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## YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM IUPSY S PRESIDENT PROFESSOR PAM MARAS



When I recorded last year's message in November 2019, I could not have imagined the global public health emergency that was about to affect the entire globe. In January 2020, I wrote to our IUPsyS National Member in China to express the Union's solidarity in respect of a new coronavirus affecting their citizens; within two months most regions of the world had been affected. This has been reflected in a short time in new language - Collins Dictionary identified 250,000 usages of the word "lockdown" during 2020, up from just 4,000 last year (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-54878910>).

Although there have been other recent pandemics, such as SARS and MERS, COVID-19 is unprecedented in the breadth of its spread including in the Northern hemisphere as well as those in low and middle-income countries who are already affected by severe disparities in resources and access to health.

Many of our National Members and regional Affiliates have risen to the challenge posed by the virus, offering psychological support and advice to individuals, groups and policy makers in their countries and regions.

However, COVID-19 knows no boundaries. As part of our strategic plan, in response to COVID-19, IUPsyS utilised its global convening power to draw together information from national and regional associations so that others could benefit from their experience and share limited resources. The experiences gained will serve as a model for psychology's response to other emergencies.

IUPsyS has drawn together resources from across the globe, links for these can be found on a dedicated portal on our website (<https://www.iupsys.net/allaboutpsych/covid-19.html>) where the wealth of National Member online resources may be accessed, collated into resources for Psychology Practitioners, Frontline Workers, People with COVID-19, and the General Public.

IUPsyS also conducted a global COVID-19 survey of countries across the world. The survey, led by Past President Saths Cooper, had a 75% National Member response. I would like to express both my and the Executive Committee's thanks to all who contributed to this singular outcome, a short report of which will be published shortly followed by the more detailed report.

It was with sadness that in 2020 we reported the deaths of colleagues, including Wayne H. Holtzman (1923 – 2019). Professor Holtzman was a committed and important member of the IUPsyS Executive Committee, serving as Secretary-General from 1972 to 1984 and President from 1984-1988. His eminence was also recognised in many other international scientific bodies with which he was instrumental in forging IUPsyS links, including UNESCO. As Past President Kurt Pawlik noted, "Professor, Holtzman was a devoted Officer, diplomat and facilitator of international psychology". Our thoughts are with all who have lost friends, colleagues and family members in the last year.

As the global body for psychology, IUPsyS is represented on and works in collaboration with many international bodies including: the International Science Council (ISC), the United Nations (UN) and the World Health Organization (WHO). IUPsyS has continued to contribute to the work of these and other bodies such as the ISC's Committee on Data (CODATA), which is leading on digital representation of units of measure (DRUM) and the importance of FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship.

It is vital that psychology and social sciences are represented on international science bodies which have previously been dominated by the medical and natural sciences. This will ensure that decisions on matters such as for example, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the effects on humanity of, and responses to, COVID-19 and environmental warming, include better psychosocial and behavioural understanding.



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A cornerstone of our official relations with the WHO, led by Secretary-General Ann Watts, has been the role we have played in the development of the 11th revision of International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11), Mental and Behavioural Disorders. A book dealing with the use of ICD-11 as a framework for psychological diagnosis, edited by Geoffrey Reed, Pierre Ritchie and Andreas Maercker, will be published in 2021.

The jointly funded APA-IUPsyS Global Mental Health Fellowship that enables a qualified Psychologist to work directly with WHO's Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse is ongoing and the fourth Fellow, Brandon Gray Ph.D, University of Vermont, USA, embarked on his 12-month Fellowship in November 2020.

Our regional capacity building activity and support for National Members has continued. This has included activities in China, Russia and Europe, and meetings in Latin America which informed the development of the Observatory of Latin American Psychology (OPAL) which is a collaborative project between IUPsyS, the Colombian College of Psychologists (Colpsic), and the Colombian Association of Faculties of Psychology (Ascofapsi). OPAL is also drawing on the collaboration of our Latin American National Members and we look forward to its further development over the coming years.

