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Division 17
Division of Professional Practice

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES / SYMPOSIA

Division 17: Professional Practice continues to organize symposia at various international meetings and congresses to focus on advances in professional practice and especially the role of psychology and the psychologist in integrated primary healthcare. This is in line with current initiatives world-wide, focusing on optimal early intervention in primary care to facilitate mental health and wellbeing. .

- **International Congress of Psychology in Prague: (July, 2020)**

Our key focus in the past month has been to finalise a double-symposium (now approved) at ICP in Prague entitled: *"The role of psychology in integrated mental health care: an international perspective"*

Brief Description of the Symposium:

The symposium will provide an overview of current progress in integrated psychological service delivery in the primary care setting in a number of western countries: USA, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Norway and the United Kingdom. These integrated services attempt to redress the ongoing "medicalisation of unhappiness" across the western world and the sub-optimal care provided in which medication is still frequently the first (and often only) treatment of choice, leaving the crucial psychosocial dimensions of mental and general health under-treated. Integrated primary mental and general health service delivery has evolved over the past twenty years to include evidence-based psychological interventions in the primary care setting. Symposium participants will canvas progress in a number of different areas in their specific countries and provide an up-date internationally on key issues relevant to this mode of practice.

We welcome you all to attend!

- **100th / Centennial Congress of Applied Psychology in Cancun: (December, 2020)**

A similar initiative is underway to provide an up-date on this important area of work at the IAAP Congress in Cancun in December.

This is in line with one of the key priorities of the Division of Professional Practice – to promote the role of psychology in integrated mental health care.

DIVISION 17: PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE NEWSLETTER:

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This **end-of-2019 Newsletter** highlights the main themes and objectives in our Division of Professional Practice work over the past two years (detailed in our monthly E-News). These have included:

- Representation at International and National Professional Congresses (as above);
- Formulation of key objectives in Professional Practice in Psychology and Division 17
- The Role of Psychology in Integrated Primary Mental and Care

- Climate Change and Disaster Preparedness: How Should We Respond?
- Items of Interest
- Things to be Cheerful About!

We welcome input into, and feedback about, all of these key areas.

At the beginning of February, we wish you all a very Happy Professional Year ahead.

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