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## 2016 IUPsyS MESSAGE

It has been a privilege to serve you as President of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS), having been constantly encouraged by your support.



*IUPsyS President Cooper*

I am pleased to report that the period since ICP2012 has been exceedingly busy, replete with developments and activities that have significantly strengthened the standing of the International Union of Psychological Science in the global community. This, despite the insecurity that all of us face as our world confronts heightened financial, environmental and security challenges and threats. Despite these harsh objective realities, the science and practice of psychology continue to improve.

I reiterate my belief that 'psychology is succeeding to grapple with real issues that confront real people in the laboratory of life'. Society has begun to acknowledge this, and is placing an increasing value on psychological knowledge, insights and the multiplicity of applications that psychologists are responsible for in a variety of settings. More than ever before, society cannot replace the need for psychologically reliable underpinnings of human behaviour, especially when other proffered explanations are found wanting.

All areas of our activity have witnessed significant growth, especially in respect of Publications and Communications and Capacity Building.

The International Journal of Psychology (IJP) celebrated its 50th Anniversary as the only global general psychology journal under a committed and respected leadership and new publisher. The Union has undergone a branding facelift, with new signage and website and has begun creating a social media presence. The IUPsyS Bulletin has increased in frequency and the Executive Committee wishes to express its sincere thanks to all those national members who have contributed to its growing success.

The Union has been involved in capacity building activities with a strong regional focus. Importantly, the Union has fully supported the inauguration of the Caribbean Alliance of National Psychology Associations (CANPA), the Pan-African Psychology Union (PAPU), and the Arab Union of Psychological Science. The Union has continued its active association with EFPA and the ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies, and was responsible for the Latin American Regional Conference of Psychology in Colombia, where the leadership of various national associations held extensive discussions on closer regional cooperation. The Asia-Pacific Psychology Leadership Forum will be hosted on 24 July, immediately prior to the

various national associations held extensive discussions on closer regional cooperation. The Asia-Pacific Psychology Leadership Forum will be hosted on 24 July, immediately prior to the ICP2016 Opening Ceremony in Yokohama, Japan.

The Union continues to host acclaimed International Workshops on Psychological Intervention After Disasters in partnership with other global, regional and national science entities, and at which our national members actively participate. The Executive Committee has been buoyed by national members increased levels of interaction with the Union, and the readiness with which information has been forthcoming, some of which have been published in the regular Bulletin. While the Union has been unable to attend the numerous conferences and scientific meetings that it has been invited to over the last 40 months, the Executive Committee has attempted to ensure that the vast majority of invitations have been honoured.

Our interactions with the world bodies that we are part of – especially the International Council for Science, the International Social Science Council, the World Health Organisation - have heightened. Major progress has been made with the WHO ICD Revision and the Presidential Task Force on the United Nations will report on the way forward, so that we are more engaged in such arenas. Taking advantage of the Union Assembly being held in Paris last July, the Union celebrated the 125th Anniversary of its founding at the same venue as the closing dinner of the 1st ICP on 10 August 1889. Although our activity level has been exceedingly high, our expenses have been quite contained, resulting in historic reserves and income. With your continued critical involvement and support, the improvements that are contained in the statutory amendments, for consideration by the next Assembly, will enable the Union to truly remain 'Psychology's Global Voice'.

The Union is committed to flying psychology's flag high throughout the world, especially in developing contexts where 'psychology continues to examine the human condition in extreme situations and develops new intervention approaches'. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I take this opportunity to wish you well over the holidays, in the hope that 2016 will be peaceful and fruitful to you and yours. The Executive Committee looks forward to being with you at ICP2016 in Yokohama from 24 to 29 July next year.

## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY 2016



For more information, see: <http://www.icp2016.jp/>. You can also follow ICP 2016 on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/ICP2016?fref=ts>



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### 1st LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY

The Latin American Regional Conference of Psychology was held in the city of Armenia, Colombia, from 02-05 September 2015. Under the aegis of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) and with the collaboration of the International Association of Applied Psychology and the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology, this event was organized as a joint event with the Colombian Congress of Psychology by the Colombian College of Psychologists and the Colombian Association of Schools of Psychology.

The academic program comprised nearly one thousand presentations including workshops, lectures, symposia, paper sessions, debates, and book presentations. Over 2,400 psychologists from Colombia and 15 other countries of Latin America attended this event.

