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From the President...



Dear ICP Family, Friends of Many Years, and Future Friends

The lunar year of 2008 is the Year of the Rat, the first sign of the Eastern Zodiac in the culture of my ancestors. Traditionally, it symbolizes leadership and pioneering and promises to be a year full of fascinating opportunities. In mid-July we will gather in the elegant and historic city of St. Petersburg, Russia. Together we will enjoy opportunities to celebrate early roots and recent advances in our profession. Not only can we visit sites made famous by Pavlov and by Czars, but we can join in festivities planned by colleagues at the Railroad University as they celebrate the founding of their university. The overlapping of ICP's conference dates with those of the Interna-

tional Conference on the Teaching of Psychology, [formerly ICOPE,] allows ICP to celebrate the recent success, a group ICP helped launch in conjunction with the 2005 ICP Brazilian Conference.

A unique feature of the 2008 Conference: the Leadership Retreat Plenary that begins on July 15, first day of the conference program. Come and be a key player and join other ICP leaders past, present and future to renew ourselves. Join ICP Board and current leaders in task groups to keep abreast of organizational change that is the key to a dynamic future.

ICP's Secretariat, celebrating its first year at the University of Maine under the stewardship of Ken Elliott, is making it easy to come to the St Petersburg Conference (See Registration Form). Due to the late announcement of details for the 2008 conference and awareness of costly travel expenses, we offer a significantly low registration fee and business class hotel accommodations with affordable room rates that include breakfast. Another great benefit is that travel Visa assistance is being arranged through the Azimut Convention Hotel. Please note that the registration and hotel reservation deadline is February 29, 2008. Obtaining entry visa from the Russian Embassy can take more than three months.

I want to express great appreciation to those who have put in many long hours to solidify details for this exciting conference and to assure that our time together will be productive, comfortable, and a memorable learning experience. Without the dedicated efforts of the Executive Committee and key appointed leaders, plans for our time together in July could not have been researched and developed in time for members to make travel arrangements. In addition, I appreciate the patience and faithfulness of our ICP colleagues who have supported the 66 annual conferences across the years. I extend a special thanks to those of you who made presentations in San Diego and made possible the academically and financially successful of the 2007 ICP Conference. Please send your presentation materials to Dr. Roswith Roth, with whom I am co-editing the San Diego Proceedings book. This published record of the ICP conferences makes a valuable contribution to the unfolding history of international psychology. Wishing health and knowledge to each of you and looking forward to seeing you in St. Petersburg, Russia, in July. To make a difference, be present and please come.

Chok C. Hiew
ICP President (2007-2008)



St Petersburg: View from Azimut Hotel, ICP Convention Hotel

Making News!

Please see the general announcement of the 66th ICP Conference in St. Petersburg and call for abstract submissions from President-Elect Consuelo Barreda. The conference dates are July 15-18, 2008 and the conference hotel and venue is the Azimut Hotel St. Petersburg.

Editor's note...

Dear IP Readers and the International Psychology Community,
 Welcome to the slightly delayed December/Jan issue and apologies for not being able to bring you this information sooner. As some of you will realise the planning of an International conference often involves to-ing and fro-ing and setbacks along the way which has meant we could not bring you the finalised details until now. It is clear from all the communications in recent weeks that the conference organisers have been working very hard to find the best venues and packages for us all and very many thanks go to them for their efforts. I am sure it will be rewarded with another excellent conference - in a city steeped in history and culture which many of us have yet to visit. It is excellent to see also that there is now a 'One stop' station' for registration of both the hotel and conference through the current secretariat General, Ken Elliott. This is excellent for those of us not used to regular international travel and perhaps will encourage students and early career psychologists to take the opportunity to attend an International conference without the 'hassles' that it can entail. Please do note however that due to the need for visas for most of us, it is imperative that we register early so that there is plenty of time to sort these issues out. **Therefore the deadline for Registrations through the One stop station is February 29th, 2008! This is merely weeks away!!**

Along these same lines, the difficulties that have been found in trying to organise a conference in St. Petersburg and the worries over visas, safety, currency etc have made me consider the luxury of travel which many of us can take for granted. We consider ourselves a global community but this is not always the case in practical terms. Again I am happy to see that the ICP upholds its aim to bring together this worldwide community of psychologists - and as part of this will endeavour to hold the annual events in inspiring cities in all countries despite the practical issues!

So, this issue includes the first invitation and registration details for our 2008 conference to be held in St. Petersburg, Russia July 15-18th 2008. There are various calls for papers and symposia suggestions for the conference and again student work is encouraged and supported through the posters and early career awards schemes. **Please be aware that further details and forms are always available online through the dynamic new website: www.icpweb.org**

Speaking of which, I will be printing a summary from one of the winning poster papers of 2007 in a forthcoming issue and so if you have students who would like to also announce their work in the IP please put them in touch with me. I am happy to work with them to summarise journal articles they have put together or conduct online interviews to put together a piece for us.

Also in this issue, we have regular features such as the report from the UN and ongoing ICP business items. In addition, we have 2 new items: reports from both the communications office and the Secretary General. We hope these will be regular features to the IP to keep you updated with the news from these key parts of the organisation. As always I am happy to be able to publish news of activities and achievements from our members - please do let me know if you have any news of your own (or a colleague) for the coming issues! And on the final page we print an article in memory of Padmal de Silva for which I am thankful to Dr Nashi Khan for putting together for us.

We very much hope to be back onto our regular scheduling with the February issue, out around the 15th of the month. Please do send me any contributions to the email below. Best wishes until then.

--- Annie Crookes, PhD, IP Editor

*What to expect from the conference...
 Foyer of the Azimut Hotel*



Six Month Report from Your Secretariat General

Dear ICP Colleagues,

Today, January 13th is the first day of the Russian New Year. Tomorrow, our university classes begin again in Maine. The Spring semester is starting. I'm anticipating more than a foot of snow will fall, adding to the white carpet that's already marked the season. Even with global warming, winter here is unfolding peacefully. Writing to you, my thoughts are focused on our meeting in Saint Petersburg six months from now. At the half way point of the year, It's time to provide you with an 'interim report' from your Secretariat General office. If I've made this report too "dry" for you, it's my first submission to IP. I welcome your critique or suggestions for future reports.

