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IUPSYS AT THE ISC GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE DIALOGUE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY: ADVANCING PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE ON THE WORLD STAGE

The International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) represented global psychology at the [Muscat Global Knowledge Dialogue](#) and the [Third General Assembly](#) of the International Science Council (ISC), held from 26–30 January 2025 in Muscat, Oman. The General Assembly, which meets every four years, is the Council's highest authority and consists of its Members' representatives. The General Assembly meetings provide a forum for conducting ISC business and allow leading scientists to identify and discuss the world's most pressing scientific issues. These landmark events brought together over 400 delegates from 132 countries to shape a strategic vision for science in addressing urgent global challenges.

As a founding member of the ISC, having been previously active in both the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC), IUPsyS holds ISC Category 1 membership, which consists of scientific umbrella organisations devoted to the practice and promotion of a scientific discipline or area of science. The Union's leadership presence in Muscat reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring psychology's voice is embedded in global science and policy dialogues.

The [Global Knowledge Dialogue](#) opened with high-level pre-event workshops. Key plenary sessions included *"Rethinking International Science Collaboration in Today's World"*, *"Emerging Technologies and the Evolution of Science,"* and *"Beyond Borders: Science, Public Trust & Multilateral Policy,"* alongside focused parallel sessions on themes such as international collaboration, science diplomacy, open science, sustainability, ocean science, and trust in science. A defining outcome was the release of the [Muscat Declaration on Global Science](#), which called for collective action and concluded that "science is a universal endeavour that can act as a positive force to bridge divides, foster trust, and catalyse collective action on shared global challenges at multiple levels".

IUPsyS also participated as a voting member at the ISC General Assembly, contributing to key decisions on the ISC's 2025–2028 Strategic Plan and governance reforms. This engagement aligns with the Union's Strategic Goal 1 (grow 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) Action 3 (engagement with other international organisations and global entities) of the IUPsyS Strategic Plan, to strengthen representation in global science and policy initiatives.

On January 26, 2025, IUPsyS President-Elect, Brigitte Khoury, joined an esteemed panel of speakers to present in a workshop entitled, [Leveraging the ISC Membership to Strengthen Science Advice to Policy](#). The workshop focused on case studies and practitioners' insights, to provide a forum for ISC Members to share their experience of working at the science-policy interface and strategise on opportunities to strengthen scientific advice to policymakers from the national to the global levels.

Beyond these formal sessions, IUPsyS leveraged its presence in Muscat to promote regional capacity-building. A dedicated two-day meeting convened by IUPsyS and the Arab Union of Psychological Science (AUPsyS) leadership led to the revitalisation of AUPsyS, culminating in the selection of new Officers and the adoption of the IUPsyS-AUPsyS Muscat Declaration to advance psychological science in the region. Additionally, a meeting with Omani psychologists explored national priorities and opportunities for deeper engagement. Both events underscore IUPsyS commitment to Strategic Goal 3 (increase regional activity and engagement to enhance IUPsyS' impact and relevance). Further coverage of these developments will appear in future editions of the Bulletin.



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ISC General Assembly



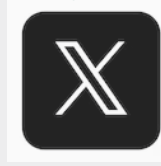
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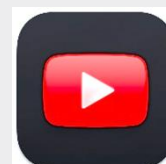
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A PERSONAL REMEMBRANCE OF RUBÉN ARDILA

BY: SATHS COOPER, IUPSY S PAST PRESIDENT

Professor *Rubén Ardila* was an eclectic scholar, a keen follower and observer of the fullness of life, a lover and patron of the arts and literature, and a person of immense refinement and grace.

Despite the limitations of academic psychology prevalent in the Faculty of Psychology at his alma mater, the National University of Colombia in Bogotá, he persevered to rise above the psychiatric, Freudian, and applied orientation he was subjected to, and trail-blazed in all that he ventured into. The psychology bug had indelibly affected him in his late teens, and his quest for scientific excellence and pushing the boundaries he confronted never deserted him.