A two-day Capacity Building meeting was held in order to plan and support actions to promote the development of national professional organizations in Latin America. Representatives from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, The Bahamas and Venezuela held discussions on organizations, international impact, quality of training, ethics and professional behaviour as well as interactions with society. The participants assessed capabilities, needs and challenges in the region, proposed joint actions for the growth of psychology in the region and adopted the Armenia Declaration.

IUPsyS President Cooper and the members of the Executive Committee participated in the Capacity Building Roundtables and offered Invited Lectures and Symposia for the academic Program. In the months following the Armenia meeting, there has been further discussion on the declaration and proposals with national and regional associations. It is expected that there will be follow up on specific actions with national representatives at the International Congress of Psychology in Yokohama (2016). Further information may be obtained from:

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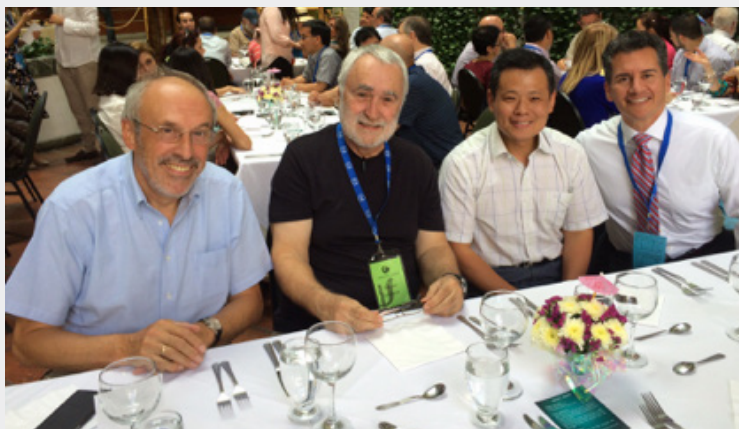
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## 1st LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY ctd



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## WORLD PSYCHOLOGICAL FORUM 2015



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INTERDISCIPLINARITY

The IUPsyS convention of determining ICPs years ahead of the actual event has meant that the Prague ICP 2020 organisers have had to hold off promoting this ICP until ICP 2016 in Yokohama next July. But our colleagues in the Czech Republic (CZE) have been very active, regularly highlighting psychology around the world in their journal and engaging in other ways to engage IUPsyS National Members and create awareness of ICP 2020, without detracting from ICP 2016 promotions.

The World Psychological Forum that they successfully hosted in Prague from 17 to 19 September 2015, under the motto 'Crossroads of Interdisciplinarity', had thought-leaders from various backgrounds address contemporary political, economic and cross-cultural issues through the psychological prism. Economists and political scientists such as Jacques Rupnik (France) and Vladimíra Dvořáková (CZE) held their own with IUPsyS President Saths Cooper, Martina Klicperová (CZE), Christina Maslach (USA), Jana Plichtová (Slovakia), Shalom Schwartz (Israel) and Philip Zimbardo (USA). Delegates from 21 countries participated in the plenary, podia and e-poster sessions, and could either directly ask keynote speakers questions or post these questions electronically.

'Forum' holds special meaning in the Czech Republic since the Velvet Revolution in November 1989. The leadership of certain international organisations used to meet at ICPs under the rubric 'World Psychology Forum', but IUPsyS decided over ten years ago that this was somewhat pretentious. World Psychological Forum is now firmly etched as a CZE psychology initiative and the next Forum will be held in Brno in September 2017.

For more information, see: <http://www.wpforum.eu/>



President Cooper delivers keynote address at the World Psychological Forum

(WPF 2015) in Prague.

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### LAUNCHING OF THE ARAB UNION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE (AUPsyS)

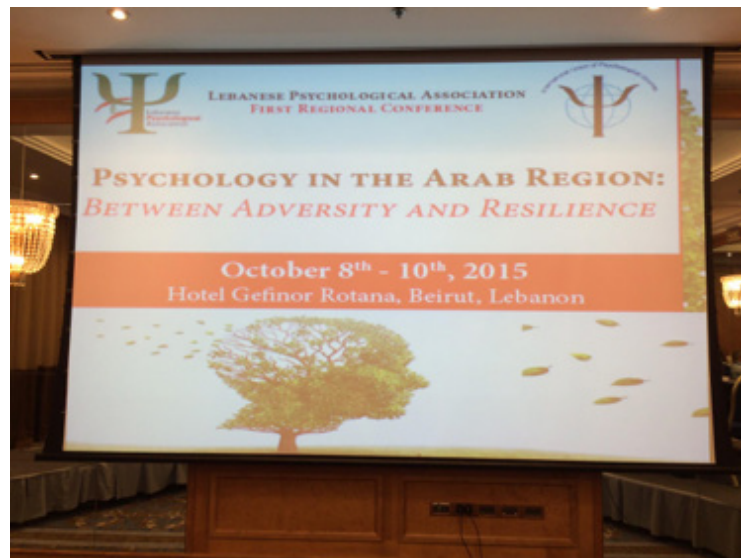
During the "Psychology in the Arab World" conference that was held in Beirut from 08-10 October 2015, the establishment of the Arab Union of Psychological Science (AUPsyS) was declared. This event took place in cooperation and in the presence of the President and the Secretary-General of the International Union of Psychological Science and a number of delegates from different Arab states, as well as observers from Turkey and Iran.

