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DECEMBER E-News from OUR TEAM:**

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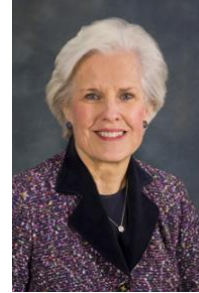
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As we approach the end of this most extraordinary of years, it is important to reflect on our role as psychologists, and what underpins our own stability as contributors to the communities we serve, even as they go through times of great turbulence. The global pandemic, which has dominated our thoughts over the past 11 months, together with numerous other factors, have created extreme pressure for many of us as we attempt to adapt to these new circumstances and go about our work.

The World in the Time of COVID-19

As we write (23.11.20), the WHO Coronavirus Disease 'dashboard' indicates that there are now 57,882,183 confirmed cases and 1,377,395 deaths world-wide (compared to 29.10.20: 43,766,712 cases, 1,163,459 deaths; 26.7.20: 15,581,009 cases, 635,173 deaths; 20.6.20: 8,385,440 cases, 450,686 deaths; 26.4.20: 2.8million cases, 200,000 deaths).

See: WHO:

https://covid19.who.int/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwreT8BRDTARIsAJLI0KIwVRXqANreqNbAupab5zNPQAR3m_4GBbUDMzgG4b8tH3YjaDDO5WYaaAq7gEALw_wcB

(For summaries of the unfolding situation during 2020, see our previous E-News editions.)

The Ethical Underpinnings of our work as psychologists:

Given the uncertain times we are now working in, the moral and ethical basis of our work continues to provide some 'anchors' amongst these turbulent events. It is perhaps therefore timely for us to reconnect with and reflect again on our "***Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles for Psychologists***" - unanimously endorsed by both the IUPsyS and IAAP in 2008 - which emphasizes the core principles underpinning our work of: respect, competence, integrity, responsibility, morals,

dignity, rights, diversity, community, compassionate care, self-determination, honesty, informed consent, beneficence, values and fairness - amongst the myriad of concepts canvassed.

This **statement of key ethical principles for psychologists** has been reviewed again for us by **Professor Alfred Allan** who kindly agreed to write a brief article for this E-News edition (to be placed on our Division website) – see:

- [Professor Alfred Allan: “The Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles for Psychologists”](#)
- **For a full Statement of the Declaration see:**
 - <https://www.iupsys.net/about/governance/universal-declaration-of-ethical-principles-for-psychologists.html>
 - [file:///C:/Users/61477/Downloads/The universal declaration of ethical principles fo.pdf](file:///C:/Users/61477/Downloads/The%20universal%20declaration%20of%20ethical%20principles%20fo.pdf)

Division 17 Newsletter:

We remind you again to review our most recent [Division 17 Newsletter](#) – which highlights some of the pressures on us as professionals in the time of COVID: with “**Snapshots**” from the USA (including rural Maine), the UK, Norway, Canada and Rwanda.

There are also Articles on:

- *Integrated general and mental health care*
- *“An Up-date on International Declaration of Core Competencies in Psychology”*
- *The Biopsychosocial model of care: with particular reference to headache and migraine*
- *Interprofessional learning*
as well as other topics.

Request: Recent Professional Achievements:

We have recently circulated an email to all Division 17 members requesting a list of members’ achievements over the past year. Please forward us a list of your highlights (chapters, articles, symposia, media engagements – or ‘general descriptions’ of interesting projects you’re involved in) with, if possible, links/URLs. The new IAAP Secretary General: Pedro Neves has requested that all IAAP Divisions provide him with these as soon as possible.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES / SYMPOSIA

As outlined previously:

- **Division 17: Professional Practice: organises symposia at International Congresses** on an annual basis (since ICAP, Melbourne (2010).
- **The International Congress of Psychology in Prague: July, 2021** (postponed from July, 2020). The Division team is presenting a double-symposium (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:**
Postponed (planned for December, 2020)

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

We wish you, as our members, all the very best as we continue, across the world, to face the ongoing challenge of the COVID-19 crisis. We also wish you a very Happy Festive Season at the end of this extraordinary year – and a positive and optimistic year ahead.



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Division Website: <https://iaapsy.org/divisions/division17/>

Division Newsletters:

- **October, 2020:** https://iaapsy.org/site/assets/files/2044/div_17_october_newsletter.pdf
- **December, 2019: (End of Year Summary: 2019)**
<https://iaap.createsend1.com/t/ViewEmail/t/CB562312D9AFD69D2540EF23F30FEDED>

Division 17 E-News Bulletins:

- **Link to Division Website:** <https://iaapsy.org/divisions/division17/>

UNITED NATIONS INTEGRATED CARE INITIATIVE:

https://iaapsy.org/site/assets/files/1222/undoc_integratinghealthintopriarycare_pdf.pdf