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PAM MARAS INAUGURATED AS THE FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT OF IUPSYS

The inauguration of Professor Pam Maras as President of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) in Montréal on 30 June 2018 marks an important milestone in the Union’s 129 year history. Both her scientific focus and commitment to international psychology for the public good exemplify the founding principles and anchoring mission of the Union of which she will be the first female president.

Professor Maras’ research focuses on applying psychological science to social situations including the context of education. She is particularly interested in children and young people’s pro-and anti-social behaviour, aspirations, identity, affect, motivation and self-concept, and has been globally recognised for her significant contributions to this literature and the positive changes it has made to the lives of the children to which her recommendations have been applied. This work on individual and group factors in relation to young people’s behaviour also reflects her personal commitment to the impact of psychology to pressing contemporary social issues.

Professor Maras received the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues of the American Psychological Association’s (SPSSI) Social Issues Dissertation Annual Prize for outstanding academic achievement in a PhD in 1994. She is also recognised as a public resource for dissemination of the psychological sciences to which she is committed. In this role, she is often asked to comment in the media and has provided evidence to the UK House of Commons Select Committees as well as at policy level to UK Government Departments, local authorities, schools and charities.

Professor Maras is Director of Research and Enterprise in the Faculty of Education and Health at the University of Greenwich, London at which she also leads the Research Centre for Children Schools and Families. Professor Maras’ service to the science of psychology has spanned a range of sectors. She is a Chartered Scientist (CSci) with the UK Science Council. Her intellectual footprint stretches across the world through research collaborations and funding agreements with countries in Australasia, China, Europe, the Nordic Countries, North and Latin America and South-east Asia. Between 2007 and 2008, she was the President of the British Psychological Society.

In playing a leading role in IUPsyS Standing Committee for Capacity Building during her two terms on its Executive Committee between 2008 and 2016, Professor Maras’ service has sought to bring the benefits of psychological science to the world through initiatives spanning Eastern Europe, the ASEAN region, the Caribbean, Latin America and Africa. Within and across these parts of the globe, Professor Maras has invested her considerable scientific and institutional leadership experience in driving the Union’s capacitation vision.

It is this commitment to the development of a truly international psychology, responsive to the agendas of its country members and regions that defines Professor Maras’s pathway to the presidency of the global body for psychology. Psychology has an evermore progressive role to play in understanding the complexities and tensions of an increasingly globalising but unequal world. Professor Maras’ past achievements and strong inclusive vision will ensure that the Union continues to lead the way in leveraging the value of psychological science for enriching human life.

Speaking from Paris where she is representing the Union, at the newly formed International Science Council, Professor Maras said ‘I am honoured to take up the presidency of the Union at this pivotal time in world history. Psychology and its development in regions across the world is essential if we are to tackle national, regional and global challenges. Psychology offers a human perspective to transdisciplinary science’.

The inauguration of IUPsyS President Pam Maras with Past-President Saths Copper

2018 IUPSY S ASSEMBLY

The 2018 IUPsyS Assembly was recently held at the time of the 29th ICAP in Montreal, Canada, on 30 June. Highlights of the Assembly include the unanimous welcoming of two new National Members from Costa Rica and Puerto Rico, with IUPsyS now having National Members from 89 countries. Then President Cooper, also reviewed the Union’s strategic planning process that had occurred since the 2016 Assembly in Yokohama, Japan and summarised the main points of the various consultations held with National Members,
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Affiliates and other stakeholders, and EC discussions regarding the implementation of the Union’s Strategic Plan. This was followed by break-out discussion groups in the following areas with feedback from each provided to the Assembly by the rapporteur:

1. Operational Underpinnings, facilitator: Secretary-General Ann D Watts, rapporteur: Treasurer GOH Chee Leong;
2. Involvement in the Development of Science, facilitator: then President-Elect Pam Maras, rapporteur: EC Member German Gutierrez;
3. Engaging Wider Publics and Policymakers, facilitator: past President Rainer K. Silbereisen, rapporteur: then EC Member Tor Levin Hofgaard;
4. Membership, facilitator: EC Member Ava Thompson, rapporteur: Assembly Delegate Maria Luisa Ramirez;
5. Affiliates and other Stakeholders, facilitator: past Secretary-General Pierre Ritchie, rapporteur: EC Member Simon Crowe.