First let me say, I hope that many of you as can make the trip, will join us. The heart of ICP are those enduring relationships that we have. Our meeting is scheduled after the International Conference on Teaching Psychology and before the International Congress of Psychology. It promises to be a good mix of Russian culture, renewing of friendships (and making of new ones), learning and continuing the work of positioning ICP for the years ahead.

I actually began thinking about this report last July in San Diego. At the end of the Board's work, I accepted the challenge of re-developing for you, the role of the Secretariat-General. Having served in the Board for three years, I knew what a great challenge lays before us, both collectively and individually. And, as a member of long standing, I treasured our distinguished history and the remarkable accomplishments of ICP since its founding in 1941. I knew too that ICP is an organization whose uniqueness has been embodied by a cadre of pioneering women in psychology worldwide. Given these factors, I confess that I was considerably unnerved.

I accepted this challenge, because of the amazing support I have received from members, particularly those serving on the Board. I was encouraged as well by an earlier meeting in Kos (2006). There I had the great pleasure of meeting Drs. Ray Fowler and Bernard Wilpert as well as Ms Sarah Oates from Blackwell. These leaders and facilitators I admire. Their dedication to international psychology continues to energize me. They affirmed that global psychology was undergoing rapid transformation. But, their angst was less than my own. They had an excellent perspective and valued highly ICP. They understood well ICP unique traditions of friendship and collaboration. Nevertheless, last July in San Diego, I confess that, even given this encouragement, I had much to learn and was somewhat daunted by the work ahead.

During the six months since our San Diego meeting, we've made good progress in re-establishing the Secretariat General Office and role. There's a great deal still to be done, both before our meeting in Saint Petersburg and after. And, although I've gained some of the understanding that's required, there's still much that I need to learn. Still and all, I'm encouraged by what we have been able to accomplish.

The accomplishments to date that I can report on begin with establishing new working relationships between members of the Executive Committee and the Secretariat General's Office. Although this was complicated, we've largely accomplished the task. We've focused on this because 1) the S-G role has been converted from a paid position to a volunteer position, and because it was necessary for me to also assume the responsibilities of your interim Treasurer. I'm particularly grateful to President Hiew, to President elect Consuelo Barrera-Hanson; to Parliamentarian O'Roark for their patience, wisdom and good will in this work.

More concretely, we've successfully obtained support from my university (UMA) here in Augusta. We've also transferred much, (not yet all) of the files and accounts, credit card machines and the like, to their new location in Maine. My particular thanks to Past Treasurer Goetz for making this work possible.

Turning to the responsibilities of the S-G's Office, I've first worked to support the conference organizing committee chaired by President Elect Barrera-Hanson. My second priority has been to familiarize myself with the management of ICP's finances, incorporation and tax status. Good progress has been made on both items and I will report in detail on them in Saint Petersburg.

The development of our July meeting, a difficult task in any year, has been particularly challenging due to a variety of factors. At the risk of giving you too much information, over and above the facts of the Board having adapted revised Bylaws and a large number of new leaders stepping forward, these atypical challenges have included: major fluctuations in currency exchange rates and travel costs; the need to adjust our plans after consulting with local members and potential site officials in Saint Petersburg; concurrent effort to upgrade ICP's communication methods (website etc.), and Russian visa requirements. Nevertheless, thanks to the efforts of our leaders and major efforts by Board Member Natasha Parnyuk and by Valerie Sitnikov, although it has taken time to organize, we expect to have an excellent conference.

The third and fourth S-G priorities during this six month period have been a) supporting the work of the Communications Committee; and b) working out the details for how we accomplish Council business between face to face meetings. This work is not completed yet but we have moved forward. Please refer to the current report from Richard Velayo, Chair of the Communications Committee, for details on this item. Richard and to Annie Crookes, our new IP Editor, have been dedicated and flexible efforts under difficult circumstances as we've been re-establishing the IP, the functions of the icpweb.org page, email protocols etc.

- Ken Elliot

Looking Towards Enhanced Communication via our Website: A Communications Committee Update

Let me first thank the co-chair of our Communications Committee, Shay Mann, who despite working full-time as a prison administrator, and writing his doctoral dissertation in Counseling Psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University, has still managed to create a state-of-the-art website for ICP (www.ICPweb.org) which was launched in the Spring of 2007. Our website was demonstrated at the 2007 ICP Conference in San Diego and was very well received. We continue to determine ways to create an even better website that promote and facilitate the kind of communication that is a more efficient and cost effective for its members, officers and board.

There are two major goals that this Committee aims to achieve by the end of the Spring. The first is to integrate a fully functioning online discussion forum (www.ICPweb.org/forum) that our members and board will be able to easily access via the ICP's website. What this electronic form of communication will allow us to do is to provide a central site in which relevant communications among members may be directed, organized, and archived. This will facilitate more efficient communication through threaded discussions organized into topics, so that one may easily post in a relevant discussion board or look through discussions made on topics that have been posted in the past. What I find to be most useful about this discussion forum is that the postings are organized by topic and because they are archived, one may easily trace back what have been discussed in the past without having to rely on having to sort through and look for past emails (which may or may not have already been deleted). In addition, I find the use of the discussion forum to be fairly intuitive. One who wishes to learn more about it, may simply click on a link called "Frequently Asked Questions" in the first posted discussion board called "About ICPwebConnect". Then again, you could always choose to email your inquiries via our expert webmaster Shay at mannsc@vcu.edu.

The second immediate major goal of the Committee is disseminate relevant and up-to-date information soon about the 66th Annual ICP Conference to be held on July 16-19, 2008 in St. Petersburg, Russia. We will be providing information regarding registration, programming, and feature highlights about interesting things to do in St. Petersburg. There is also a discussion board titled "ICP Conference - Saint Petersburg, Russia" on our Discussion Forum (www.ICPweb.org/forum) where you can post comments, suggestions, or inquiries.

In consultation with the Communications Committee members, I have outlined below a timeline to achieve specific goals for the Committee to accomplish between now and the ICP Conference in St. Petersburg. These are as follows.

