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Kurt Pawlik
16 March 1934 Vienna, Austria – 14 August 2022 Hamburg, Germany

IUPsyS - Psychology's Global Voice - is honoured to count Professor Kurt Pawlik amongst its distinguished leaders, having served IUPsyS in many capacities, including as President (1992-1996) and Secretary-General (1984-1992). His long service in the IUPsyS Executive Committee began at the critical 22 July 1976 Paris Assembly, which protested "solemnly against any use of scientific data or of professional methods of psychology that impair "the inviolable rights of human beings, regardless of race, religion or ideology, these rights being guaranteed by the Charter of the United Nations," protesting "any collaboration by psychologists - whether actively or passively, directly or indirectly - with the above-mentioned abuses, and it urges its members to oppose any abuses of this sort".

Rainer Silbereisen (IUPsyS President 2008-2012) describes him as "the first, and for decades, the most important ambassador of psychology after WW II," utilising "his great leadership talents to develop a special character for the many international scientific organisations he served in governance roles over the years. He was a builder of coalitions across political and cultural borders and divides... I will always remember him as a brilliant negotiator and mover.

For Michel Denis (IUPsyS President 2000-2004) "Kurt Pawlik was undoubtedly one of the most remarkable, dedicated, and indefatigable promoters of psychology, both as a science and a profession. His achievements attest to a sustained and ardent mode of thinking, fully tuned towards the international dimension of our discipline.

"Clearly, since the early times of his presidential mandate, Kurt was committed to promote an ambitious international view of psychology, by supporting the implementation of international projects sponsored by the Union, some of them being funded by ICSU (now the International Science Council). He eagerly advocated for putting efforts into the exploration and documentation of what he termed the psychological dimensions of global change".

"But at the same time, Kurt also defended the concept of regional development of psychology in forms adjusted to the specific needs of some countries or regions. This took the form of Regional Congresses, which were scheduled in between the Union's regular quadrennial international congresses. The first Regional Congress was launched under his guidance in 1995 (Guangzhou, China). Under his leadership, Regional Congresses were complemented by the development of capacity-building initiatives, the so-called Advanced Research Training Seminars (ARTS), in collaboration with our sister organizations, IAAP and IACCP". "During his mandate, Kurt also supported initiatives to promote and illustrate the role of psychology in a multidisciplinary scientific environment. His actions contributed to make our discipline more visible and meaningful in the scientific concert at a time where other sciences expressed increasing demands for taking psychological

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knowledge into account for solving societal issues. Kurt's presidential time was also marked by the strong implication of the Union's EC members in the governing bodies of umbrella organizations like ICSU and ISSC. In 1998, he was elected President of the ISSC. One of his most noticeable initiatives and invaluable outputs as Union's Past President was the volume he co-edited with Mark Rosenzweig, *The International Handbook of Psychological Science* (Sage, 2000).

"Through all his accomplishments at the service of the Union, Kurt Pawlik remains one of the most eminent and faithful ambassadors of psychology in the scientific community and the society at large."

Saths Cooper (IUPsyS President 2012-2018) recalls "I got to know Kurt fairly well since my first IUPsyS Assembly in July 1998 in San Francisco. We developed a growing mutual bond since then, sharing insights into his tenure in the IUPsyS leadership, followed by his presidency of the International Science Council, my accession as ISSC Vice President in 2013, and his involvement in creating the IUPsyS Past Presidents Forum in 2018. Kurt did not brook fools easily, yet possessed a strength of character and charm that evades most persons possessing his achievement and stature. He is sorely missed in these trying times that our fragile world confronts."

PRESIDENTIAL IUPSYS POST-ASSEMBLY COMMUNIQUÉ

On behalf of the IUPsyS Executive Committee (EC), I extend sincere appreciation to you for the positive contributions made at our biennial Assembly, which was held virtually on 04 July 2022.

In terms of the Executive Committee elections, one nomination for Secretary-General and five nominations for three positions of regular Executive Committee Members were received by the Elections Committee.

