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IUPsyS' Global Footprint

Introducing Professor Pam Maras: The Vision and Vantage Points of the Union's President-Elect

The election of Professor Pam Maras to the future presidency of IUPsyS marks another important milestone in the Union's 127 year history. Both her scientific focus and commitment to establishing an 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 in 2018.

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, and the Greenwich Education Business Partnership business award for 'Supporting education' in the Borough in 2000. She is also recognised as a public resource for dissemination of the psychological sciences to which she is so 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' service to the science of psychology has spanned a range of sectors. She is a Chartered Scientist (CSci) with the UK Science Council and Fellow and the Director of Research and Enterprise at the University of Greenwich, London at which she also leads the Research Centre for Children Schools and families. Her intellectual footprint stretches across the world through research collaborations and funding agreements with countries in Australasia, China, Europe (including France, the Netherlands, Spain and Italy), the Nordic Countries, North and Latin America and South-east Asia. Between 2007 and 2008, she was the President of the British Psychological Society and in 2012 held the position of its Honorary General Secretary. In playing a leading role in IUPsyS' Standing Committee for Capacity Building during her two terms on its Executive Committee between 2008 and 2016, Prof Maras' service has sought to bring

on its Executive Committee between 2008 and 2016, Prof 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.

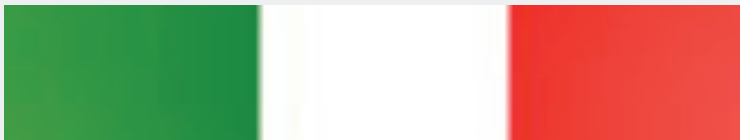
It is this commitment to the development of a truly international psychology, responsive to the agendas of its country members that defines Professor Maras' pathway to the presidency of psychology's most representative Union. Psychology has an evermore progressive role to play in understanding the complexities 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.



Pam Maras, IUPsyS President-Elect

News from National Members and Affiliates

Italian Network Psychologists Association (INPA)



The Italian Network Psychologists Association (INPA), the organisation that represents the community of Italian Psychology, comprises approximately 80 000 members. The journey to become a psychologist in Italy commences with a 'second level degree' (after five years) in psychology in any of the Italian Universities. This is followed by a one-year internship, and then passing the required 'State Examination'. This leads to membership in Section A of the Register of Psychologists. Psychologists may practice their discipline in fields of prevention, diagnosis, psychological support, work and organisational psychology, habilitation and rehabilitation, and may focus on individuals, families, social organisations and communities.

In this context the INPA's goals are to improve the quality of relationships between psychologists, guarantee the protection of the categories, protect the consumers and increase employment opportunities.

INPA comprises four associations:

- 1) The National Board of Italian Psychologists (CNOP: www.psy.it)
- 2) The Italian Association of Psychologists (AIP: www.aipass.org)
- 3) The Academic Conference of Psychology (CPA)
- 4) The Unitary Association of Italian Psychologists (AUI: www.aui.it)

The current INPA Officers are:

- President: Fulvio Giardina
- Vice-President: Fabio Lucidi
- Secretariat: Giulio Vidotto
- Treasurer: Mario Sellini

The two delegates to the IUPsyS Assembly are Fulvio Giardina and Alessandro De Carlo.



INPA Vice-President, Fabio Lucidi, INPA President, Fulvio Giardina

Psychology in Spain



During the past two years a significant event in Spain has been the creation of the Spanish Academy of Psychology. This academy comprises distinguished psychology scholars, as well as scholars from other similar but older institutions devoted to science, law, history, and medicine, among others. This may be viewed as a social recognition of the role psychology is now playing in Spanish society, as well as the higher standards reached by researchers in specialised centers and Universities.

The inaugural Executive Committee comprises nine academics appointed by the Spanish Department of Education, based on proposals made by Universities, Royal Academies and the Spanish Psychological Association. At a recent election fifteen new fellows were elected on the basis to their merits and the diversity of their specialisations.

As a collegiate body, recognised by both academic and professional groups, the Academy will in the future play a leading role in social and cultural affairs related to the continuously developing field of psychology in the country.

A measure of the vitality of psychology in Spain may be obtained from the following academic year data for psychological programmes in the country:

- a) Pre-doctoral degree programmes in psychology comprising 240 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS); (1 ECTS = 25-30h) exist in 31 universities and have vacancies for 5 629 students. 81% are female, with psychology ranked seventh in terms of occupations requiring a university degree. The less expensive ECTS (that is, the more subsidized) in Andalusia cost 12.62 € per unit, whilst the more expensive in Catalonia cost 35.72 €. The average achievement is 83%. (2013/2014 data).
- b) Master degrees in psychology comprise 60 (standard), 90 or 120 (7 programmes) ECTS. These exist in 75 universities and have vacancies for 2,848 students. The cost of the ECTS are 13.68 € in Andalusia, 60.00€ in Catalonia, and 61.11€ in the Summer School (2015/16 data).
- c) Master degrees in health psychology exist in 24 universities, with vacancies for 1,248 students. The cost of the ECTS are 13.68 € in Andalusia, 46.78€ in Catalonia, and 61.11€ in the Summer School (2015/16 data).
- d) 90 Ph.D or Psy.D. programmes exist for which detailed data was not available in 2015/2016.

