

IAAP E-News (July, 2020)
Division 17
Division of Professional Practice

July, 2020:

Once again, it has been a turbulent month – with ongoing evolution of the Corona Virus Pandemic and the sudden emergence of the “Black Lives Matter” movement, as a consequence of the tragic murder of George Floyd on 25th May. Both of these events have profound consequences for us as practising psychologists.

Prior to turning to these, however, **PLEASE ENSURE YOU CAST YOUR VOTE** as a Member of the IAAP for our next President-Elect/President:

VOTING FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE IAAP:

See: <https://iaapsy.org/members/2020-election-of-iaap-president-elect/>

Candidate: Division 17, Professional Practice Immediate-Past President, Division of Professional Practice is standing for the position of IAAP President-Elect:

https://iaapsy.org/site/assets/files/1992/div17_2_statement-james_22_6_20.pdf



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VOTE 1: <https://iaapsy.org/members/2020-election-of-iaap-president-elect/>

Statement from the current President, Division of Professional Practice

James has had a distinguished career as a practicing psychologist and academician. He has made - and continues to make - outstanding contributions in the area of applied psychology: in his home state of Texas (as past President of the Texas Psychological Association), in the USA (as 2009 President of the American Psychological Association, member of the APA Finance Board and treasurer of 5 APA Divisions) and internationally, through his contributions to the IAAP (as current chair of the IAAP Finance Committee and ‘Board Member at Large’ since 2018; immediate Past-President of the Division of Professional Practice (2014-2018) and as a recent past-member of the IAAP Strategic Planning Committee). In these positions he has shown himself to be **an energetic, enthusiastic and visionary advocate of psychology as a profession & discipline, and of psychological solutions to difficult problems at an organizational and societal level.** Whilst APA President, James initiated

policies and activities which both engaged and involved the membership: an extremely diverse and large body of psychologists across America. His Presidential initiative on the “*Future of Psychology Practice and Science*”, involved considerable liaison and policy-making at national Congress level - and is well remembered in its promotion of the multi-disciplinary nature of health sciences and services and moving psychology into the 21st Century. He is well known for his cross-disciplinary work in integrated primary general and mental health care, having worked in this complex field for decades and promoting it via annual international congress presentations (since 2004: at ICP, ICAP, ECP and CIP) in numerous countries, continents and at UN/global level via collaboration with the IAAP UN Working Party whilst President of the IAAP Division of Professional Practice.

James has a proven track record and is well-placed to lead the IAAP at this challenging time, when visionary leadership is required - to enable the IAAP to appropriately contribute to our current global dilemmas. He would make an outstanding contribution to our international association, our profession, the discipline and the global policy implications of psychology in this role.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank James for his support as Immediate Past-President of our Division, during my first two years as President, as his term comes to an end in July. He has served in the role of Division President and associated positions (President-Elect and Immediate-Past President since 2010!). It has been a long and substantial contribution.

Robyn Vines, PhD, President, Division of Professional Practice

EVENTS OF THE PAST MONTH

• THE WORLD IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

As we write (22.6.20), the WHO Coronavirus Disease ‘dashboard’ indicates that there are **8,708,008 confirmed cases** world-wide with **461,715 confirmed deaths** globally due to COVID-19. Following the recent easing of restrictions in the USA, UK, South America, Canada and Australia, a resurgence in new cases particularly in the Americas (150,000 per day), has resulted in great concern at the possibility of a ‘second wave’ - with disastrous health and economic consequences for the countries concerned and world-wide.

“Snapshot history” (previously discussed figures/data – from Div. 17 E-News):

- **May:** (25.5.20): “5,206,614 confirmed cases of COVID-19 world-wide, including 337,736 deaths” - highlighting on ongoing exponential increase in global cases”
- **April:** “over half a million infections world-wide, with death rates of 23,000”
- **March:** “2,668,646 ‘registered cases’, 186,319 ‘registered deaths’, 730,987 ‘registered recoveries’”
- **January:** small ‘reported’ beginnings in China and elsewhere: “several hundred cases; 20+ deaths”.

