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## IUPsyS' Global Footprint

### PSYCHOLOGY DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

The seventh annual Psychology Day at the United Nations will be held on the 24th April 2014 at the UN Headquarters Conference Building in New York. This year's theme is "Psychology's Contributions to Sustainable Development: Challenges and Solutions for the Global Agenda".

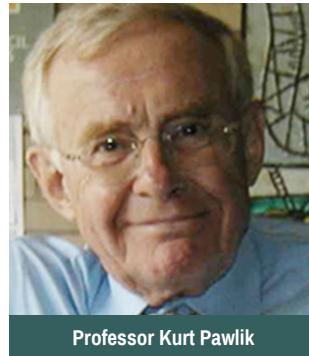
The event will focus on the three pillars of sustainable development, with presentations from psychologists and UN representatives addressing how the science and practice of psychology can be used to advance social, environmental, and economic well-being.

A keynote address will be made by Dr. Maya Shanker (Senior White House Policy Advisor) and the panel on 'Social, Environmental, and Economic Sustainability: Psychological Contributions for the UN Post 2015 Agenda' includes contributions from the following: Prof. Saths Cooper (President, IUPsyS); Dr. John Lawrence (Former Principal Adviser & Deputy Director, UNDP); and Dr. Elke Weber (Director, Center for Research On Environmental Decisions).

For more information and a detailed program and list of speakers, see:

[www.unpsychologyday.org](http://www.unpsychologyday.org)

### 80TH BIRTHDAY WISHES TO FORMER IUPSIS PRESIDENT, PROF KURT PAWLIK



Professor Kurt Pawlik

The IUPsyS takes great pleasure in congratulating **Prof Kurt Pawlik** on achieving the milestone of his 80th birthday.

Prof Pawlik served as President of the International Union of Psychological Science from 1992-1996 and prior to this as Secretary-General from 1984 - 1992. He also served two terms as President of the International Social

Science Council (2000 - 2002; 2002 - 2004). His illustrious career has spanned over 47 years and he has been a professor at the University of Hamburg since March 1965. He has researched a myriad of topics, including the physiological psychology of learning and memory, psychological assessment, and clinical neuropsychology. He has been the recipient of many awards for his distinguished contributions to global psychology.

We look forward to his continued contribution to our discipline during his new decade.

## ICP 2016



ICP 2016 will be held in **Yokohama, Japan** from **24-29 July 2016** and is organised around the following theme:

**Diversity in Harmony: Insights from Psychology.**

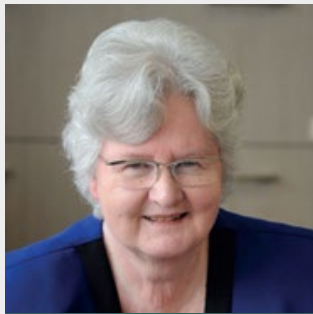
For more information, click the link below.

<http://www.icp2016.jp/>

## News from National Members and Affiliates



### THE AUSTRALIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY REFLECTS ON THE LAST DECADE AND LOOKS TO THE FUTURE



Professor Lyn Littlefield OAM PhD

The last decade has seen enormous changes in the political, regulatory and economic environment for psychology in Australia and the Australian Psychological Society's (APS) engagement with this external environment. Professor Lyn Littlefield, the APS Executive Director for the past 12 years, reflects on the change of the APS' focus from setting standards for the profession and its education, to placing

greater emphasis on building strong relationships with Government and other professions to influence decisions about the provision of psychological services in Australia.

Through submissions, representations and membership of influential government committees, the APS achieved a breakthrough in having psychological services for people with mental health disorders funded under Australia's universal health system, Medicare. APS also led the establishment of KidsMatter, the national mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention initiative now in nearly 2,000 schools and early childhood services, and was a founding partner in headspace, the national youth mental health initiative.

APS played a leading role in the establishment of Allied Health Professions Australia and The Mental Health Professionals Association, peak national bodies which work towards more integrated health and mental health systems for the benefit of consumers. The APS is also proud to have assisted indigenous psychologists form the Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association, and worked with the community to establish an Australia-wide disaster response network that provides psychological assistance and shares resources with overseas psychological associations.

While developing this external focus, the APS has not diminished supporting its 21,000 members as well as the psychology discipline and enhancing standards for the profession. It is currently establishing a formal training institute to provide high quality professional development. So what for the future? There are still huge challenges, especially in terms

of psychology education and workforce models in Australia. The APS is particularly keen to build on relationships formed through ICAP 2010 and form strong partnerships with international psychology associations so we can all share our knowledge and experiences to support and develop psychology across the world for the benefit of the communities we serve.



### THE LEBANESE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION: A DECADE OF SERVICE

The Lebanese Psychological Association (LPA) was officially established in 2004 and is the first national professional association with comprehensive scope, that gathers psychologists from different specialties, universities, and fields of interest in Lebanon.

LPA responds to significant gaps in Lebanon by being proactively involved in societal development. The main goals are to promote the practice, research and teaching of psychology in Lebanon, highlight the importance of the role of psychology in serving Lebanese society, establishing a network of professionals in psychology for the purpose of exchanging expertise and stimulating psychological research, as well as collaborating with local, regional, and international psychological associations and organizations.