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Psychology in Spain (continued)

The Spanish Psychological Association (SPA), also known as Consejo General de la Psicología, is organised in a similar way to a Federation, with a central coordinating body or Council formed by 23 regional Associations or Colegios and eight national divisions, with a variety of permanent work groups. The SPA is governed by an Executive Committee (President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary General, Vice- Secretary, a Treasurer and a Member); an Executive Council composed of the Presidents of the regional associations; and a General Assembly. Membership is compulsory for practicing professionals and at present is made up of 60 000 members. Although membership is not obligatory for certain groups, among them scholars, SPA has become an umbrella body for the science and profession of psychology. Activities are supported by a strong and dynamic website, the Associations 17 journals, and several newsletters. Psychology in Spain as a profession has thus become highly valued over the years.

Further information may be found at <http://www.academiadepsicologia.es/>



Inauguration of the Spanish Academy of Psychology on
26 November 2015



First Executive Committee of the Spanish Academy of Psychology,
31 August 2015



Ceremonial medallion and pin of the Spanish Academy of Psychology - Cogito,
Sentio, Ago. The resting butterfly is the arcane symbol of psychology.



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News from International Bodies

United Nations



66th Department of Public Information/ Non-Governmental Organizations Conference of the United Nations

The 66th Department of Public Information (DPI)/Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Conference was successfully held in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea from 20 May to 01 June 2016. It was the fifth time that the DPI/NGO Conference took place outside the United Nations Headquarters in New York, and the first time ever that the DPI/NGO Conference was hosted by an Asian country. Pre-enrollment of the conference reached an unprecedented 4 400 participants who represented 700 NGOs and universities, almost twice as many of the largest past conference.



The Conference provided opportunities for members of civil society, diplomats, United Nations officials, policy experts, scientists, educators, businesses, trade unions, parliamentarians, local authorities and others from all over the world to discuss the theme, "Education for Global Citizenship: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Together." On behalf of IUPsyS, two members of the Korean Psychological Association (KPA), Dr. Hoon-Seok Choi (the Chairperson of the International Committee of the KPA and Dr. Seung Lee Do (Director of External Affairs of the KPA) participated in the conference. At the conference, it was noted that psychology is a much-needed area to be connected with the UN as well as global NGO activities in pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Conference started with Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's address. He mentioned that the United Nations values contributions from NGOs and would proudly continue strengthening partnerships with them.



He also expressed his concerns about the restrictions against NGOs around the world, such as restrictions on journalists.

At the Conference, the following four main Roundtable Sessions and one Special Roundtable were held:

- Roundtable 1: The Rights to Accessible, Safe, and Inclusive Learning Spaces
- Roundtable 2: STEAM Should Power the SDGs
- Roundtable 3: Children and Youth: Tomorrow's Global Citizens Today
- Roundtable 4: Global Citizens as Stewards of the Planet: Energy, Environment and Climate Change.
- Special Roundtable: Local Development and Poverty Eradication for Global Citizenship



Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon addresses the opening session of the UN Department of Public Information (DPI)/Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Conference in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea. UN Photo/Mark Garten

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66th Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference of the United Nations (continued)

During these roundtable sessions presenters discussed and gave their opinions on the designated issues. Audiences responded passionately to these issues. The IUPsyS delegation strongly advocated for the including psychology when educational policies for global citizenship are designed and executed.



Participants from the Roundtable discussions



There were more than 45 workshops and exhibitions held at the conference, including 'Visions for Universal Education Protocol towards Global Citizenship,' and 'Platforms for Global Citizenship for Global Citizenship Education.'



The NGO participants at the 66th United Nations DPI/NGO Conference adopted an Action Plan so that all may realize the aspirations of the 2030 Global Agenda for Sustainable Development. The statement maintains that "Education is a human right, essential to well-being and dignity, and is key to achieving Agenda 2030. Further, an ethos of global citizenship is required in order to fulfill this bold, people-centered, universal, and planet-sensitive development framework."



Dr. Hoon-Seok Choi



Dr. Seung Lee Do



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International Council for Science



ICSU Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean

A high level ceremony involving several government ministers was held in El Salvador on 30 August 2016 to officially inaugurate the ICSU Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC). Minister of Foreign Affairs Hugo Roger Martinez Bonilla, Minister of Education Carlos Mauricio Canjura Linares, and Vice Minister for Science and Technology in the Education Ministry Erlinda Handal Vega joined with ICSU's Executive Director Heide Hackmann, Director of ROLAC Manuel Limonta, Secretary General David Black and Executive Board Member Nicole Moreau to celebrate the new office. For more information, see: <http://www.icsu.org/news-centre/news/top-news/official-ceremony-to-open-icsu-regional-office-for-latin-america-and-the-caribbean-in-el-salvador>

ICSU Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean

Scientific organizations worldwide have been invited to visit a new website to endorse 'Open Data in a Big Data World' – the accord for open access to publicly funded research data developed by Science International. Science International, a joint campaign to promote strong policies for science at the global level, has launched a new website to support its global campaign to promote open access to "big data".

For more information, see: <http://www.science-international.org/>.

The 'Open Data in a Big Data World' accord was unanimously adopted by the IUPsyS at its Assembly on 27 July 2016 in Yokohama, Japan.



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