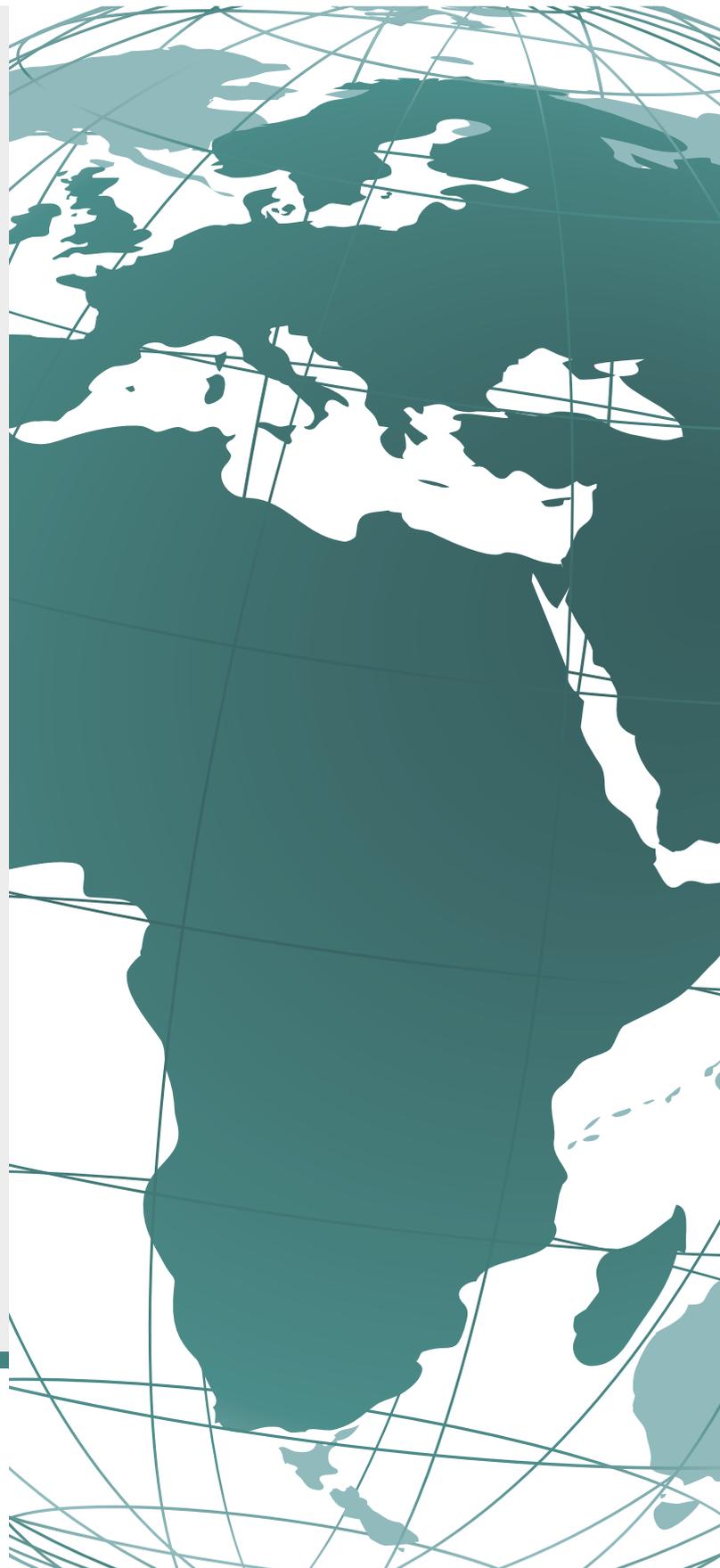
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PSYCHOLOGY IN THE 21ST CENTURY:
OPEN MINDS, SOCIETIES & WORLD

The 32nd International Congress of Psychology
PRAGUE 2020 / Czech Republic

The Scientific Committee of ICP2020 would like to thank you all for your interest in the 32nd International Congress of Psychology. The General Submission was closed on 19 January 2020 and the submission for Rapid Communication Posters was closed on 25 February 2020. We received 8000+ submissions and the Scientific Committee worked hard to evaluate them on time to provide the presenters with notification about their abstract status. For any queries for Acceptance or Visa Letters please contact us at secretariat@icp2020.com We are looking forward to a rich and interesting Scientific Programme at ICP2020.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL PRESENTERS TO BE REGISTERED (REGISTRATION FEE PAID) IS 01 MARCH 2020

For any updates and information please follow us on social media and our website www.icp2020.com.

Exhibition at ICP2020

All exhibitors are cordially invited to exhibit at the 32nd International Congress of Psychology which will be held in one of the biggest congress centers in the Czech Republic – Prague Congress Centre.

The space is selling fast so do not miss the opportunity to be at this extraordinary event.

Why Exhibit at ICP2020?