Nine nominations for three positions of regular Executive Committee Members were received by the Elections Committee, which comprised Past-President Rainer K. Silbereisen, Past Treasurer Michel Sabourin (Canada), and Fatima Seedat (South Africa). As noted in the IUPsyS Statutes and Rules of Procedure, point 6i) (http://www.iupsys.net/about/governance/index.html), “three regular members of the Executive may be elected in accordance with the Rules of Procedure at the Assembly meeting between International Congresses of Psychology. These three members shall enable greater representativeness of the Executive Committee according to geography and gender and such other criteria as the Assembly may specify as relevant prior to receiving nominations for these positions”.

There were four election stations on site and the electronic elections procedure went smoothly. The following will serve a four-year term on the EC:

1. Ricardo Gorayeb, Brazil
2. Brigitte Khoury, Lebanon
3. Prakash Padakannaya, India.

Saths Cooper duly thanked EC Members María Paz García Vera, Tor Levin Hofgaard (also previous Vice President) and Takao Sato for their service to the Union. A notable thanks of appreciation for 18 years of service to the Union went to Rainer K. Silbereisen, who completed his term as Past-President.

ICP2020: SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT – CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

32nd International Congress of Psychology
July 19 - 24, 2020
Prague, Czech Republic

Dear friends and colleagues,
Step by step, our next World Congress is approaching. Please be inspired by the congress motto “Open Minds, Societies, and the World by your research, and by all the areas where psychology can make a difference.”

This summer we shall start accepting first abstracts for the early review. This may be particularly useful for those who will apply for special sources of financing and need to demonstrate the quality of their contributions. However, the process is open for all scholars. For more information regarding the abstract submission, please visit www.icp2020.com.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Prague at the 32nd ICP 2020.

Martina Klicperova-Bilkova
Chair of the Scientific Committee

News from National Members and Affiliates

BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY GLOBAL CHALLENGES, INTERNATIONAL SOLUTIONS
BY SARBARAJWA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

In these uncertain political times it is more important than ever that the British Psychological Society reaches out across the waters to a range of international partners. One of my priorities as the Society’s new Chief Executive is to raise our profile on the global stage. There is strength in numbers and the BPS can, and should, play a pivotal role in
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demonstrating the impact of Psychology, what psychologists contribute, and leading debate. Thankfully, this is also one of the more enjoyable parts of the job: there is so much we share with other international societies, in terms of common issues we face and innovative approaches that are being taken. Here are just a few highlights from the year.

During our Annual Conference, in May 2018, The Society hosted an ‘International roundtable’ and it was exciting to be part of an open and transparent discussion around the issues facing psychology. Pam Maras, the Union’s incoming President, joined us. We were proud to host colleagues from our fellow international associations in Australia, Belgium, Germany, Lithuania, New Zealand, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Russia, Slovenia, Switzerland, and the USA. One way in which the Society builds on such discussions is through the development of Memoranda of Understanding, MoU, and I am delighted to announce that an MoU was signed between the BPS and Portuguese Psychological Society the Ordem Dos Psicólogos at the conference, which promises to ‘co-operate for the betterment of psychology and the public interest’.

