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YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM IUPSYs PRESIDENT PROFESSOR GERMÁN GUTIÉRREZ



Dear Members of the Global Psychological Science Community,

As we approach the close of this year, I am filled with immense gratitude for our collective achievements. Our commitment to shaping the future of psychological science on a global scale has led to remarkable progress, and I am excited to share some highlights that truly showcase the strength and impact of our community.

One of our key areas of focus this year has been working closely with regional psychology organisations to build their capacity as a means to advancing global psychology. Through targeted initiatives and collaborative programmes, we have contributed to their capacity to play a more prominent and influential role within their communities. By fostering collaboration, sharing best practices, and providing resources, we have witnessed the growth of regional psychology.

We organised collaborative activities, held productive discussions and/or participated in activities with our seven Regional Members: ARUPS, APPA, AUPSYs, CANPA, EFPA, PAPU, and UCCAP.

We also had productive exchanges and collaborations with Affiliate Members, including the Interamerican Society of Psychology and growing initiatives like the Coordinating Committee of Psychology Leaders of Latin America.

In the year 2023, we established an unprecedented level of engagement with our National Members through both virtual and in-person interactions. Our virtual communications helped us to bridge geographical barriers and facilitated meaningful connections with members who may have faced difficulty in participating previously. We co-organised, promoted and participated in online conferences, and interactive forums to foster insightful discussions and exchange of ideas, ensuring that the needs and solutions proposed by our National Members are accessible to our larger community.

In all cases, our approach has been to understand the nature of needs, capacities, and achievements in order to build sustainable initiatives that, if possible, can be extended to other regions or countries, and to promote an inclusive and equitable model of partnership across the regions.

Our partnerships with global science organizations have played a pivotal role in advancing the significance of psychology in understanding and addressing global challenges. Together, we have championed the integration of psychological insights into the broader scientific discourse, contributing to a more comprehensive understanding of the complexities we face in the pursuit of sustainable development goals.

This year we have been particularly active in collaborating with the International Science Council, the World Health Organization, the Conference of Non-governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the UN, and the Psychology Coalition at the United Nations. The contributions of psychology in different programmes are highly regarded.

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Among them:

- We have actively participated in the ISC Meeting in Paris, France, and programme of regional focal points of the ISC.
- The Ensuring Quality in Psychological Support (EQUIP) project by WHO/UNICEF also informs our WHO programme.
- Our participation in the Board of CoNGO clearly indicates our commitment to shaping the discussion and direction of global cooperation beyond psychology. The Board plays a vital role in guiding NGOs with representation at the UN, influencing policies, decisions, and advocacy efforts that resonate worldwide. Serving on such a Board provides a unique opportunity to contribute directly to formulating strategies and initiatives that address urgent global challenges.

Our commitment to multilateralism reflects a component of our emerging Psychological Science Diplomacy framework that prioritises science as a unique human contribution to the betterment of humanity through policy and societal change.

IUPsyS Past President, Pam Maras, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Committee on Data for Science (CODATA) and continues to serve as our primary representative to the Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science. Our active participation in these initiatives facilitates a strong participation for psychology within the broader scientific community and reflects IUPsyS' commitment to transdisciplinary engagement. We are delighted with the recent appointment of Drs. Grégoire Borst (France) and Jennifer E. Lansford (USA) and to the International Science Council Fellowship. In collaboration with the National Academies of Science from France and the USA, IUPsyS supported their candidacy for this significant honour, recognising individuals for their outstanding contributions to promoting science as a global public good. Grégoire and Jennifer have the critical task of serving as a bridge between psychology and the general scientific community and promoting the role of psychology in addressing highly relevant issues afflicting our planet. Congratulations to them and our psychological community.

In alignment with our commitment to sustainability, we actively participated in the **International Year of Basic Science for Sustainable Development** (IYBSSD) as a member of the Steering Committee. Our engagement has underscored the foundational role of science, particularly psychology, in shaping sustainable practices and policies and we look forward to increasing our engagement in the upcoming United Nations designated International Decade of Basic Science for Sustainable Development.

As advocates for positive change, we have committed to aligning our initiatives with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Agenda. Psychology, as a science and a profession, plays a pivotal role in shaping sustainable and equitable societies. Through our initiatives and research endeavours, we have begun highlighting how psychology can inform policies, programs, and interventions that contribute to realising the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Our **International Journal of Psychology** continues to maintain its stature as the main general psychology journal worldwide. IJP has had a great year. Our 2022 impact factor (announced in July 2023) is 3.2, the highest the journal has seen. We regularly receive submissions from about 80 countries around the globe and encourage submissions from all areas of psychology and particularly from multi-country and multi-disciplinary teams in psychology addressing themes relevant to psychology in our world. We signed a new five-year contract with Wiley which will provide us the continuity necessary to further enhance its status and high editorial achievement in the near future, at a time when scientific publishing faces many challenges at financial and academic levels. After six years, our **Editor-in-Chief**, Dr. Abigail Gewirtz, will be stepping down and we are seeking a new Editor-in-Chief. I want to thank Abi and her outstanding editorial team for their commitment and their many achievements during their tenure.