January	Make content updates and design revisions to ICPweb.org
February	Have board and members test the updated website for feedback; Finalize content materials pertaining to the ICP Conference in St. Petersburg, Russia. Promote extensive use the Discussion Forum (ICPweb.org/forum) by ICP Board.
March	Online registration for the ICP Conference and other materials must be in place and relevant documents available for download. Get board members to use the Discussion Forum (ICPweb.org/forum) as the primary means of communication on relevant issues (e.g., conference, IP newsletter, Bylaws and Policies and Procedures document).
April	Website content updated and discussion board fully utilized as the primary means of communication among board members.

Another important goal for ICP that we hope to achieve is help update the Communications Committee's description in the ICP bylaws and its policies and procedures which are currently in the process of being revised (see next page for current bylaws and suggestions). As soon as these documents have been revised and approved by the ICP board, these will be made available via the website. I would also like to thank the following colleagues who have recently agreed to be members of the Communication Committee: Annie Crooks (Editor, International Psychologist newsletter), Ken Elliott (Secretary General), Chok Hiew (President), Shay Mann (Webmaster), and Sherri McCarthy (Membership Chair).

Shay and I, of course, continue to encourage you to provide us with valuable feedback on how we may be able to further enhance our website (ICPweb.org), our online discussion forum (ICPwebConnect.org), our newsletter (International Psychologist), etc. You may address your inquiries and suggestions to Richard Velayo (rvelayo@pace.edu) and to Shay Mann (mannsc@vcu.edu).

Best wishes and here's to a wonderful 2008 for ICP!

Richard Velayo, Ph.D.

Communications Committee Report Continued...

In the bylaws (Section 1.6, p. 7 February 16, 2005), there was only mention of the Publications Committee which states:

"The Publications Committee is headed by a Chair, appointed by the President, with approval by the Board, and consists of two additional members, editors of all publications, and the Treasurer and Secretary-General as ex-officio members. The Committee reviews expense and income statements, recommends policies on subscriptions, advertising, and schedules, and advises and assists the editors."

In the bylaws (Section 1.8, p. 8), Public Information (Media) Committee is described as follows:

The Public Information (Media) Committee is responsible for the dissemination of information about the association and its members.

In the Policies document (Section 1.6, p. 18, February 16, 2005), I do not see any mention of the Communications Committee. Is it there somewhere? What I do see is a Publications Committee that mentions the following:

"The Chair of the Publications Committee serves for a term that does not have a specified period of time."

Thus, I presume that there should be a Communications Committee included in the next version of the bylaws.

At the bylaws proposal I received dated August 13, 2007, Article 11, which describes the Communications and Publications Committee as follows:

ARTICLE 11 COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

ICP places a high value on communication, global networking and mutual support. The association uses all forms of telecommunications including the IP electronic newsletter, printed and e-mail, listserves, telephone, fax and other available means.

11.1. The International Psychologist (IP) is the official newsletter for the Council.

11.1.1 The Editor of the IP is appointed by the Board, for a renewable term of three years. The Editor with the Communication and Publications Committee publishes the IP at least three times per year.

11.1.2 Matters related to the preparation, publishing, and dissemination of the IP are approved by the Board, and set out in the Administrative Policies & Procedures.

11.2. The Membership Directory, with members' names, addresses, and professional data, is published at least annually in the IP or provided at the ICP website. The Board oversees matters related to the preparation, publishing, and dissemination of the Directory.

11.3. ICP's Annual Convention Proceedings are included in the IP.

11.3.1. The Editors of the Annual Convention Proceedings are appointed by the Board for a term determined by the Board and set out in the Administrative Policies & Procedures. The Editors are ex officio members of the Publications Committee. Matters related to the preparation, publishing, and dissemination of the Annual Convention Proceedings are approved by the Board.

11.4. The ICPWeb.org website is the official web site of the International Council of Psychologists. The Webmaster is appointed by the Board. The Web Master is a member of the Communications and Publications Committee.

11.4.1. The contributors to the website and to IP are determined by the Editor or Webmaster with the approval of the Board.

11.4.2. Matters related to the preparation, publishing, and use of material on the Web Site are approved by the Communications and Publications Committee and periodically reviewed by the Board.

Below are my recommendations:

1. Public Information Committee should be renamed as Communications Committee and assumes its functions.

2. The Communications Committee Chair be described in the Policies document as follows:

"The Chair of the Publications Committee serves for a term that does not have a specified period of time and is primarily responsible for helping disseminate information about the organization and helps determine feasible ways to facilitate communication among its members and board. High value is placed on communication, global networking, and mutual support."

3. The Communication Committee be described in the bylaws as follows:

"ICP's Communications Committee primarily helps disseminate information about the organization and helps determine feasible ways to facilitate communication among its members and board. It places a high value on communication, global networking, and mutual support. "

Communications Committee report Continued...

- 1.1 The Communications Committee works closely with the Webmaster in determining the organization's website design and content of the organization's website, and how such content may be effectively disseminated. Materials that are made available for dissemination are the organization's newsletter, materials and updates regarding meetings and events (including its annual convention), its membership directory, and other forms of relevant announcements.
- 1.1.1 The ICPWeb.org website is the official web site of the International Council of Psychologists. The Webmaster is appointed by the Board. The Web Master is a member of the Communications and Publications Committee.
- 1.1.2 The contributors to the website and to IP are determined by the Editor or Webmaster with the approval of the Board.
- 1.1.3 Matters related to the preparation, publishing, and use of material on the Web Site are approved by the Communications and Publications Committee and periodically reviewed by the Board.
- 1.2 The Communications Committee works closely with IP newsletter Editor in determining ways to distribute the publication.
- 1.2.1 The International Psychologist (IP) is the official newsletter for the Council.
- 1.2.2 The Editor of the IP is appointed by the Board, for a renewable term of three years. The Editor with the Communication and Publications Committee publishes the IP at least three times per year.
- 1.2.3 Matters related to the preparation, publishing, and dissemination of the IP are approved by the Board, and set out in the Administrative Policies & Procedures.
- 1.3 The Committee works closely with the Secretary-General and the association's elected officers in determining the materials to be disseminated and to help facilitate communication among and between members and the board.
- 1.4 ICP's Annual Convention Proceedings are included in the Website and the IP newsletter.
- 1.4.1 The Editors of the Annual Convention Proceedings are appointed by the Board for a term determined by the Board and set out in the Administrative Policies & Procedures. The Editors are ex officio members of the Publications Committee. Matters related to the preparation, publishing, and dissemination of the Annual Convention Proceedings are approved by the Board.
- 1.5 The Membership Directory, with members' names, addresses, and professional data, is published at least annually in the IP and made accessible via the ICP website. The Board oversees matters related to the preparation, publishing, and dissemination of the Directory.