Earlier in the year, it was an honour to host the European Federation of Psychologists’ Associations’ European Semester from January to June this year. Nicola Gale, BPS President, was proud to welcome our EFPA colleagues for the Presidents’ Council in April. Throughout the semester the BPS hosted a number of events across different areas of the discipline and professional practice to encourage co-operation and collaboration with our European partners. More details can be found at: www.bps.org.uk/eusemester. A European Semester thread also ran through our Annual Conference including an address by EFPA President, Telmo Mourinho Baptista, on ‘The contribution of psychological knowledge to the future of Europe’. You can also find a ‘One on One’ with Telmo at tinyurl.com/telmoba from our magazine, The Psychologist (which reaches out to large international audiences through its website, and that of our Research Digest).

In the spirit of sharing working practices and processes a particular highlight for the Society was an exchange trip to Norway in January with Society President Nicola Gale, and Director of Qualifications and Standards Andrea Finkel-Gates, alongside colleagues from Germany. It was fascinating to see how their core training enables Practitioner Psychologists to enter the workforce as highly adaptable professionals, with specialisation happening post qualification, and to see how this enables them to be responsive to changes in policy. In the same vein the BPS will be hosting a delegation from the Swedish Society in the UK later in 2018.

Global challenges – such as peace, pollution, people and the lives they lead – require truly international solutions. In striving for impact as the British Psychological Society, we aim to equip people with the everyday psychological skills and knowledge to navigate a complex world, knowing themselves and others better. Everyone should be able to access evidence-based psychology to enhance their lives, communities and wider society. I look forward to meeting and talking with many more psychologists about how our countries can work together to make the world a better place.

The VII International Conference “Early Childhood Care and Education” (ECCE 2018) was held at Lomonosov Moscow State University from 16-20 May 2018. ECCE is the largest Russian event dedicated to early childhood psychology, nurturing, content and organization of preschool education, held in partnership with the International Academy of Preschool Education, Moscow (IAPE). This year the conference received patronage from UNESCO, and support from the European Early Childhood Education Research Association (EERCERA), the European Educational Research Association (EERA) and World Organisation for Early Childhood Education and Care (OMEP).

During the Conference, more than 740 scientists, psychologists, educators and managers from 40 countries discussed global and local issues in preschool education, sharing experiences, exchanging views and making new acquaintances in the friendly atmosphere of the Conference. The Conference included more than 30 scientific and plenary sessions, all of which were delivered with simultaneous interpretation into English and Russian.

On 17 May 2018, the President of the Russian Psychological Society Professor Yuri Zinchenko signed MoUs with the President of the Pan African Psychology Union, Professor Saths Cooper, and with the President of the Indonesian Psychological Society, Dr. Seger Handoyo. The signing ceremonies were attended by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of South Africa in Russia, Ms. Nomasonto Maria Sibanda-Tusi, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary the Republic of Indonesia in Russia, Mr. Vahid Supadiyadi, and by Dr. Phethiwe Matutu, a representative from the National Research Foundation of South Africa. For more information see: en.ecceconference.com.

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6TH ASEAN REGIONAL UNION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY CONGRESS
BY: AYU NINDYATI RAHARDJO (HIMPSI - PUBLIC RELATION)
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After being postponed for four months due to the eruption of Mount Agung in Bali, the 6th ARUPS Congress was held from 20-22 February 2018 at Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel Kuta on the beautiful island of Bali, Indonesia. The theme of the Congress was “Driving Mental Revolution in the Psychological Century: Enhancing Psychological Services for a Better Future”. The Congress was hosted by ARUPS and co-hosted by The Indonesian Psychological Association (HIMPSI). More than 300 participants from 20 countries attended the event.

The committee received over 600 submitted abstracts, accepting 406 for oral presentations and 65 poster displays. The 6th ARUPS congress became even more special as the Asia Pacific Psychology Alliance (APPA) meeting was held before the congress, attended by twenty one representatives from fourteen psychological societies, which had signed a commitment in 2016 in Yokohama for further collaboration. The APPA Constitution was signed on 20 February 2018 and Professor Saths Cooper, then President of the International Union of Psychological Sciences (IUPsyS), witnessed the signing.