The following were duly elected to serve a four-year term on the EC:

1. Ava Thompson, The Bahamas – Secretary-General
2. Brigitte Khoury, Lebanon – EC Member
3. Prakash Padakannaya, India – EC Member
4. Robertas Povilaitis, Lithuania – EC Member

Our new Secretary-General, Ava Thompson, has a long history of contributions to organised psychology at the regional and global levels. Dr. Thompson served two terms as an elected member of the EC and was instrumental in supporting Union activities, especially in capacity building; for example, she co-led the establishment of supporting leadership in regional groupings, including in the Caribbean, Africa, and the Asia Pacific regions. Dr. Thompson has the experience and professional and personal qualities to lead the IUPsyS Secretariat in meeting the Union's mission to serve humanity. Brigitte Khoury and Prakash Padakannaya will begin their second terms on the EC. They are both accomplished academics and experienced leaders who have generously offered their knowledge and work capacity to the Union for the last four years. Robertas Povilaitis has a long and valuable experience in organised psychology in various roles in his home country, Lithuania, and the European Union.



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I want to express sincere thanks to the first female President of IUPsyS, Pam Maras, UK, who led the Union in difficult and unprecedented times. Professor Maras regularly engaged high-level international organisations to improve the profile of psychology among the sciences and the role of science in responding to global issues. Before her election, she served as an elected member of the EC for two terms. In that and her Presidential role, she worked to increase the number of National Members and supported capacity-building worldwide to establish Regional Members reflecting IUPsyS' global position. Professor Maras will continue to serve the Union as an Officer (Past President) on the EC for the next two years.

On behalf of all current Executive representatives, I would like to sincerely thank EC Member Ricardo Gorayeb, Brazil, for his service to the Union. A special thanks of appreciation from the entire EC for 14 years of service to the Union is extended to Ann D. Watts, South Africa, who completed her term as Secretary-General. Dr. Watts served on the EC from 2008 and between 2012 and 2022 as Secretary-General. In 2016 she was the first person elected (rather than appointed) to the role of Secretary-General. She was also the first female and the first person from the Majority World to be elected to that position. Dr. Watts also significantly increased the Union's profile at the World Health Organization.

1. Growing our global footprint and impact as a broker/convener of psychological science to deal with issues of critical importance to the international psychological community and humanity.
2. Engagement with National and Regional Members.
3. Increasing regional activity and engagement to enhance IUPsyS' impact and relevance.
4. Improving the global visibility and profile of IUPsyS.
5. Developing IUPsyS' operational capacity and financial underpinnings to enable the enactment of the Action Plan.

I am honoured to assume the Presidency of the Union. I am grateful that I can count on such a great team in the Executive Committee, and I also rely on your support to advance the agenda set by the current Strategic Plan. As a team, we will further that plan with a renewed vision and other goals for the following years.

Psychology is considered a fundamental STEM science worldwide, and its role as a hub science offers immense possibilities to collaborate with and influence other sciences and society. At the same time, however, it faces critical challenges that organised psychology must contribute to overcoming. The legal recognition of professional psychologists is still limited in some regions of the world; our fundamental knowledge of the complexities of human behaviour is still based primarily on small populations of the world; despite significant efforts by the psychological community, our capacity to offer a full range of psychological services is still confined to the wealthiest areas of each country, leaving behind large segments of the population who are the most vulnerable; our response to crises worldwide reflects more our good intentions than our best capacities; our limited social impact does not match our extraordinary knowledge of human behaviour and wellbeing; and like other sciences, psychology is experiencing a loss of confidence by part of the public, as a result of political tendencies that predate on mistrust on scientific knowledge and promote prejudice and opinion as the basis for social discussion and political decisions.

As the global voice of psychology, IUPsyS has much to contribute to addressing these common problems, and we understand that the solutions must reflect our national and regional diversity. We aim to work with you and other stakeholders to identify the appropriate levels of action and the contributors to each proposed solution.

Our plan requires the contributions of our National and Regional Members as well as our Affiliates. We intend to facilitate communication with all of you, seeking synergies and promoting a better understanding of how we can work together to extend benchmark solutions and identify new strategies to address common problems. Please feel free to reach out to our EC members, who are committed to the mission of IUPsyS.



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As noted at the Assembly, one of the first actions of my Presidency will be to further develop a policy to guide our actions in crises and emergencies as embedded in pillar one of our strategic plan. The calls for action in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and more recently the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian government prompted this initiative; we expect, however, that such a policy will help address future emergencies and crises elsewhere. In a short while, we will issue a call for contributions to that policy and organise a meeting to discuss those contributions. We look forward to your input to this critical proposal.