Stop the Press...

NEWS: IMSA 2007 CONFERENCE

International Medical Sciences Academy (IMSA 2007) held its international conference on 2nd Nov. in Manipal, India. The delegates from Pakistan were led by Prof. Shaheena Asif. Other renowned professionals from the field of Gynecology and Psychology were Prof. Rukhsana Kausar, Nashi Khan, Dr. Nabeela Shami and Dr. Shela Anwar. All these participants of IMSA 2007 conference presented their research papers which were well appreciated. A press conference was also led by Prof. Shaheena Asif in which she encouraged mutual exchange of medical knowledge and research between India and Pakistan.

Ms. Nashi Khan (Chartered Clinical Psychologist) and Prof. Rukhsana Kausar (Prof. in Psychology) were awarded Fellowship degrees by International Medical Sciences Academy for their outstanding achievements in the medical sciences profession. Moreover MS. Nashi Khan was interviewed by the Times of India for doing pioneering research on men's sexual health a very tabooed area in Pakistan. (all document and pics attached with this email)

Report of UN in Geneva: Spain and Switzerland Millennium Developmental Goals

Anna Laura Comunian ICP representative in Geneva

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) involve a Global Deal between rich and poor countries: poor countries pledged to reform policies, improve governance, and to channel resources. Rich countries, for their part, promised to deliver more and more effective aid, faster and deeper debt relief, and fairer trade rules. Previous UN reports published in *International Psychologist* were: Austria and Japan (IP, 47, 1, p. 4), Germany and Italy (IP, 47, 2, p. 10), United States and Australia (IP, 47, 3, p. 6-7), Belgium and Canada (IP, 47, 4, p. 13-14). Spain and Switzerland are presented here and France and Portugal will be presented in the next issue.

WHAT ABOUT SPAIN?

Record on aid. Spanish official development assistance (ODA) represented only 0.32% of national income (GNI) in 2006. This means that Spain ranked in the bottom third of EU-15 countries on aid volume. Spain has made a commitment to achieve the 0.7% GNI target for ODA by 2012 and has set annual intermediate targets, including a target of 0.5% for 2008. The latest Master Plan for Spanish cooperation, covering the period 2005-2008, outlines the strategic orientation of Spanish aid over this four-year period. In addition, Spain could better reflect its commitment to country-led poverty reduction strategies by better integrating these into its own country strategies. Record on debt relief: Spain continues to provide development loans to poor countries including highly indebted poor countries (HIPC). In particular, the OECD suggests that Spain take account of recipient debt sustainability and income levels in the allocation of its loans. Spain has strongly supported international efforts on multilateral debt relief and – in particular – has contributed to the Heavily Indebted Poor Country Initiative (HIPC) fund. Record on trade: As part of the European Union, Spain implements the European Union's common agricultural and trade policies. Support levels are slowly declining as a result of gradual reform of the Common Agricultural Policy. As part of the Doha "Development" Round trade negotiations at the World Trade Organisation in December 2005 in Hong Kong, the EU committed to eliminating export subsidies by 2013. While there are only a few exceptions to this free market access, three products which are important agricultural products for poor countries were excluded until 2009 in order to appease vested interests in the EU. Spain has always acted as a quiet supporter of the status quo on agricultural policy. Policy coherence for development Spain's overall commitment to development: Spain has integrated policy coherence for development into its legal framework, such that the principles and objectives of development cooperation must be reflected in all other policies affecting developing countries. Spanish Public Opinion: Public support for development cooperation appears to be strong. Spanish public opinion is favourable to efforts to help the world's poor. In a recent survey commissioned by Fundacion Carolina and implemented by the Centre of Sociological Research in 2005, it was found that, in terms of priorities, 77% thought that the eradication of poverty and hunger should be the first priority for action, and 47% thought that the respect for human rights should be the second priority.

WHAT ABOUT SWITZERLAND?

Record on aid: In 2006, Switzerland provided the equivalent of 0.39% of its national income (GNI) in official development assistance (ODA). Switzerland's willingness to consider more ambitious aid commitments and targets from 2008 onwards is very welcome. Switzerland has made poverty reduction a main objective of its foreign policy and considers the Millennium Development Goals and the Millennium Declaration to be important development policy milestones. Switzerland works closely with the donor community in elaborating policies, strategies and appropriate instruments for its international cooperation. It is committed to implementing the Rome and Paris Declarations on aid effectiveness and has made a credible start on the harmonization of procedures with other donors and the alignment of policies and procedures with those of recipients. Record on debt relief: In more recent years, Switzerland has relied upon multilateral initiatives for debt reduction, and has not taken any further bilateral measures. Indeed, Switzerland did not have much of a role in shaping more recent enhancements to the HIPC. Record on trade: Swiss trade policy belies Switzerland's demonstrated commitment to developing countries through its development cooperation. Swiss agricultural policy is particularly problematic. More recent policy changes include a decision to reduce tariff escalation in the food industry, and a decision to phase out milk quotas between 2006 and 2009. Switzerland is also gradually reducing both domestic and export subsidies in the agricultural sector, but they remain very high. Policy coherence for development and Switzerland's overall commitment to development: The OECD notes that the promotion of policy coherence across the Swiss Federal Administration, and efforts to ensure that the debate on development issues goes beyond the two aid-providing agencies, remains a challenge. The Centre for Global Development (CGD) ranks 21 of the world's richest countries based on their dedication to policies that benefit poor nations. CGD's "Commitment to Development Index" (CDI) looks at seven policy areas important to developing countries: aid, trade, investment, migration, environment, security and technology. Swiss public opinion. Surveys of Swiss public opinion tend to confirm the Swiss public's continuing interest in humanitarian aid and development cooperation, but there is room for raising awareness among policymakers, particularly on the links between world poverty, security and aid flows.