One of the most important projects which LPA has worked on for years, is the establishment of recognized laws and guidelines for the practice of psychology, which included the establishment of a licensing process and an accrediting board through the Ministry of Health. These guidelines will soon be voted on in the General Assembly of the Lebanese parliament, and will be ratified as laws guiding and regulating the psychology profession. This will make Lebanon the first country in the region with such guidelines, a pioneering effort from LPA.

LPA has also been recently involved in campaigns to combat the stigma around LGBT issues in clinical settings, through media appearances and workshops to educate and sensitize clinicians to this important matter in their practice.

Living in a zone of permanent armed conflict and instability, LPA members are regularly involved in disseminating nonviolent approaches in schools for teachers, parents and

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children, working on conflict resolution among belligerent parties, providing on volunteer basis psychological interventions to at-risk groups and traumatized communities, and participating in international conferences on peace negotiation and conflict resolution. With the latest Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon, many LPA members have been involved in psychological relief work for refugees and host communities alike.

LPA provides continuing education opportunities to its members. Seminars are organized to present new trends in psychotherapy such as recent workshops on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy and Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, which were facilitated by international and local experts. LPA became a member of IUPSyS last year and represents Lebanon in the Assembly.

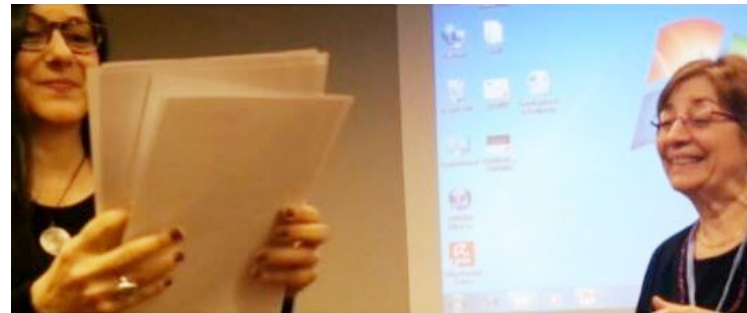


### TURKISH PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (TPA)

The history of Turkish psychologists within professional organizations dates back to 1956 when a group of psychologists founded an association in İstanbul. Later this association merged with others to establish a more functional and unified organization and the Turkish Psychological Association (TPA) was founded in Ankara in 1976. The main aims of TPA are to attain high quality standards in research and practice in professional psychology, to monitor and promote the responsibilities and professional rights of the members and to endorse scientific and professional work for the promotion of the public welfare. TPA is one of the associations in Turkey which has the distinguished title of 'Association for the Public Welfare' rarely granted by the Turkish Council of Ministries. During the nineties, TPA expanded its collaborations with and memberships to international organizations. TPA has become a member of both the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPSyS; in 1992) and the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA; in 1993). TPA also has affiliation with the American Psychological Association (APA). These memberships were significant stepping stones in the history of TPA that have enabled getting in touch with our colleagues to contribute to the development of psychology in Turkey.

In recent years, TPA began to take active roles within these organizations by contributing to several committees and task forces; and held the European Congress of Psychology in 2011 in İstanbul. TPA collaborated with IUPSyS and WHO for the ICD-11 project in 2011.

Recently, TPA's National Awarding Committees S(NAC)s received approval from EFPA for both EuroPsy Basic (March 2013) and Specialist Certificates (Psychotherapy) (August 2013) in Turkey. As for the new progressions in the national context, the title of clinical psychologist was regulated by the Ministry of Health in 2010. The Turkish Council of Higher Education authorized the TPA to accredit the psychology departments and programs in 2011 for the period of 2011-2015.



The EuroPsy Basic and Specialist Certificates Distribution Ceremony, February 2014





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### ICAP 2014



A reminder that registration is open for the 28th International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP) that will take place from 8-13 July 2014 in Paris.

Information about registration is available at:  
<http://www.icap2014.com/registration/5>

### 22ND CONGRESS OF IACCP



The 22nd Congress of IACCP will be held in Reims, France, immediately following the International Congress of Applied Psychology in Paris.

For more information, see: <http://www.iaccp2014.com/>

## News from International Bodies

### ICSU: 2ND INTEGRATED RESEARCH ON DISASTER RISK CONFERENCE

The 2nd IRDR conference on the theme "Integrated Disaster Risk Science: A tool for sustainability" will be taking place from 19 June 2014 in Beijing, China. The format of the conference will be a series of plenary sessions geared around the challenges of implementing integrated research, inter-organisational collaboration, and policy, as well as interaction with sustainable development activities. The sessions will address the range of environmental hazards, vulnerability, and sustainability in both global and local contexts.

For more information, see: <http://www.icsu.org/events/interdisciplinary-body-events/2nd-integrated-research-on-disaster-risk-conference>

### ISSC: TRANSFORMATION IN A CHANGING CLIMATE PROCEEDINGS

The ISSC has launched the 'Proceedings of Transformation in a Changing Climate' that took place in June 2013 at the University of Oslo, Norway. The proceedings contain 27 articles representing different themes and aspects of transformation and climate change. The papers demonstrate the breadth of the field and the importance of bringing together different perspectives.

For more information, see: [http://www.sv.uio.no/iss/english/research/news-and-events/events/conferences-and-seminars/transformations/proceedings-transformation-in-a-changing-climate\\_interactive.pdf](http://www.sv.uio.no/iss/english/research/news-and-events/events/conferences-and-seminars/transformations/proceedings-transformation-in-a-changing-climate_interactive.pdf)



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