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MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE IN TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA

Shortly after the tragic news emerged, the International Union of Psychological Science sent a **message of solidarity** and support to the people and communities in Türkiye and Syria affected by the devastating impact following powerful earthquakes and multiple aftershocks. We extend our condolences and solidarity to those affected by this tragedy and also offer support to our National Member, the **Turkish Psychological Association**. We will offer our help to the psychological community in their efforts to provide support to those affected by this disaster. Teams from the UN Refugee Agency are on the ground to provide life-saving assistance to families affected by the disaster, details of which may be viewed [online](#). The WHO is supporting the response in both Türkiye and the Syrian Arab Republic in a number of ways which are detailed [online](#) and donations via the WHO Foundation may also be made [online](#).

IN MEMORIAM: A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR HOUCAN ZHANG

By: Michel Denis

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Honorary Life Member of the Executive Committee of IUPsyS

The international psychological community mourns the death of Prof. Houcan Zhang, a mostly respected figure of our discipline, and a contributor to the increased presence and visibility of Chinese psychology on the international scene. The members of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) are particularly sad in these circumstances and feel committed to praise the contributions that our distinguished colleague made to the development of psychology as a science and as a profession.

An expert in psychometrics, testing, and statistics, and a promoter of the application of quantitative methods to psychology and education, Prof. Zhang also developed an ambitious research program on the cognitive mechanisms involved in the processing of Chinese language, particularly the reading and comprehension of Chinese characters. She investigated children's eye movements that subserve reading, both those reflecting universal factors and those specific to the Chinese writing system. She also documented the positive effects of the Chinese tradition of putting emphasis on early education, especially children's learning of mathematics.

Prof. Zhang conducted most of her research at Beijing Normal University, which she joined in 1952 and where she has been a source of inspiration for generations of students. The fact that she was invited to hold the position of Vice-President of the Chinese Psychological Society was a recognition of her exceptional academic qualification.

Prof. Zhang's contribution to the missions of the IUPsyS took several forms. In 1995, the Executive Committee (EC) of the Union held a meeting in Guangzhou, China, in conjunction with the IUPsyS-sponsored Regional Asian-Pacific Congress. Prof. Qicheng Jing and Prof. Zhang welcomed the event. This meeting confirmed the high standards of Chinese psychology and entertained the idea of the value of inviting China to take over the organization of a forthcoming edition of the International Congress of Psychology (ICP).

In 1996, at the beginning of Prof. Géry d'Ydewalle's presidency, Prof. Zhang was elected as an EC member. Her election ensured continuity with the previous mandate of Prof. Jing, and she served on the EC until the Stockholm Congress. In 2000, at the beginning of my presidential mandate, she was re-elected and took the important charge of Vice-President, which worked until the Berlin Congress. Her thoughtful initiatives,

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her wisdom, her sense of human relations was essential to the success of the XXVIIIth ICP, which was held in Beijing in 2004.

As a well-deserved recognition of the merits of Prof. Zhang, the IUPsyS decided in 2016 to deliver to her the Achievement against the Odds Award. Every four years, this prize honors a researcher who succeeded in conducting research under extremely difficult circumstances. Like many other academics, Prof. Zhang has suffered from coercive treatments applied at the time of the Cultural Revolution. Imprisoned for several years and subjected to so-called "reeducation", she survived and courageously persevered against the regime that attacked psychology and criticized it as a pseudoscience. She took the lead to ensure the recovery of psychometric methods in the field of science and the recognition of psychology as an academic discipline.

As aptly stated by the IUPsyS when delivering this award, "Prof. Zhang has overcome many challenges to inspire multiple generations of students and scholars in China and become an ambassador of Chinese psychology to the world". Today, the international psychological community pays tribute to the accomplishments of an outstanding pioneer of psychology in China and across the world.



ICP2024

Please do not miss the opportunity to be a part of the 32nd International Congress of Psychology (ICP2024) to be held in the wonderful city of Prague, Czech Republic from July 21-26, 2024. To be sure you are not missing any important deadline, please mark your 2023 calendar with these important dates below. All information can be accessed [online](#). To get in touch with the ICP2024 team, please email: secretariat@icp2024.com or abstract@icp2024.com.

FEBRUARY 1

CALL FOR EPP APPLICATIONS OPEN

MARCH 1

OPENING FOR ABSTRACTION SUBMISSION

JUNE 1

OPENING FOR ALL CONGRESS REGISTRATIONS

JUNE 1

EPP SUBMISSION DEADLINE

JULY 1

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
FOR EARLY REVIEW

OCTOBER 1

EPP RESULTS OF THE SELECTION PROCESS
WILL BE MADE PUBLIC

DECEMBER 1

1ST DEADLINE FOR REDUCED REGISTRATION FEE

News from National Members and Affiliates

PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND



The Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) is the learned and professional body for psychology and psychologists in the Republic of Ireland. Established in 1970, the Society represents circa 4,000 members with a range of specialisms including research and practice in the public and private sectors.