As the only international generic journal for psychology, the International Journal of Psychology, has had an extremely active year, with a record over 800 submissions to the journal. This year we published, in addition to a diverse range of psychological articles from around the world, special sections on Cultural Diversity, Migration, Education, and Prevention Science: from Generic Rules to Differential Adaptations. Our call for papers earlier this year on the Psychological Implications of COVID-19 drew more than 200 submissions and we look forward to publishing a highly informative special issue on this in 2021.

The IUPsyS Executive Committee has continued to implement our new Strategic Plan, including the development of necessary organisational support for the Union to better serve our National Members and Affiliates. Given our mission to serve humanity, we would be remiss if we did not comment on major issues of inequity. In June 2020, we noted our grave concern about racism in the USA and provided responses from some of our National Members following the killing of African Americans and violent responses to peaceful protest (<https://www.iupsys.net/news/iupsys-concern-over-blattant-racism-in-the-usa>). We also posted the statement from the International Science Council on combating systemic racism and other forms of discrimination, and actively support the ISC in combating systemic racism and other forms of discrimination in science.

In light of the pandemic and the need to protect the health and welfare of attendees and citizens, our flagship 32nd *International Congress of Psychology* was rescheduled to 18-23 July 2021 and renamed ICP2020+.

We took this decision in anticipation of the pandemic being declared after consultation with our Czech Republic National Member and our regional Affiliate, EFPA, who graciously also rescheduled their Congress to 2022. ICP2020+ will take place in the beautiful and historic city of Prague in the Czech Republic. Organised around the theme *Open Minds, Societies and the World*, ICP2020+ will provide an opportunity for global psychology leaders, academics, practitioners and students to share and interrogate scientific advances and issues of import to our discipline and humanity.

ICP2020+ currently has approximately 8,000 accepted abstracts. The Scientific Committee of the Congress has also re-opened the general abstract submission and invites you to submit your abstracts for oral presentations and posters if you have not already done so. The deadline for new abstract submissions is January 18, 2021. Other important dates to note are the deadline for registration for all presenters which is March 21, 2021, and the 2nd deadline for the reduced registration fee which is April 01, 2021.

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### YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM IUPSYS PRESIDENT PROFESSOR PAM MARAS CONTINUED...

IUPsyS will hold its next Assembly in Prague on 19 and 21 July 2021, during which elections for our Executive Committee, President-Elect and Treasurer will take place.

The past year has been 'unusual', and although many activities have been in virtual fora, we have kept in line with our strategic objectives. Without the support of the Executive Committee and the National Members and Affiliates, it would not be possible to achieve so much. My personal thanks therefore must go to all of you.

I recorded this message in the week that the first vaccination against COVID-19 was administered. The development of COVID-19 vaccines in such a short time is extraordinary and a testament to the power of collaboration in science for public good. IUPsyS has always and remains committed to collaboration, the effectiveness of which is supported by a wealth of psychological empirical evidence. Psychology is, and should be, at the forefront of human endeavour. In order to move forward we must work collaboratively for public good and to serve humanity.

Finally, on behalf of the Executive Committee, I wish you and your families, friends and colleagues a happy, healthy, peaceful and better 2021. I look forward to seeing you all in person at ICP2020+ in Prague in July 2021!

\*Professor Maras' 2020 year-end video message may be accessed [here](#).



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### ICP2020+ IMPORTANT DATES



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

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

A reminder that ICP2020 has been rescheduled to **18-23 July 2021**. Please visit the **website** for further information. Please take note of the following important **dates**:

- **18 January 2021** Deadline for Abstract Submission (no extensions)
- **20 February 2021** Notification about Abstract Submission
- **01 March 2021** Deadline for the Registration Paid for Presenters
- **01 April 2021** 2nd Deadline for Reduced Registration fee
- **01 June 2021** Deadline for Exhibitors Registration
- **18 July 2021** ICP 2020+ Opening Ceremony
- **23 July 2021** ICP 2020+ Closing Ceremony



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