On the 21st February 2018, the 6th ARUPS congress was officially launched by Professor Dr. Nila Djuwita F. Moeloek, MD, the Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia. In her keynote speech, she addressed the significant roles of Psychologists for human development in Indonesia, in particular on ways to problem solve and improve well-being issues. “Psychologists should be involved in strengthening the implementation of action towards health promotion and prevention especially to emphasize the significant role of community. Community-related problems will be best understood and addressed professionally from comprehensive psychological views not only from clinical perspectives but also to include understandings from social, education and developmental aspects”.

The President of HIMPSI, Dr. Seger Handoyo, further emphasized that “to do the best within one psychological organization is not enough to cope with current situation. To collaborate and cooperate within the region and broader to enable more societies is the only way we can together play significant roles to ensure more meaningful life, to create peace and ultimately to respect each other and growing together in harmony”.

Professor Saths Cooper, then President of the IUPsyS in his keynote speech entitled “Engaging human and social problems in the psychological century”, reminded participants that “it is not an easy endeavour in making psychological recommendations to be seriously considered by government let alone to influence global policies. Therefore the purpose of IUPsyS is to develop, represent and advance psychology as a basic and applied science nationally, regionally and internationally, so our Psychology’s Global Voice has stronger chances to be heard and acknowledged”. Professor Cooper confirmed that interdependence, cross-national cooperation, and interests in addressing societal concerns were ways to address a stronger advocacy. “We need to focus activities and equal exchanges for mutual benefits of 1) individual, 2) institution, 3) country and 4) regions. We cannot continue to be bystanders when our world is deteriorating at such a fast pace, we have to restore AND claim to our humanity; play positive role in humanitarian dilemmas”.

During the congress, several agreements were also signed:
- The MoU between HIMPSI and the Indonesian Commission of Child Protection (KPAI)
- The MoU between ARUPS and Pan-African Union of Psychology (PAPU)
- The Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualification (MRPQ) for Psychologists between ARUPS members

Before the closing ceremony, the leadership of ARUPS was handed over by the President of ARUPS, Dr. Maria Caridad Tarroja from the Psychology Association of the Philippines, to the President Elect Urip Purwono, PhD from the Indonesian Psychological Association (HIMPSI). More details may be viewed at: http://arups2017.himpsi.or.id/
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http://www.who.int/bulletin/en/

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL FOUNDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The International Science Council (ISC) was formed from the merger of the International Council for Science (ICSU), representing the natural sciences, and the International Social Science Council (ISSC), representing the social sciences. The ISC held its inaugural General Assembly in Paris on 04 July 2018 and was hosted by the French Académie des Sciences. The assembly commenced with addresses from Catherine Bréchignac, Secrétaire Perpétuel of the French Académie des Sciences, and Prince Albert II of Monaco. The main item of business for the meeting was the election of a new President and a new Governing Board to lead the ISC for the next three years. Representatives of the Council’s members elected Daya Reddy, a mathematician from South Africa, to be the first President. Peter Gluckman, the former Chief Science Adviser to the Prime Minister of New Zealand, became the President-Elect, assuming the Presidency at the next General Assembly in 2021. The other officers of the Board are Elisa Reis (Vice-President, Brazil), Jinghai Li (Vice-President, China), Alik Ismail-Zadeh (Secretary, Germany) and Renée van Kessel (Treasurer, The Netherlands). The ISC Officers are Geoffrey Boulton (UK), Melody Burkins (USA), IUPsyS Past President Saths Cooper (South Africa), Anna Davies (Ireland), Pearl Dykstra (The Netherlands), Srimali Fernando (Sri Lanka), RuthFincher(Australia), James C. Liao (China-Taipei), Natalia Tarasova (Russian Federation) and Martin Visbeck (Germany).

All the speeches from the public event are available to view on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFEuO8ptWZQ&feature=youtu.be

Photos of the General Assembly and the public launch event are also available on the ISC Flickr page: https://www.flickr.com/photos/icsu/sets/72157698883136435

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