Last year, under the direction of then President Dr Vincent McDarby, PSI was happy to host its annual conference in person once again, after holding it online during the pandemic. The event was a great success, with keynotes by Professor Steven Pinker and Professor David Canter. The Society also commenced an even greater focus on developing closer relationships with our international colleagues, with the addition of an International Liaison Officer role to be held by an elected member of PSI's Council.

Many current themes in psychology - like mental health, human rights, climate change, equality/diversity and digitalisation - are inherently international topics. Meaningful progress in these areas often requires a cooperative approach that transcends borders and PSI appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues to progress these important aims. A practical example of this is the recent work by PSI's Special Interest Group in Human Rights in responding to the IUPsyS Call for Comments on Policy on Human Crises.

PSI is delighted, this year, to welcome our new President Dr Anne Kehoe. Anne is an Assistant Professor in Clinical Psychology at University College Dublin and a Senior Clinical Psychologist working for Children's Health Ireland. This year also sees the stepping down of PSI's former CEO Shane Kelly. Shane was much appreciated for his contributions to the Society and a new CEO will take on the role later this year.

As the Society looks forward to the year ahead, a number of important topics are on the agenda. The availability and quality of psychological supports for those who need them remains a pressing issue. Equality of funding for psychology trainees is something that the Society has lobbied for, and has had some recent success in, but there still remains important work to be done here. Another important topic - statutory regulation of Psychology - is something that has been promised, but has taken a long time to be implemented in Ireland. PSI continues to advocate for regulation to be implemented in a way that can offer strong protection to the general public, while also accommodating the variety of specialisms that exist within the profession both within and outside of healthcare.

PSI has also played an active role in offering support to those affected by the war in Ukraine, as well as other international crises. The Time of War Resources started off as a collection of practical resources and guidance documents available to support those seeking shelter in Ireland, as well as those who are supporting them. It grew into a database of those willing to volunteer their expertise. PSI has recently been looking at ways to collaborate with our colleagues at Trinity College Dublin, who have been doing similar community-focused work, and updates will be shared as this develops.

PSI remains appreciative of the great work being done around the world by our international colleagues, and we hope ourselves to continue to offer our support. Please feel welcome to reach out if there are ways that we might collaborate.

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Anne Kehoe, President of PSI



Vincent McDarby, Past President of PSI

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TAIWANESE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION



The **Taiwanese Psychological Association** (TPA) was founded in 1961. As the oldest academic association in Taiwan, TPA is organised by 11 psychology divisions and has more than 372 regular and affiliated members, all of whom share a passion for psychology, and its impact on individuals and society. Since our foundation, the TPA has continued to conduct academic conferences and actively engaged in psychological research, data collection, and publication of psychology books and an academic journal, Chinese Journal of Psychology. The TPA has played a core role in the scholarly exchange and academic collaboration among nations. For the international exchange, we organised the International Convention of Learning, Teaching, and Assessment in Taipei in 2015, the 55th Annual Convention of Taiwanese Psychological Association and the International Psychological Conference in Taiwan in 2016, and the International Symposium on Elderly Well-Being in Pingtung in 2018, all of which were very successful. In addition, we have been a National Member of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) since 2017. Furthermore, the TPA has signed MoUs with the Korean Psychological Association and the Japanese Psychological Association.

The TPA aims to achieve the integration of individual psychological fields to make contact with modern techniques

such as artificial intelligence (AI). The integration provides remarkable insights into the need for mental health care. The ultimate goal will utilise multi-disciplinary knowledge to promote psychological well-being. With this mission, in January 2023, the 55th Board of the Executive Committee was inaugurated with Tai-Li Chou, Ph.D. as the President.



Psychology Prospective Forum for the 60th Anniversary of TPA



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News from International Bodies

UNITED NATIONS



IUPSYS SUPPORTS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE



IUPsyS noted its support of the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science**, an annual observance adopted by the UN General Assembly to promote full and equal access and participation of females in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics fields. The theme of the 8th International Day of Women and Girls in Science Assembly was “Innovate. Demonstrate. Elevate. Advance. I.D.E.A.: Bringing communities Forward for sustainable and equitable development”. Full details may be viewed [online](#). [#February11](#)

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 [here](#).



News from International Bodies

STANDING COMMITTEE ON GENDER EQUALITY IN SCIENCE: HYBRID EVENT

The Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science (SCGES) was established in September 2020. “The Committee’s work includes supporting women and girls’ equal access to science education and fostering equal opportunity and treatment for women in their careers through events and capacity building. One such event took place on February 14, 2023 in conjunction with the International Day, the International Year of Basic Science for Sustainable Development (**IYBSSD**), and the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry – **IUPAC**’s – Global Women’s Breakfast. The hybrid webinar event took place in Paris and online, with organisers keen to reflect on the original reports’ results, follow-up activities, and outcomes, and to learn about alternative approaches to addressing the gender gap. They also have a keen eye on the need to build allies from the international science community, with both men and women encouraged to attend the event.” The event, entitled, “How to Evaluate and Reduce the Gender Gap in Science?” may be viewed **online**.



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