The Jordanian Psychological Association (JPA) had started the initiative of the AUPsyS, in cooperation with the International Union of Psychological Science. A consultative meeting was prepared and organised by the JPA in Amman, Jordan on the 18-19 August 2015 in order to establish the Arab Union of Psychological Science and review the final draft of its proposed statutes. The meeting was attended by a number of delegates from different Arab states, representatives of many Arab psychological organisations, and academics in the field of psychology at state and private universities.

The Amman consultative meeting came in an effort to implement the recommendations of two regional conferences, the 1st Regional Conference of Psychology in the Middle East and North Africa (MENARCP-1), which was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in 2003, and the 2nd Regional Conference (MENARCP-2), that took place in Amman, Jordan in 2007, where emphasis was placed on the need to establish an Arab Union for psychological organisations. This was further stressed and highlighted within the Amman Declaration in 2007, which was adopted by regional and international delegations specialized in psychology representing nearly 140 countries, all of which agreed on the need to establish an Arab Union of Psychological Science, similar to all other unions in different regions of the world.

The First executive committee for the AUPsyS was elected in Beirut and comprises of Prof. Adnan Farah as the founding president, Dr. Zuhair Zakaria from Jordan as Secretary-General, Dr. Brigitte Khoury from Lebanon as Vice-President and Dr. Iyad Othman from Palestine as Treasurer. Additional members include Dr. Fawzi Ezzat from Egypt, Dr. Haider Zamel from Iraq and Mrs. Rabab Alshare from Algeria. The president of the AUPsyS Prof. Farah pointed out that the establishment of the AUPsyS was a consequence of many challenges that were recently experienced by many countries in the Arab region. The political, social and economic challenges and conflicts the region has witnessed have created the need to establish an organisation that can provide a professional umbrella for better cooperation among the Arab psychology organisations, unify efforts and strengthen ties among all scientists and practitioners working in psychology across the Arab region.

As a regional, independent, non-profit organisation headquartered in Amman, Jordan, the AUPsyS is dedicated to promoting the development and advancement of the science and practice of psychology; improving psychology education, training programs; regulating the psychology profession according to international standards; and further seeking better representation of Arab psychologists in the international arena of psychology.



Opening ceremony under the patronage of the Minister of Public Health, Beirut, Lebanon



IUPsyS President Cooper and Secretary-General Watts with participants at the Inaugural Meeting of the Arab Union of Psychological Science, Beirut, Lebanon



## LAUNCHING OF THE ARAB UNION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE (AUPsyS) ctd



*IUPsyS President Cooper and Secretary-General Watts with participants at the Inaugural Meeting of the Arab Union of Psychological Science, Beirut, Lebanon*



*The formal launch of the Arab Union of Psychological Science - Executive Board*



*President Cooper delivers the opening address at the Lebanese Psychological Association's 10th Anniversary Congress, Beirut, Lebanon*