Principal sources: *Principal sources: OECD (2007): 2006 Development Cooperation Report; OECD (2006): OECD (2006): Agricultural policies in OECD countries: At A Glance 2006; Centre for Global Development (2006): DAC peer review of Spain; Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation: The Master Plan for Spanish Cooperation 2005-2008. Commitment to Development Index Country Report: Switzerland; OECD (2005): DAC peer review of Switzerland.*

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66th International Council of Psychologists Annual Conference

Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th July 2008
ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

“Families and Societies in Transition”

Ongoing information for venue, accommodation and visa process, please keep checking our website: <http://www.icpweb.org/>

On behalf of the International Council of Psychologists, I extend a cordial invitation to the 66th Annual ICP Conference to be held in St Petersburg July 15 – 18 2008. The theme for the program is ‘Families and Societies in Transition.’ Keeping with the tradition of ICP, the conference has two central objectives; to affirm and strengthen our global network; and to hear from innovative practitioners engaged in innovative practice and research.

President Hiew and the Executive Officers selected an innovative plan for this year. In recognition that ICP is also a “family in transition,” the traditional Board meeting will include a Leadership Retreat. During this time there will be a formal orientation to the new bylaws followed by task groups. The task groups will work out procedure guidelines that reflect the transition to the electronic era. The Board retreat agenda is focused to permit achievement of these two objectives. Board meetings are open to the membership except during executive sessions. Elected Board Members are required to attend and are replaced after two missed meetings. Appointed Chairs, Coordinators, and Interest Group Leaders are encouraged to attend Board meetings. The Retreat Agenda makes it possible for non-elected leaders to become actively involved with the task group work. The President can, when time permits, recognize non-Board members who wish to speak. The Retreat Agenda is scheduled for Tuesday July 15, 9AM until 5PM; and Wednesday, July 16, 9AM until 12noon. Members are encouraged to plan to arrive July 14, in time to attend the Board July 15 Leadership Retreat and to remain through July 18 for the morning Board business meeting.

Scientific sessions begin at 1:30PM on the afternoon of July 16 and continue through July 17. There will be invited addresses, and invited colloquia presented by ICP leaders. Scientific papers and symposia will be included after a review of proposals submitted on the following form. Joint Sessions are being discussed for participating in celebrations at the St. Petersburg University and for continuing ICP start-up support for ICOPE at the 2005 conference in Brazil. The education association is conducting the International Conference of Teaching Psychologists, in St. Petersburg Russia, July 12-16.

I am most enthusiastic that this conference will prove to be both an excellent professional meeting and a most rewarding journey. ICP is dedicated to continuing a tradition of bringing together psychologists from many countries and promoting collaboration involving a full range of psychological perspectives. Continuing Education workshops are under consideration for the mornings of July 16 and July 18. In-Absentia graduate student posters will be solicited for an exhibit during the conference days. Special registration rates are offered to enable more members to attend since meals, lodging, and travel expenses may prohibit attendance for a number of members.

Presentations proposals are due 15th February, with proof or registration. Registration deadline is 28th February as we need to submit names of all registrants to hotel, the first week of March.

We are looking forward to seeing old friends again and welcoming you in St Petersburg, a city of wildly acclaimed beauty and an unrivalled cultural history.

*Dr M. Consuelo Barreda-Hanson, ICP President Elect & 2008 Scientific Program Chair
Email: cbarreda-hanson@iom.int or (for long attachments) cbarredahanson@yahoo.com*

CALL FOR PAPERS: The Seisoh Sukemune/Bruce Bain Encouragement of Early Career Research Award 2007 - 2008

Deadline April 04, Friday, 2008

Awarded by International Council of Psychologists (ICP)

Purpose

The Award for Research in International Psychology recognizes outstanding early career contributions to scholarly endeavors addressing psychological issues of a universal or multinational significance. It is designed to encourage research that systematically addresses the psychological dimensions affecting the quality of human life, and to enhance and reinforce the mission and goals of ICP (<http://www.icpweb.org/>). For the purpose of this award, "research" is broadly defined to include all paradigms of scholarly endeavor, such as laboratory experiments, field experiments, field studies, correlation and evaluation studies, historical studies and case histories. The recipient is expected to present an address at the ICP annual convention that relates to his/her research.

Criteria for eligibility

- The recipient must be a psychologist (including a student).
- Paper selection criteria: The paper's logic, its purpose, its methodology, its universal or multinational significance, contribution to the development of international psychology, and contribution to the development of human well-being. The paper must be written by a single author.

Submission procedure & requirements

Candidates from all over the world are invited to submit a paper and a cover letter by e-mail (to dietrich.albert@uni-graz.at) or – if email is not available – by air mail (address see below) to Dr. Dietrich Albert, Chair of the ICP Research Awards Committee, not later than April 04, Friday, 2008 (date of email or postal delivery). The receipt of a submission will be acknowledged immediately.

*Dr. Dietrich Albert, Professor of Psychology
Chair of the ICP Research Awards Committee
Email address: dietrich.albert@uni-graz.at*

*Postal address: c/o Department of Psychology
University of Graz
Universitaetsplatz 2
A 8010 Graz
Austria/Europe
Tel.: +43 316 380-5118 (-5104, -8541)
Fax: +43 380- 9806 (-9809)*

The notice of selection: April 14, Monday, 2008.

Paper and application must meet the following requirements

1. The research must be based primarily on the candidate's own work, and must be considered distinguished. There can be only one author of the paper (papers of joint authors are not accepted).
2. The paper must not have been published elsewhere, but may be based on the applicant's unpublished bachelor, master, diploma or dissertation research.
3. The paper must be prepared in the style and format specified for journal articles by APA (Publication Manual). The paper must be written by a single author.
4. The length of the paper is limited to 25 typed, double-spaced pages (maximum), including abstract, references, figures and tables.
5. Either one attached file (by e-mail) or – if e-mail is not available - four printed copies (by airmail) of the paper is/are to be submitted, accompanied by a cover letter which provides the following information: (a) Title of the paper, author's name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address. (b) Applicant's curriculum vitae (CV). (c) Two letters of support which stipulate why the applicant is deserving of the award (d) A statement signed (electronically or by hand) by the candidate applying for the award certifying that: (1) The material presented is original and is primarily the candidate's own work, and the material has not been previously published; (2) additionally, if the paper is judged to be the winner of the competition, the candidate agrees to present it at the next annual convention of ICP

Prize

The prize for winning the research award will consist of

- a plaque
- US\$ 200.00
- an invitation to present the research at the next ICP convention
- There will be no registration charge at the next ICP convention (registration waived)

Main selection procedure

1. The Research Awards Committee evaluates papers according to a standard point system.
2. The Chair assures that results are reported to the Board.