See:

[https://covid19.who.int/?gclid=CjwKCAjwTqj2BRBYEiwAqfzur0_ex6dWxh6KYdT1q__x1tUhP8dQDg2I9MkiGszf2yy2d4CisCeevhoCGFEQAvD_BwE\)](https://covid19.who.int/?gclid=CjwKCAjwTqj2BRBYEiwAqfzur0_ex6dWxh6KYdT1q__x1tUhP8dQDg2I9MkiGszf2yy2d4CisCeevhoCGFEQAvD_BwE))

During the past month, we have continued to find new items relevant to these adverse conditions which may be of use (see below).

- **Mental health sequelae of the COVID-19 crisis and Economic downturn:**
 - **Expected rise in prevalence of mental disorders and suicide rate**
https://iaapsy.org/site/assets/files/1992/div17_3-14052020185119-0001.pdf
 - **Mental health – the pandemic’s next wave:**
<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/saturdayextra/mental-health---the-pandemics-next-wave/12373228>

- **COVID-19 resources for psychologists, health-care workers and the public: Items in brief:**
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2020/06/inbrief>
- **Treatment Interventions during the time of COVID-19:**
 - **Peer workers to boost COVID-19 mental health response:**
<https://nswmentalhealthcommission.com.au/news/media-centre/media-releases/peer-workers-to-boost-nsw-covid-19-mental-health-response-via-warm>
- **Ethical issues:**
 - **Ethical Guidance for the COVID-19 Era:**
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2020/06/ce-corner-ethical-guidance>
 - **Fighting inequity in the time of COVID-19**
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2020/06/covid-fighting-inequity>
- **New developments in telehealth:**
 - **Telepsychology expands to meet the demand:**
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2020/06/covid-telepsychology>
 - **Guidelines for the use of telehealth for clinical neuropsychological services**
https://www.psychology.org.au/getmedia/e4cca8a9-8d16-4dbd-8e2c-af3d5e0213e1/20APS-PP-PG-CCN-Guidelines-telehealth-Part-1-PL.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=APS%20Update%20200605&utm_content=APS%20Update%20200605+CID_fa6518fa51a05e59ad692cd5b489c45a&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=New%20resource%20Guidelines%20for%20the%20use%20of%20telehealth%20for%20clinical%20neuropsychological%20services
- **Self Care for Psychologists (mental health challenges faced by health care professionals/psychologists during the COVID-19 crisis):**
 - **Therapists face ‘unusual’ struggle triggered by remote sessions:**
<https://www.watoday.com.au/lifestyle/health-and-wellness/therapists-face-unusual-struggle-triggered-by-remote-sessions-20200604-p54zhy.html>
- **BLACK LIVES MATTER CAMPAIGN**
- **APA’s Action Plan for addressing Inequality:**
<https://www.apa.org/news/apa/2020/06/action-addressing-inequality>
- **Race Matters: America in Crisis: A PBS NewsHour Special: (a thorough analysis of recent events)**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5eA43fd3qI>
- **Fighting inequity in the time of COVID-19**
<https://www.apa.org/monitor/2020/06/covid-fighting-inequity>

For additional items and links, see those in our previous

- **May E-News:** (see link:)
- **June E-News:** (see link:)

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES / SYMPOSIA

Division 17: Professional Practice: has organised symposia at International Congresses on an annual basis since ICAP, Melbourne (2010) - ICP 2020 is no exception – Div. 17 double-symposium approved.

The International Congress of Psychology in Prague: (July, 2020) **has been postponed** - due to the Corona virus pandemic - **until July, 2021**. The Division of Professional Practice team is committed to attending and presenting a double-symposium (already accepted) 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. All welcome to attend!

- **100th / Centennial Congress of Applied Psychology in Cancun: (December, 2020)**
Currently going ahead – Division 17 contribution ‘pending’.

Please contact us if you have items to share, questions to ask, ideas to put forward in relation to Division 17 activities.

All the best to all our Members as we face the current situation.

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PREVIOUS LINKS:

- **UNITED NATIONS INTEGRATED CARE INITIATIVE:**
https://iaapsy.org/site/assets/files/1222/undoc_integratinghealthintoprimarycare_pdf.pdf
- **Previous Division 17 E-News Bulletins:**
<https://iaapsy.org/divisions/division17/>
- **End of Year Division 17 Newsletter/Summary (2019)**
<https://iaap.createsend1.com/t/ViewEmail/t/CB562312D9AFD69D2540EF23F30FEDED>