## THE 4TH PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS AFTER DISASTERS WORKSHOP

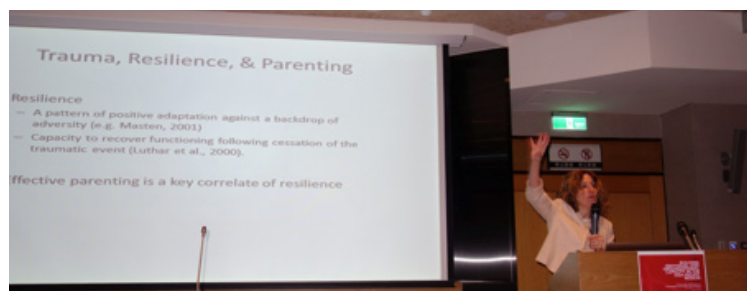
The 4th International Workshop on Psychological Intervention After Disasters (PIAD 2015) was held at the International Centre of Excellence on Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR-ICoE), Taipei from 9 - 12 November 2015. The workshop is an annual activity spearheaded by the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) with support from ICSU and its partners since 2012. This year, a total of 25 participants from eight Asian countries attended the workshop. Faculty for the workshop consisted of scholars from Australia, China, New Zealand, Taiwan and USA who are leaders in their fields of research. Core funding for the workshop was provided by IRDR-ICoE-Taipei with additional support from the Jacobs Foundation and the Chinese Society for Psychological Science. Organization of the workshop was undertaken primarily by the ICSU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ICSU ROAP) and IRDR-ICoE. Other partners included the Center for Applied Developmental Science of the Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena, and the United Nations University International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH).

Materials from the workshop can be downloaded from <http://www.icsu.org/asia-pacific/news-centre/news/piad-2015/>



*Building Individual and Organizational Capacity  
in the Asia-Pacific Region*

*4th International Workshop on Psychological Intervention After Disasters (November 9 - 12 2015)  
IRDR ICoE-Taipei, Academia Sinica, Taiwan*



*Professor Abigail Gewirtz delivering her presentation*

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### PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS AFTER DISASTERS 2014 ALUMNUS AWARDED A NEW ZEALAND ASEAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2016

An alumnus of the Psychological Interventions after Disasters (PIAD) 2014 workshop was awarded a New Zealand ASEAN Scholarship for 2016. Johnrev B. Guilaran, a faculty member of the University of the Philippines Visayas in Iloilo, Philippines will be working on his PhD under the supervision of another PIAD alumnus, Dr. Ian de Terte of the School of Psychology, Massey University, New Zealand. Mr Guilaran and Dr de Terte were both participants at the workshop held at the Southwest University of Science in Technology in Mianyang, Sichuan, China between 8-11 December 2014.

Johnrev Guilaran's research will focus on Resilience and Social Support in the context of first responders. According to Mr Guilaran, the PIAD workshop was very helpful, as it helped him address the weaknesses of his research methodology. "Before the PIAD workshop, I was already working on my PhD proposal. However, during the workshop in Mianyang, I realised many things on how I can improve my research. I clearly remember Professor Silbereisen emphasising how important it is to do research that looks at causation. I knew right there and then that I should design my study with that in mind," he said.

Mr Guilaran added that the PIAD workshop was able to expose him to studies done by researchers in other countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. "It was a good venue for benchmarking. We got to compare notes with researchers from the other parts of the globe. I also got to realise the areas where I need to work on, as well as my strengths. And it's amazing to get feedback from some of the best researchers in the world," he said. He also added that without the PIAD workshop, he would not have met his PhD supervisor. Dr de Terte's research is also on Resilience and Post-traumatic Growth.



*Johnrev Guilaran and Ian de Terte, co-participant in the PIAD 2014 workshop*

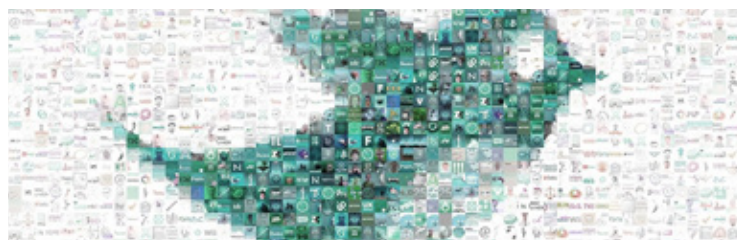


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## News from National Members and Affiliates...

### 45th ANNUAL MEETING OF PSYCHOLOGY IN BRAZIL: TO CONGREGATE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE



The Brazilian Society of Psychology (SBP) held its 45th consecutive Annual Meeting between 27-30 October 2015 in Belo Horizonte, the capital of Minas Gerais. The meeting opened with a speech by its President, Ricardo Gorayeb, which highlighted concrete aspects of the reunion theme: "To Congregate Makes the Difference". Gorayeb emphasised the presence of the Federal Council of Psychology, representatives of 12 thematic societies of Psychology in Brazil and Latin America as well as the Brazilian National Association for Research and Postgraduate Studies in Psychology (ANPEPP), which along with SBP lead the consortium of Brazilian organizations in IUPsyS.

During the four-day event there were symposiums, conferences, roundtables, panel discussions and book launches, amongst various other activities. The 45th Annual Meeting of the SBP had over 950 participants and the presentation of 900 scientific papers, in an innovative system of presentation and awarding of research communications, where all presentations were held in a fellowship environment and pooling of ideas.