Research Awards Committee Members: Dietrich Albert (Chair, Austria); Cecilia Cheng (Hong Kong; China); Roberta Milgram (Israel); Sarlito Sarwono (Indonesia)

Past Winners

1999-2000: Dr. Cecilia Cheng, Division Social Science, The Hong Kong University: *Social Relations and Psychological Distress: Toward a variability approach to subclinical depression.*

2000-2001: Dr. Ng Aik Kwang, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore: *Why creators are dogmatic people, "nice" people are not creative, and creative people are not "nice."*

2001-2002: Ms. Yumi Suzuki, Nagoya University, Japan: *Cross-cultural comparability in the relationship of attribution for academic success and failure with self-esteem and self-consciousness.*

2002-2003: Ms. Serena Cheng, Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan: *Different voices from two Asian nations : Social relationships among Taiwanese and Japanese college students.*
(The 2003-2004 winner: none)

2004 -2005: Ms. Mikayo Ando, Health Science Laboratory, Gakugei University, Tokyo, Japan: *Psychological factors and the impact of intervention on Japanese adolescent aggressive behaviors.*

2005 – 2006: Dr. Rebecca P. Ang, School of Humanities and Social Science, Singapore: *Dysfunctional parenting and parenting stress among mothers of aggressive boys;* and Mr. Reuben Ng, University Scholar Program, National University of Singapore, Singapore: *Organisational stress, resilience and success in the Singapore police force.*

2006 -2007: Dr. Anuja S. Panicker, Departement of Psychiatrie, PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Coimbatore, India: *A novel approach for assessing the true Intellectual potential of children.*

AWARD ENCOURAGING STUDENT RESEARCH

The Award is for the best student paper on the 2008 ICP Conference Theme "Families in Transition". There is no designated length for the paper, or how the subject is approached. It can be a theoretical paper, a research project, an exploratory study, a literature review, etc. Your focus could be on, but not limited to the following issues in the family: Gender issues, bonding/attachment, effect of war/disaster on the family, disability/illness in the family, abuse in the family, religion/spirituality and the family, resilience in the family, ethical issues in working with the family etc. An awards committee will make the final decision on the best student paper.

The award, being funded by a long time ICP leader, will consist of US\$ 200 plus waiving of the conference fee. The award will be presented at the Opening Event of the conference, in St. Petersburg, Russia and tentatively, the paper will be read then.

Papers should be sent in triplicate (i.e., three copies) to

Prof. Amos Alao
University of Botswana
P.O. Box #70052
Gaborone, Botswana

Alternatively, papers can also be e-mailed as a Word document to:
alaoaa@mopipi.ub.bw

Deadline for submission of papers is May 1, 2008.

*GRADUATE STUDENTS, EARLY CAREER PSYCHOLOGISTS,
Call for 2008 Poster Presentation Proposals*

2008 St. Petersburg, RUSSIA July 15-18, 2008

ICP President. Chok Hiew, Canada

Consuelo Barreda-Hanson: Scientific Program Chair and President-Elect

Poster Proposal Co-Chairs Ann M. O'Roark, USA; Anna Laura Comunian and Christian Agrillo, ITALY;
Natividad Dayan, the PHILIPPINES

In Absentia Graduate Student Posters:
Topics in International Psychology

ICP's Fifth INABSENTIA exhibit of poster papers is a continuous display.

In-Absentia graduate student poster authors do not need to be in attendance or register to submit a poster proposal

POSTER Proposal due ASAP. No later than MAY 15.

Send to: annoroark@bellsouth.net

Send powerpoint slides via email attachments to annoroark@bellsouth.net

Send Paper or laminate Posters US-mail to

Azimud Hotel, St. Petersburg Russia. ATTENTION: Dr. Ann M. O'Roark, ICP Conference
Address: 43/1 Lermontovsky prosp., St.-Petersburg, 198103

Tel: +7 812 740-2640

Fax: +7 812 251-8890

Awards for students: first prize is \$100. Second place prize is \$50.

Authors are requested to send in cover letter:

PROOF OF GRADUATE STUDENT IN PSYCHOLOGY STATUS

Or PROOF OF POSTER BASED ON GRADUATE & EARLY CAREER RESEARCH

FULL CONTACT INFORMATION

SELF PHOTOGRAPH

*ICP is a person-to-person association. As a mentor / incubator association, ICP welcomes psychology students & encourages studies in
INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY*

Second Call for Continuing Education

For the 66th Annual Convention of ICP, July 15-19, 2008 in St. Petersburg, Russia

The Continuing Education Committee is now soliciting proposals for CE workshops from members who plan to attend the conference in St. Petersburg, Russia. Continuing Education is offered on the first two days of the conference, July 15 and 16, 2008.

Programs are half day (4 hours) in length. Programs that are offering CE to psychologists are noted as offering "4 CE" credits on the registration form. The International Council of Psychologists is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The International Council of Psychologists maintains responsibility for this program and its contents.

CE programs are designed to "advance psychology as a science and profession and as a means of promoting health, education and human welfare by the encouragement of psychology in all its branches in the broadest and most liberal manner."

We welcome all submissions and are especially interested in proposals that may have:

1. Special interest to psychologists in our host country
2. Cross-cultural programs that are congruent with global psychology and the world community's current mental health concerns
3. Indigenous psychology and traditional approaches to mental health and community wellness
4. Courses that meet ICP members, state or provincial qualifications of continuing education for re-licensure as required by the licensing board in their home country.

CE is a forum to further build a bridge of collegiality and information exchange between developing nations and more developed nations in support of advancing world psychology in honor of the wisdom and special needs of our multi-cultural global community.

We particularly welcome proposals that are offered by co-presenters from more than one country. Workshop presenters will be expected to register for the conference. Presenters will receive half of the fees received for their workshop, up to \$250.00 US.

If you would like to offer a workshop, please submit a proposal by January 15, 2008 with the following information:

1. A description of the content and the procedure of your workshop, not to exceed three pages.
 - a.) Include six (6) objectives,
 - b.) List of audio visual and/or other equipment needed. Please note that ICP may not be able to provide A/V equipment.
 - c.) Short bibliography relevant to your presentation.
2. On a separate page provide an abstract or condensed description of the workshop (200 words), Plus a brief by-line or biographical statement (50 word max). At the top of the page, include the title of the workshop, your name, professional affiliation, and your city and country.
3. A current professional Vitae for each presenter (if there is more than one.) Include previous experience, if any, relevant to presenting workshops.

