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YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM THE IUPSYs PRESIDENT

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Vision: Serving Humanity and Science

Mission: Developing, representing and advancing psychology as a basic and applied science nationally, regionally, and internationally to serve humanity.



This year was an historic year for the Union as we celebrated our 130th Anniversary since the first International Congress of Psychology (ICP) was held in Paris in 1889. Having celebrated our 125th anniversary in the Eiffel Tower in the same venue as the congress dinner of the first ICP, our 130th anniversary celebration took place in Moscow, Russia in July, with a reception on a riverboat cruise of the Moskva River. We were delighted that so many Presidents and Representatives of our National Members and Affiliates joined us in the celebration. It was appropriate that we held our celebrations in Moscow as IUPsyS has a strong history with Russian leadership. Alexei Leontiev and Aleksandr Luria were both IUPsyS Executive Committee Members (Leontiev 1960-66, 1969-27; Luria 1966-69) and Vice-Presidents of the Union (Leontiev 1966-69; Luria 1966-72). In addition, the 18th ICP was held in Moscow in 1966.

As the global body for psychology, the Union is represented on many international bodies. IUPsyS is one of the 40 disciplinary Member Unions of the International Science Council (ISC), which we helped to inaugurate last year. We will continue to play a key role in the ISC as Past-President Saths Cooper is a member of the ISC Governing Board and Vice-Chair of the ISC Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the Conduct of Science. IUPsyS also continues to work within the United Nations (UN) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Secretary-General Ann D. Watts represents the Union at WHO and during 2019 we have continued to provide support for the finalisation of ICD-11 Mental and Behavioural Disorders (ICD-11 was adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2019) and the Mental Health Gap Action Plan.

This support has included co-sponsorship with the APA of a Global Mental Health Fellowship. In addition, a book on psychological diagnosis within an ICD-11 framework that is co-edited by Geoffrey Reed, Pierre Ritchie and Andreas Maercker, with the assistance of Associate Editor Tahilia Rebello, is nearing completion. We also recognised World Mental Health Day on 10 October, with this year's focus on suicide prevention.

IUPsyS has also been very active in capacity building through our Regional Affiliates' Congresses and meetings including:

- European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA): ECP2019, Moscow, 02-05 July 2019, where we held our 130th anniversary celebration and a new leadership was elected.
- Sociedade Interamericana Psicología (SIP): 37th CIP2019, Havana, Cuba, 15-19 July 2019: where IUPsyS helped organise a meeting of mainly Latin American psychology leadership.
- Asean Regional Union of Psychological Societies (ARUPS): 7th ARUPS, Penang, Malaysia, 02-04 August 2019, where I gave the Opening address.
- Pan-African Psychology Union (PAPU): East African Regional Congress of Psychology, Kinshasa, DRC, 07-09 November 2019, IUPsyS looks forward to the 2nd PAPU Congress at Victoria Falls in July 2021.
- We also supported and facilitated the Asia Pacific Psychology Alliance (APPA) Inaugural Assembly: Penang, Malaysia, 1 August 2019. Members will recall that IUPsyS called an Asia Pacific Leadership Forum at ICP2016 in Yokohama.
- We were delighted to continue our relationship with Latin American psychology at the CIPCuba2019 and also at the Congreso Colombiano de Psicología 2019 in Barranquilla, Colombia, from 11-14 September 2019.

It was with sadness that in 2019 we reported the deaths of colleagues including: Professor Dato' Mahmood Nazar Mohamed (Malaysia) and Dr Marta Young (Canada), both of whom made significant contributions to international psychology for public good. Our thoughts are with the friends and families of all colleagues who have passed away in the last year.

As the only international generic journal for psychology, the International Journal of Psychology continues to go from strength to strength.

This year the Executive Committee has been working on our exciting new Strategic Plan (and the associated Operation Plan). This has been a venture developed in collaboration and after multiple engagements with our National Members and key stake holders. The next year will see the further implementation of the Plan, including the development of necessary organisational support for the Union to better serve our National Members and Affiliates.

The Union's flagship 32nd International Congress of Psychology will take place in the beautiful and historic city of Prague, Czech Republic from 19-24 July 2020 (<https://www.icp2020.com/>). Organised around the theme Open Minds, Societies and the World, ICP2020 provides 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 truly has an exciting line-up of leading international luminaries to deliver State of the Art and Keynote addresses. These include Robert Cialdini, Lisa Diamond, Philip Zimbardo, Elizabeth Loftus and the Nobel laureate Daniel Kahnemann (<https://www.icp2020.com/scientific-program/thematic-areas/>). The stimulating scientific programme also includes translational research lectures, controversial debates, roundtable discussions, workshops, and a range of presentations and symposia that cover the breadth of psychology, as well as a programme for emerging psychologists. In addition, I will convene a presidential symposium on the Global Implications of Open Science involving scientists and other participants from within and outside the psychology community.

The Union will hold our 2020 Assembly in Prague on 20 and 22 July 2020, during which elections for our Executive Committee, President-Elect and Treasurer will take place. The First Convocation and Call for Nominees was sent to our National Members in October. We will also present our prestigious quadrennial awards: the Major Advancement in Psychological Science Prize, the Lifetime Career Award, the Achievement Against the Odds Award, and the Young Investigator Awards for Basic Science and Applied Science. We have an excellent set of nominations for these and the jury process for deciding awardees is well underway.

The past year has thus been very busy as will be the coming year. Without the support of the Executive Committee and the National Members, it would not be possible to achieve so much. My personal thanks therefore must go to all of you. Psychology is, and should be, at the forefront of human endeavour. In order to move forward we must work collaboratively together 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 and peaceful 2020.

I look forward to seeing you all at ICP2020 in Prague in July 2020!

*Professor Maras' 2019 year-end video message may be accessed [here](#).



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

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

Due to the numerous requests for an extension and the huge volume of abstract submissions received to date, ICP2020 wishes to announce that the deadline for the submission of abstracts has been extended until 19 January 2020. Click [here](#) for more information.

The ICP2020 will be held in Prague, Czech Republic from 19-24 July 2020. The venue of the Congress is the Prague Congress Centre, located right next to the UNESCO site, Vyšehrad. The Congress and its motto, 'Open Minds, Societies and the World', brings over 40 thematic areas, each of them offering several Keynote Speakers. There will be five days of Congress enriched by a scientific programme including workshops, round-tables, controversial debates and special presentations by State of the Art Speakers such as Daniel Kahneman, Philip Zimbardo, Robert Cialdini, Elizabeth Loftus, Samir Rawat and many others. For more details click [here](#).

Do not miss the opportunity to be a part of this extraordinary event.

Represent yourself, your nation, country and region and join us at the ICP2020!

For detailed information about the Congress such as important dates, keynote speakers, guidelines for abstract submission, please visit www.icp2020.com or follow us on social media:

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