Finally, I would like to invite you to think of ways to strengthen our organisation and, more generally, the institutional system of international psychology. Globalisation has exponentially increased our capacity to reach out and work with others but also has increased the potential to misinterpret the nature of representation necessary for multilateral action. As the global voice of psychology, IUPsyS has a historical standing, duty, and capacity to engage organised psychology worldwide to improve our scientific and professional achievements. We intend to contribute to that goal in the current and next quadrennium.



Germán Gutiérrez
IUPsyS President

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGY (IJP)

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The International Journal of Psychology (IJP) is the official journal of IUPsyS. IJP advances psychological research of interest and relevance for the human condition around the world and serves as the outlet for internationally relevant basic and applied research in scientific psychology.

SPECIAL ISSUE: INNOVATIONS AND NEW DISCOVERIES IN INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION PSYCHOLOGY

International migration remains one of the central issues of modern civilization. In 2019, 272 million individuals worldwide were international migrants, representing more than a 175% increase over 1990 levels. This new special issue showcases recent theoretical, methodological, and empirical advances in the research on migration psychology. The hope is that these articles will be useful in future research on migration Psychology and practical work with immigrants. The special issue is available now.



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News from National Members, Regional Members and Affiliates

ASIA PACIFIC PSYCHOLOGY ALLIANCE MINI CONFERENCE



The Asia Pacific Psychology Alliance (APPA) is a representative body for the science and profession of psychology in the Asia Pacific region, and the current membership includes 14 countries across the region including Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, Singapore, and Sri Lanka. We also have very close ties with the ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies (ARUPS) and are a recognised Regional Member of the Union.

From its inception, the Union has been closely involved in the evolution of the Alliance, including sponsoring the Asia Pacific Psychology Leadership Forum, which took place at the International Congress of Psychology meeting in Yokohama, Japan, 27th July 2016 (Chaired by Professors Pam Maras and Ava Thompson), with the attendees of the Forum each becoming signatories to the **Yokohama Declaration**. The signatories to the Declaration subsequently met on Saturday, 14th October 2018 at the ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Society's conference in Bali, Indonesia marking the official launch of the Alliance. This event was witnessed by then President of IUPsyS Professor Saths Cooper.

The Assembly of the Asia Pacific Psychology Alliance (APPA) held its inaugural meeting on 1st August 2019 in conjunction with the 7th ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies (ARUPS) Conference which was hosted in Penang, Malaysia.

In furtherance of its aims the Alliance held a virtual mini conference on the 7th and 14th of August this year with the theme of Psychological Regulation across the Asia-Pacific: A Work in Progress. We were lucky enough to have two very distinguished keynote speakers at the event, including Mr Nick Lord, Liaison Officer for the WHO Collaborative Centre For Health Workforce Regulation, Pacific Southwest, as well as Prof Dragos Iliescu, President, Division 2 (Assessment), of AAP.

In addition to these distinguished speakers, we also had presentations from some of the other membership of APPA including Prof Mark Eric Reyes, delegate from the Psychological Association of the Philippines, Dr Cherie Chan, delegate from the Singapore Psychological Society, Prof Hana Suzuki, delegate from the Japanese Psychological Association, and Prof Kee-Hong Choi, delegate from the Korean Psychological Association.

This distinguished set of speakers presented informative and useful guidance with regard to licensure within the Asia-Pacific, and a series of examples of how the various countries in the region have been capable of working with their respective governments to achieve regulation of psychological training and licensure. Many lessons were learned about the development of governmental recognition of the discipline, and some innovative solutions proposed. More than 50 delegates attended the events and the presentations are available for interested readers on the **APPA website**.



News from International Bodies

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



THE WHO BULLETIN

The WHO Bulletin is one of the world's leading public health journals. It is a peer-reviewed monthly journal with a special focus on developing countries, giving it unrivalled global scope and authority. The Bulletin is one of the top public and environmental health journals and full detail may be accessed [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL



ISC NEWSLETTER

The International Science Council (ISC) is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils. It is the only international non-governmental organization bringing together the natural and social sciences and the largest global science organization of its type (<https://council.science/>). The latest newsletters of the International Science Council brings you the latest on their activities and may be viewed [online](#).



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