I met *Rubén Ardila* at the first biennial Assembly of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) held in San Francisco in July 1998, retaining a warm collegiality over the years. He rarely expressed displeasure or disdain, let alone anger, in public. Heaven knows that there was often just cause for sharp reactions in the contexts in which we engaged. We would share glances of sufferance at the gauche and inane. As an erudite and knowledgeable professor of psychological science, it was not in his cultured upbringing to lose his equanimity by responding with a sharp retort. Certainly, not a pushover in many fields of knowledge that he took a keen interest in, he would quietly restrain himself against the brash ones amongst us who were limited to holding forth on their specialisations, their recently published articles, and those still in press.

Personable, instantly likable, and engaging if he took to you, he always had time for students of all ages, those he mentored and supervised, and who never hesitated to impose on him for his insights and depth of knowledge and breadth of experience in a fast-changing geo-political order that impacts us all.

Rubén never bragged about his achievements and what he had done to advocate for and assist in establishing psychology, not only in his country and Latin America but elsewhere. Without need for affirmation, he inaugurated the IUPsyS Award at SIP, which, after certain leaders seemed peeved, was changed to the

Rubén Ardila Lifetime Achievement Award. Thus, much of these contributions went almost unnoticed in the organisations that he was part of. The Vice-President of the Colombian Association for the Advancement of Science, and investigator of the Colombian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, he has published over 30 seminal books (*Psychology of Learning* was required reading for decades) and some 300 articles. By his mid-twenties, he had begun holding national leadership positions and continuing in psychology leadership globally. He received the prestigious *Colombian National Award for Scientific Merit for his lifelong devotion to science*.

I had the pleasure of serving with him from 2000 to 2004 on the Executive Committee of IUPsyS, which he described as “The United Nations of Psychology.” Latin America has, until fairly recently, been underrepresented, not only in IUPsyS but in other international psychology organisations. Thanks to his mentorship, Germán Gutiérrez (Colombia) is our incumbent IUPsyS President, Marizaida Sanchez-Cesareo (Puerto Rico) our Treasurer, and Luis Carrizo (Uruguay) also serves on the Executive Committee. *Professor Rubén Ardila* and other psychology pioneers have helped us to be truly inclusive, really caring about psychology everywhere.



Professor Rubén Ardila

News from National Members, Regional Members & Affiliates

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES: DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP) was established in 1962 to represent the country's psychologists, educators, researchers, and practitioners. It organized its first national conference (PAPCON) in 1964 and has held one annually since then, except in 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, the PAP celebrated over 60 years of service to the profession, culminating in the 2024 Diamond Jubilee National Annual Convention on September 26-28 in Baguio City. The convention brought together more than 1,500 onsite and approximately 1,900 online delegates.



Keynote Address by IUPsyS President Germán Gutiérrez



The 2024 Diamond Jubilee of PAPCON included the participation of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) through President Germán Gutiérrez, who delivered the keynote address, *“Bridging Global Divides in Psychology: A Unified Vision for Hope.”* Moreover, the ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies (ARUPS) honoured the PAP with the presence and presentations of Adrian Toh (President, ARUPS and Singapore Psychological Society), Wan Shahrazad Wan Sulaiman (Past President, Persatuan Psikologi Malaysia), Guitar Sakunpong (Board Director, Thai Psychological Association), Anrilia Ema Mustikawati Ningdyah (Chair IV, Himpunan Psikologi Indonesia) and Jeremy Heng (Honorary Secretary, Singapore Psychological Society).



PAP Board, PAP Past Presidents, IUPsyS President, and ARUPS Officers

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ARUPS Officers and IUPsyS President

Their sessions and panel discussions emphasised the shared goals and collective efforts of ASEAN nations in advancing the field of psychology, fostering a sense of unity and collective progress among neighbouring countries while showcasing the Philippines' active role in ASEAN psychology.