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Looking forward to the next year, we are on the brink of a significant milestone – the celebration of 135 years since the first International Congress of Psychology (ICP), held in Paris in 1889. This upcoming anniversary is a testament to the enduring legacy and impact of our Union. It presents an opportunity not only to celebrate our rich history but also to chart a course for the future, ensuring that psychology continues to be a driving force for positive change.

As you know, the **International Congress of Psychology** will be held in Prague, known as the **Mother of All Cities**. The congress will be hosted by the **Czech-Moravian Psychological Society**, with the support of the **Union of Psychologists Associations CR**, that organized the Union's first virtual Congress in 2021.

The Scientific Committee of ICP is organizing a rich programme that shows the strengths of basic and applied scientific psychology and its contributions to a hopeful future for humanity. As a multifaceted discipline, psychological science contributes to understanding the underlying mechanisms that drive some of our darkest behaviors such as insensitivity, cruelty, hatred, and violence. However, by examining the shadows of human behaviour, psychologists also strive to shine a light on the pathways to compassion, empathy, gratitude, cooperation, and kindness. Understanding the sources of both the best and worst of humanity enables psychologists to contribute to the construction of a more compassionate and harmonious society. The ICP2024 will be an unparalleled opportunity to demonstrate how psychology can serve as a guiding force in fostering understanding, and ultimately, positive transformation.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our Executive Committee and to our staff. To achieve the bold vision for the Union and psychological science, we have continued the Union's strategic priorities established by the previous leadership and have dedicated extraordinary efforts to build our organizational capacity, led by the Secretariat and Executive Office.

Aligning this effort with our capacity to respond in an agile and effective manner is a mammoth and challenging undertaking, but it is imperative for the Union's future and, by extension, the future of global psychology. Our Executive Committee's dynamic discourse on relevant global matters, where we seek consensus, has been critical in re-imagining organized psychology's contribution to a better human condition.

I especially want to thank our membership worldwide for your dedication and contributions to psychology and society in your local contexts. The **IUPsyS Foundations of Global Humanitarian Action in Crises Webinar** held in May 2023 highlighted the important role psychological organizations play around the world. We look forward to drawing on your expertise via the **IUPsyS Work Groups** and other initiatives in the new year and beyond. I have had the privileged opportunity to see the extraordinary work that you do for your societies and the planet. Together, we have created a legacy of impact, and despite the current challenges facing humanity, I am confident that the years ahead hold even greater promise for our shared mission.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wish all of you a happy closing of the year, filled with reflection, celebration, and anticipation for the exciting journey that lies ahead. I look forward to seeing you all in Prague at the first in-person gathering of the global psychology community since 2016 – an historic event not to be missed!

Warm regards,

Germán Gutiérrez

President

International Union of Psychological Science

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY 2024



International Congress of Psychology

2024

July 21 - 26, Prague, Czech Republic

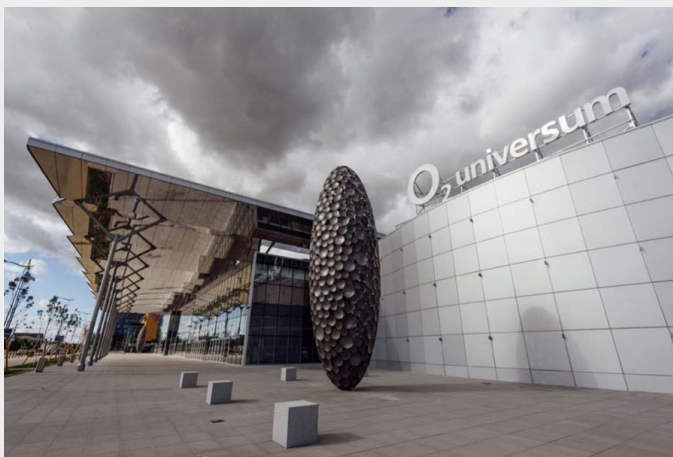
ICP 2024: THE DEADLINE IS APPROACHING!

Do not miss the opportunity to be at the top event in the field of psychology which takes place only once every four years. We invite you to participate, to share your scientific results, to network, and to exchange perspectives in the spirit of the Congress motto, **“Psychology for the Future: Together in Hope.”**

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

- **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: JANUARY 15, 2024**
- **EARLY REGISTRATION: JANUARY 15, 2024**

We could hardly find a more suitable place for the congress than Prague, the beautiful capital of the Czech Republic in the heart of Europe. The venue of ICP2024 is the new congress centre O2 Universum.



Together, we will spend six days in the O2 Universum filled with a rich and varied programme which will feature State-of-the-Art lectures, Keynote Addresses, Invited Symposia, debates on controversial themes, round tables, close encounters, and workshops conducted by top experts from a variety of fields of psychology. Experts from all over the world have already confirmed their participation and thousands of psychologists and students plan to present. The Scientific Programme includes over 40 thematic areas and more than 100 topics!

For detailed information about the Congress including important dates, State-of-the-Art lectures, Keynote Speakers, guidelines for abstract submission, etc., please visit us **online** or follow us on social media @icp2024 or #icp2024.

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