Submit your proposal and send it by post, fax or email to:

Roswith Roth, CE Chair, Tel: +43-316-380-5127; Fax: +43-316-380-9013

Email: roswith.roth@uni-graz.at

by post: Dr. Roswith Roth, University of Graz, Universitaetsplatz 2/3, A-8010 Graz, Austria/Europe

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FAMILIES AND SOCIETIES IN TRANSITION

Submission of Paper Abstracts:

Guidelines:

- Only typed abstracts and inside box provided below
- Word, WordPerfect or Plain text, font 12, Times New Roman.
- No more than 20 minutes per presenter and one abstract per presenter unless you indicate it is a "Conversation Hour"
- Proof of registration required before papers are accepted.
- No attachments accepted

Submission deadline February 15th 2008

Choose a category for your Paper

- Paper
- Conversation Hour
- Poster (see special submissions and format for this, in website and IP)

Choose a topic for your Paper:

1. Gender Issues
2. Bonding/Attachment
3. Effects of War
4. Incarceration and Criminality
5. Disabilities / Illnesses
6. Abuse
7. Cultural / Cross Cultural / Multicultural Effects
8. Impact of New and Ongoing Issues in Society and the Family
9. Religious Beliefs, Spirituality and Consciousness Studies
10. Work and Work Environment
11. Natural and Man Made Disasters/Traumas
12. Aging
13. Resilience
14. Ethical Considerations
14. Open "Societies in Transition"
15. Others

**For submission please also provide AV requirements, and full Title, Abstract of paper
 Please list personal details of Presenter.**

Submission of Symposium or Workshop Presentation:

Guidelines:

- Only typed abstracts and inside box provided below
- Word, WordPerfect or Plain text, font 12, Times New Roman.
- No more than 20 minutes per presenter at Symposium and one abstract per presenter.
- Symposiums to be, by request 1 hr. or 1 ½ hrs.
- Workshops to be 2 hrs.
- Proof of registration required before papers are accepted.
- No attachments accepted

Submission deadline February 15th 2008

Choose a category for your Paper

- Symposium
- Workshop

Choose a topic for your Paper:

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**For submission please also provide AV requirements, and full Title, Abstract of paper
 Please list Personal details of workshop/symposium Chair and all Leaders/Presenters.**

FULL SUBMISSION FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM:

www.icpweb.org

Email completed form to: Dr M. Consuelo Barreda-Hanson, ICP President Elect

Email: cbarreda-hanson@iom.int or (for long attachments) cbarredahanson@yahoo.com

If email absolutely not available, mail to: Dr M. Consuelo Barreda-Hanson, ICP President Elect; PMB 25; POBox 1., Woden, ACT 2606; Australia (Submissions received after 15th February will not be accepted)

ICP Convention July 15-18, 2008, St. Petersburg, RUSSIA

Registration Details

The 2008 International Council of Psychology Conference will be held at **Azimut Hotel, St. Petersburg in Russia**. All plenary and scientific program sessions and events will be held in the hotel. All conference delegates should stay at the ICP Conference hotel as the Hotel provides you with visa support documents needed to expedite visa application. You must contact the Russian Embassy of residence to obtain the visa.

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR CONFERENCE / HOTEL REGISTRATION IS FEBRUARY 29, 2008.

Conference and Hotel Registration Made Easy

ICP Secretariat: The One-Stop Station for Registration; Hotel Reservation; Visa Support Application

Questions, concerns contact; *Ken Elliott, ICP Sec-Gen*
207-621-3229; Email: *KElliott@maine.edu*

Registration Fees

- A special flat rate of US\$250 for all registrants regardless of member country of residence
You must be a current member in good standing or paid up membership dues
- The registration fee for students is \$200
- Professionals who are non-members pay US\$275
- Note: Accompanying persons (not participating in the scientific program) pay \$50 and must also complete the Registration Form separately

Send the completed registration form (see below) and fee together with your one night deposit for hotel room to the ICP Secretariat By February 29, 2008.

Conference Hotel: Azimut Hotel

Address:
43/1 Lermontovskiy
St.-Petersburg, 198103
Russia
Tel: 7-812-740-2640

<http://eng.azimuthotels.ru/>

The hotel complex is situated in the very centre of Saint-Petersburg on the Fontanka river embankment which allows our guests to have pleasant walks over the historical centre of the city along its rivers and canals. From the 18th floor of the hotel there is a beautiful view on St. Isaac's and Holy Trinity cathedrals, St. Nicole church, the most famous St. Petersburg theatre - Mariinsky and Fontanka riverside and bridges. Two underground stations are situated 10 minutes walk from the hotel. the hotel can arrange for delegates excursions to famed historic city sights, museums, and palaces during the convention. The distance to the "Pulcovo" International Airport is 20 km. All ICP delegates will be accommodated on the 18th Floor at affordable prices. All prices include buffet breakfast.

Room Type Breakfast Included	Room Rate (rubles)	Room Rate (USD) includes bank conversion costs	Room Rate inclusive of taxes
Business Single bed	2635	109	For 1 adult
Business Double/Twin bed	3400	139	For 2 adults
Business Deluxe Double/ Twin bed	3910	159	For 2 adults (Extra person add 30% for rollaway bed)

- a. Business class rooms blocked for ICP Conference are the best rooms located on the 18th Floor. The rates above are inclusive of taxes.
- b. Recommend that delegates stay five nights July 14-18 (arrival July 14 & Departure July 19)
- c. Make hotel reservation and visa support application through the ICP Secretariat. Send the first night deposit in US dollars (see table above) together with the visa information when you register for the conference.
- d. ICP will forward your room reservation and deposit as well as completed visa form to the Hotel Please **COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION AS WELL BY THE DEADLINE OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
- e. ICP Secretariat will forward your name to the hotel once you register and you will receive the visa support document by mid-March. If you register early (before the deadline) you will likely receive the hotel document earlier. Then contact the Consulate of your Russian Embassy to apply for the entry visa as early as possible as the processing time is lengthy.
- f. After you have made your travel arrangements you can confirm your hotel reservations (or make changes) with the hotel: Tatiana Bersten: azimuthotel@gmail.com
Your deposit will be refunded if you can't make it to the conference. Daily lunches are provided by the Hotel and delegates with special dietary requirements should advise Hotel accordingly.
- g. Airport transfer by hotel car is offered and inexpensive depending on the size of group.