The 2024 PAP Diamond Jubilee also launched a major forthcoming event: the 2025 International ARUPS-PAPCON. Cebu City was selected as the next host location, highlighting its strategic position as a hub for international gatherings. Given its unique blend of fascinating tourist destinations, robust infrastructure, and accessible international airport, Cebu City is ideal for this event. The announcement affirms PAP's international perspective, highlighting its vision and commitment to cultivating meaningful regional and global partnerships.

By: Maria Luisa M. Guinto

ASEAN REGIONAL UNION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETIES – ARUPS 8TH CONGRESS AND PAP 61ST CONVENTION

The ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies (ARUPS) and the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP) are excited to announce their joint congress, scheduled for September 25-27, 2025, with pre-convention workshops on September 24. This landmark event will occur at the IEC Convention Center, Cebu City, Philippines. Under the theme *“Futurescoping Psychology: Our Role in Attaining the Sustainable Development Goals,”* this congress celebrates collaboration and unity, providing a vibrant platform for psychologists, educators, researchers, and practitioners from across the region and beyond. Participants will engage in thought-provoking discussions, workshops, and presentations led by esteemed experts, fostering global connections and exploring innovative solutions to shared challenges. Registration opens soon! Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this inspiring gathering that aims to drive progress and positively impact individuals and societies. More details maybe viewed [online](#).



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SWISS PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY: 18TH CONFERENCE

The 18th conference of the Swiss Psychological Society is scheduled to take place from September 07-09, 2025, at the Regent Congress Center in Crans-Montana, Valais. The conference theme is "Bridging Distances in the Psychological Sciences" and will bring together researchers from all levels and fields of psychology to share their latest findings. All information may be viewed [online](#).

SPS SGP SSP

Swiss Psychological Society
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Psychologie
Société Suisse de Psychologie

19TH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY

The [19th European Congress of Psychology](#) will be held from July 01-04, 2025, in Paphos, Cyprus. The event is organised by the Cyprus Psychologists' Association under the auspices of the [European Federation of Psychologists' Associations](#) (EFPA). The theme is Transforming Psychological Science: the 2030 Agenda. The early bird registration deadline is April 01, 2025. Get ready for three packed days of sharing knowledge and experiences! An overview of the programme is online - for more details, click [here](#).



CARIBBEAN ALLIANCE OF NATIONAL PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS – CRCP 2025

The 6th Caribbean Regional Conference of Psychology will be held in Barbados from June 09-13, 2025. The conference theme is "Building Mental Health Resiliencies, Empowering our Communities". Click [here](#) for more details.



CARIBBEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF PSYCHOLOGY

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6th Caribbean Regional Conference of Psychology





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EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

The European Association of Psychological Assessment will hold its 16th European Conference on Psychological Assessment from July 22-25, 2025, in Barcelona, Spain. Further details may be accessed [online](#).

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

The International Council of Psychologists will host their conference in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, from April 03-05, 2025. The conference theme is *Human Rights, Dignity & Justice – Social Inclusion and Migration*. A link to the programme may be viewed [here](#), and full details can be viewed [online](#).



ICP 2025
April 3-5, 2025
EUC, Rotterdam, Netherlands
www.icpweb.org/icp-annual-conference/icp2025/



INTERAMERICAN SOCIETY OF PSYCHOLOGY

The [Interamerican Society of Psychology](#) (SIP) will be hosting the 40th Inter-American Congress of Psychology from July 14-18, 2025, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. All details can be found [online](#).



News from International Bodies

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



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PREPARING NATIONAL SCIENCES SYSTEMS FOR AI: PERSPECTIVES FROM MUSCAT

In the face of rapid advances in artificial intelligence, science systems worldwide must evolve to remain relevant and impactful. This news [article](#) of the ISC explores insights from a recent workshop in Muscat, Oman, where global science leaders convened to discuss how national science systems can better prepare for and shape the AI revolution. The dialogue highlights both the opportunities and the systemic challenges AI presents for science, policy, and society. The ISC Centre for Science Futures invites you to a [webinar](#) on April 03, 2025, exploring how countries are integrating AI into their research systems.