

Reporting on the 2022 International Union of Psychological Science General Assembly

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The biennial General Assembly of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) – a meeting of the 93 national members, seven regional member organizations, and 19 non-voting affiliates -- took place in a hybrid format from Ljubljana, Slovenia on July 4, 2022. This report is a short overview of the meeting; please reach out to the authors for more information.

This year's General Assembly included a report from a member of each Executive committee and a vote for a new Secretary General (Ava Thompson, Associate Professor in Psychology at the University of The Bahamas), as well as for three new regular members of the Executive committee: Brigitte Khoury (Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, American University of Beirut, Lebanon), Prakash Padakannaya (Professor of Psychology, Christ University, Bengaluru, India), and Robertas Povilaitas (Lecturer, Institute of Psychology, Vilnius University, Lithuania).

The IUPsyS has five standing committees: Capacity Building, Publications, Membership and Communications, Strategic Planning, and Gender Equality in Science, each of which provided a report. The standing committee on Strategic Planning discussed the 2020-2024 strategic plan's aim to engage with members through a National Members' Forum, the members' portal on website, and by consolidating membership benefits. Identifying opportunities for national members to become involved in IUPsyS activities and events related to emergency situations and global crises was also noted, along with improving the visibility and profile of IUPsyS by highlighting resources for students and emerging scholars. These themes were echoed in the report of the standing committee on Membership and Communications, which outlined a communications plan that includes a redesign of the IUPsyS website using a new branding identity and logo. This committee has also developed a call for a Bulletin Editor that will be disseminated shortly.

The standing committee on Capacity Building relayed information concerning congresses and meetings around the world related to psychology, as well as considerations concerning the IUPsyS' position on emergency situations and cross-border tele-psychology. Finally, the standing committee on Gender Equality in Science—a committee that arose from the Gender Gap in Science project in 2020—reported on its June 2022 webinar entitled “Toward Gender Equality in Science: Perspectives from Psychology.” A recording of the webinar is available online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-tnKnhD4o>.

The standing committee on Publications afforded an opportunity for the Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Psychology (IJP)*, Abigail Gewirtz, to speak about the journal's role as an important peer-reviewed resource on general and global psychology, as well as its current operations. *IJP*'s two-year Impact Factor for 2021 is 2.291 (an increase of 0.291 from the 2020 Impact Factor of 2.0). Its five-year Impact Factor is 2.403. Aligned with the strategic plan (and as part of the IUPsyS' agreement with the publisher Wiley), this standing committee has drafted a call for a book series Editor, to be circulated soon.

The meeting included the final report of the 32nd International Congress of Psychology (ICP) held in Prague in July 2021—attended by individuals from 107 nations (and which included over a dozen presentations by Canadians)—and a progress report of the 33rd ICP, scheduled for 2024 in Rio de

Janeiro, Brazil. Relations between the IUPsyS and other international organizations were also summarized, including the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the International Science Council. The meeting adjourned after five hours with inspiring plans of action to guide the future of the IUPsyS and its growing network.