ICP Convention July 15-18, 2008, St. Petersburg, RUSSIA

REGISTRATION FORM

Dr. Prof. Ms Mr. Mrs. Others	Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____ Home Phone: _____ Email _____ Preferred Name on Badge: _____	
Last Name: _____ Given Names: _____ Affiliation/Organization: _____		
	Enter Required Information	Enter Payment
Registration Payment	Current Member Cost \$250 Student rate Cost \$200 Professional Non Member Cost \$275 Accompanying Person Cost \$50	\$ _____
Hotel Reservation One- Night Deposit	Date of arrival _____ Date of departure _____ Room Type: Check off One: __ Business single (\$107) __ Business double/twin (\$138) __ Business DeLuxe (\$158) If sharing room provide name of other occupant: _____ _____	\$ _____
Total Payment		\$ _____
Visa Application	LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ SEX: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____ CITIZENSHIP: _____ PASSPORT NUMBER: _____ ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____ Your CONTACT INFORMATION email/telephone: _____ _____ Your Country's Consulate of RUSSIAN EMBASSY Fax _____ <i>ROUTE AND ACCOMMODATION: Russia, Saint-Petersburg, Hotel "Azimut Saint-Petersburg"</i>	

Please Check off Payment Method:

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The Key Bank
23 Whitten Road , Augusta, Maine, 04330, USA
Account #: 190084005882
Bank routing # (ABA#): 011200608
Or SWIFT # is keybus33
(Note: Banking charges NOT included in the Registration Fee)

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ICP Secretariat
c/o The College of Natural and Social Sciences,
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46 University Drive, Augusta, Maine, U.S.A. 04330
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phone to Secretariat)

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Cancellation Policy

Written notification is required for all cancellations.
Registration fees will be refunded by ICP in accord-
ance with the hotel's refund policies and after deduct-
ing the necessary administration fee.

DEATH OF A GREAT CLINICIAN, ACADEMICIAN AND RESEARCHER: PADMAL *de SILVA* (1944-2007).

Padmal de Silva was born in Ceylon, Sri Lanka and he published his first novel at the age of 13. Padmal was a Senior Lecturer in Clinical Psychology at the Institute of Psychiatry, University of London, and Consultant Clinical Psychologist for the South London and Maudsley National Health Service Trust, London, UK. He was also a Senior Clinical Tutor of Clinical Psychology Doctoral Training Program at the Institute of Psychiatry, London. Though he had diversity of clinical and research interest, anxiety disorders, sexual and marital problems, and eating disorders were the major ones. He published numerous papers as a single author and also was coauthor with other renowned researchers and clinicians. His work with S. J. Rachman, of Obsessive - Compulsive Disorder - The Facts (1992, 1998) and Panic Disorder - The Facts (1996), both published by Oxford University Press are considered to be classical and worth mentioning here. His scholarly and professional contributions cover diverse areas of psychological theory and practice such as behavior therapy, cognitive psychology, cross-cultural psychology, sexual and marital therapy, obsessive compulsive disorders and post traumatic stress disorders. Besides being member of numerous scholarly bodies, he was a Fellow of the British Psychological Society. I was one among those who were privileged to be trained by him as a clinical psychologists.

Recently, I received an email from a friend and a fellow trainee of Padmal that he passed away during his sleep. The words stung my ears, and life suddenly seemed to stop. The gravity of finally losing my mentor was a heavy blow. He certainly deserved such a peaceful death. To me, the world of clinical psychology is diminished because this great man is gone. I got to know him in 1984 when I joined the Institute of Psychiatry, University of London, as a trainee clinical psychologist. Due to his command and expertise in clinical psychology, all trainees would aspire to be placed with him. Looking back, I find my self very lucky to have three clinical placements under his supervision which provided me unbelievably precious opportunity to learn clinical expertise from him. I could probably go on and on writing about his expertise and my own experience at the Institute of Psychiatry, which no doubt was enormously beneficial mainly because of his presence as a tutor and a supervisor, but I find words just insufficient to explain and express the way I feel. Padmal was a thorough professional, most sought and consulted at the Institute for his expertise when I joined as a trainee. Any professional and academic forum would be incomplete without Padmal and he was considered as the final authority in many areas of clinical psychology. He had a great impact on my academic and professional life. All my memories are revived, I think of the moments when in that cold callous weather of London, a gentle and kind man took me under his wings--and he often used to take me in his office--and provided me a unique opportunity of first hand knowledge about what it was like to be a clinical psychologist. As a struggling student, Padmal let me work with a lot of patience and guidance. Mr. De Silva set for me an example of what a caring, compassionate clinical psychologist can be. The road was not at all easier but he made this journey easier for me which enabled me to graduate as a proud trained clinical psychologist from Asia in 1988. Building relationships with psychiatric patients somehow made sense because of the patient contacts I observed Padmal making with his patients, to summarize he taught me the a b c of Clinical psychology in a very non conventional and interesting manner.

After having finished my training in UK and returning back to Pakistan as a young Clinical Psychologist, I brought Padmal with me as my role model in the profession. I still practice the therapeutic interventions I learnt under his supervision and mainly the disorders which he trained me in. May I say that even topic of my Ph.D project is an inspiration from his work. Despite being workaholic, he could find ways to build and invest constructively in others' life, including myself. That's how I began a relationship with him as a trainee, a student and it seems to be a very long since I formally left the Institute of Psychiatry, however, he never turned down my expectations till he died. The very thought that Padmal de Silva who had a credit of shaping my life as a professional clinical psychologist is no more there, makes my heart sinks.

As I look back on the path that has led me to becoming a clinical psychologist, I know that I am not unique in wondering if I made the right choice of "Clinical Psychology" and above all in third world was hard and demanded many sacrifices. "Padmal, I salute you that you made it true". You will never die; you will survive all over the world in form of your trainees, who would make you proud through disseminating what they acquired from you. May God rest your soul in utter peace in the Heaven.

- Nashi Khan,