Ricardo stressed that the congregation of all these entities helps to make a united Brazilian Psychology, to be able to make impact on public policies, "reaching the ultimate goal of psychology, which is to bring happiness and better quality of life to people."

Ricardo emphasised that in the long run, this union strengthens the application to IUPsyS to host the International Congress of Psychology (ICP) 2024 in Rio de Janeiro, which will be presented in Yokohama, 2016. Currently, this union should result in more strength to fight undesirable measures such as the reduction of public funds and indisputable priority that must have research, education and health, taken by the state under the aegis of trying to solve the transient economic problems of the country. Ricardo highlighted that these measures can only be combated by a strong and united Psychology, by entities that are related, are congregated and strengthened.

The president of SBP stated that "To congregate makes, effectively, the difference and this union, this congregation will show that together we can build a better future and confront these threats." Concluding his speech, Ricardo said: "This is a time of celebration, but our consciousness cannot sleep, I wish you all a fruitful event in scientific debates, fruitful in political meetings and growth of a vital union to achieve collective goals".

For more information, see: <http://novo.sbponline.org.br/>



*Members of the Executive Committee of the Brazilian Society of Psychology, together with members of the Organizing Committee of the 45th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society of Psychology*



*Ricardo Gorayeb, President of the Brazilian Society of Psychology, delivering his opening speech*



*Executive Committee of Brazilian Society of Psychology and the Rector of Federal University of Minas Gerais (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais - UFMG) attending the opening conference*



## News from International Bodies

### WHO: GLOBAL CLINICAL PRACTICE NETWORK



The GCPN was established by WHO's Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse as a multidisciplinary and multilingual medium for investigating the proposed ICD-11 diagnostic guidelines for mental and behavioral disorders. To provide feedback and to participate in internet-based field studies, and for further information, see:

<http://www.globalclinicalpractice.net/>

### INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL: WORLD SOCIAL SCIENCE FORUM ATTENDEES ADOPT DECLARATION ON ENDING INEQUALITY



The 2015 World Social Science Forum took place in Durban, South Africa from the 13-16 September and closed with the adoption of an agenda-setting declaration on ending inequality and injustice globally. The conference declaration sets out how the social sciences can contribute to the commitment made in the Sustainable Development Goals to 'leave no-one behind'. It unites researchers around a common pledge to take action on injustice and inequality globally, regionally and locally. The declaration was developed through an innovative collaborative process, with some 1000 conference attendees able to view, edit and comment on the declaration via a mobile phone application available for the duration of the conference. For more information, see:

<http://www.worldsocialscience.org/2015/10/world-social-science-forum-attendees-adopt-declaration-ending-inequality/>

### JACOBS FOUNDATION: ANNOUNCES 2015 PRIZE WINNERS OF THE KLAUS J. JACOBS AWARDS



The Jacobs Foundation has announced the recipients of this year's Klaus J. Jacobs Awards. The Research Prize, endowed with one million Swiss francs, has been awarded to UCL neuroscientist Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore. Blakemore is a Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience at University College London (UCL) and Deputy Director of the UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, London, UK. Blakemore's research focuses on understanding emotional and social brain development during adolescence. Blakemore was chosen by a jury of experts honouring her groundbreaking achievements in child and youth development. Until about 15 years ago, the prevailing opinion amongst neuroscientists was that no major neurodevelopmental changes occur after early childhood but Blakemore has delivered a body of scientific evidence demonstrating that the adolescent brain is continuing to develop. The Klaus J. Jacobs Awards was presented on 04 December 2015 at an award ceremony at the University of Zurich, Switzerland. For more information, see: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/swiss-based-jacobs-foundation-announces-2015-prize-winners-of-the-klaus-j-jacobs-awards-for-exemplary-work-in-youth-development-300152258.html>

### INTERNATIONAL TEACHING OF PSYCHOLOGY NETWORK: TRANSLATING RESEARCH TO IMPROVE THE TEACHING OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE



Psychological science often suggests promising principles that may improve learning. However, many of these findings have not been translated to educational contexts or designed into easy-to-implement teaching interventions. A new grant program from the APS Fund for Teaching and Public Understanding of Psychological Science encourages the development of evidence-demonstrated interventions that apply well-established principles to improve the teaching of psychological science. The deadline for applications is 01 February 2016. For more information, see: <http://interteachpsy.org/News/News#d30092015>