The most prestigious psychological event in the world

official event of the International Union of the Psychological Science

Rare opportunity

the congress takes place only once every four years

Over 7000 participants from all over the world

Statistics from 2016: 7894 registered participants, 95 countries, opportunity for exhibitors

to connect with thousands of experts

Prague, the city in the heart of Europe

one of the most beautiful cities in the world



News from National Members and Affiliates



AUSTRALIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY: AUSTRALIA'S SUMMER OF BUSHFIRES

BY: FRANCES MIRABELLI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Summer in Australia can be varied, depending on which part of the country you live in. In the north, the humidity is high due to the tropical latitude. In the interior, temperatures can get to 50°C/122°, and in the south, it is generally beach weather. However this summer in Australia, there was one element that linked nearly all parts of my country – and that was fire.

Bushfires – or wildfires as they are known in other countries – spread across Australia at an unprecedented rate and scale. Our emergency services were pushed to their limits and the Australian Defence Force was brought in to assist with evacuations and disaster relief. International firefighters came to our aid and tragically, three American firefighters lost their lives. Australian volunteer firefighters and citizens also perished. Our wildlife has been impacted to such a degree that there are reports of many species being pushed to extinction.

Watching this unfold has left many Australians feeling desperate and traumatised – particularly those directly affected. At the APS, we have been implementing strategies to assist with a response from our psychology community. This has included activating our Disaster Response Network with the Australian Red Cross. This has been an essential piece of work.

APS members have been deployed to bushfire-affected towns, providing immediate services. This work will continue for as long as it is needed. The APS has also run training for psychologists across Australia on disasters and is collaborating with others to upskill practitioners on the next phase of psychological support, which will be required long after the bushfires have been extinguished.

Having a seat at the table with government decision-makers has also been a critical part of our response. We have been speaking directly with the Australian government, laying out proposals on how best to manage such crises both now, and going forward. The government has acted quickly, increasing access to government-funded psychological sessions. This is heartening, and we will continue to press for further action.

The international acknowledgment of what Australia is enduring has also been heartening and the APS has received many messages of support from our international peers. We are grateful for these words. Many have asked how they can assist at this time. Charitable organisations across the country have been working tirelessly to help rebuild lives, and I can suggest the following:

[The Australian Red Cross](#)

[The Salvation Army](#)

[St Vincent de Paul Society Bushfire Appeal](#)

[Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service](#)

Whilst the full impact of these bushfires is still to be determined, the APS will continue to do everything it can to ensure our profession is there to help our communities heal and recover. So too will we continue to advocate to Government for a robust response to climate change.

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CAMEROON PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION: 4TH CONFERENCE 2019

Attended by 285 members, this was a special event for CPA as we celebrated the memorial of the Founder and Pioneer President, Emeritus Prof. Bame Nsamenang. Hosted at the University of Douala, Cameroon, and chaired by Emeritus Professor Therese M.S. Tchombe who in her opening address highlighted the fact that young scholars are “prepared with cognitive authority” to carry on the affairs of CPA. The conference focused on three major activities: memorial, installation of the Executive, and the scientific programme.

Conference Highlights

Installation of the Executive

The conference chair officially installed the Executive Committee headed by Dr. Jacqueline Lum Bobga and assisted by Dr. Ntjam Marie-Chantale



Installation by Conference Chair, Emeritus Prof. Therese M. S. Tchombe

The President noted, “I start my role this December 2019 as the President of CPA, following the departure of Emeritus Professor Augustine Bame Nsamenang who had expertly mentored me and guided CPA for eight years. It is our resolve that we all forge ahead together with research and training to influence practice; as we envisage the creation of psychological clinics, given the pressing rehabilitation needs awaiting us.”

Memorial of Emeritus Prof. A. Bame Nsamenang



Prof. A. Bame Nsamenang

The memorial ran for six hours and was introduced by members mimicking the “life” of Emeritus Professor Nsamenang during different conferences and was followed by an academic discourse on his works by Dr Lah Lo-oh, Associate Professor and one of his students. Professor Bame Nsamenang who passed away on the 14th of February 2018 was one of Africa’s most visible scholars in developmental science and a well published, influential academic writer. He strategised in immense ways to bring Africa’s developmental and educative knowledge and practices into Western-dominated scientific discourses and literature. Worthy to note among many others, is his landmark book: *Human Development in Cultural Context: A Third World Perspective*, which re-shaped research literature in mainstream developmental science.

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His unending scientific contributions through several publications and conferences all over the world featured an Africentric theorisation of human development leading to his scholarly well acclaimed Social Ontogenetic Theory. Emeritus Professor Tchombe wrote: “his life is a testimony of a scholar who never permitted political ideologies and quest for power to derail him from his professional call to service as a teacher, researcher and community developer. He has set an example for the rest of us to follow.”

Scientific Programme: Personality Development in Health and Illness: An Interdisciplinary Perspective

The scientific programme featured presentations with a commitment to improve health, to protect human beings, prevent psychological illnesses, defend humane treatment and push for a greater responsibility within the community. This featured oral presentations, symposia and poster sessions. The Business Meeting during the conference highlighted the following as a way forward:

- **Hosting PAPU in 2022**
- **Having a CPA Conference in December 2020**
- **Soliciting international partnership for mentoring young Cameroonian scholars**
- **Membership drive and payment of membership dues**
- **Establishing clinical centers for counseling and psychotherapy**
- **Starting a CPA journal for publication**



Academic Discourse on Memorial by Prof. Lah Lo-oh



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ISC NEWSLETTER

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