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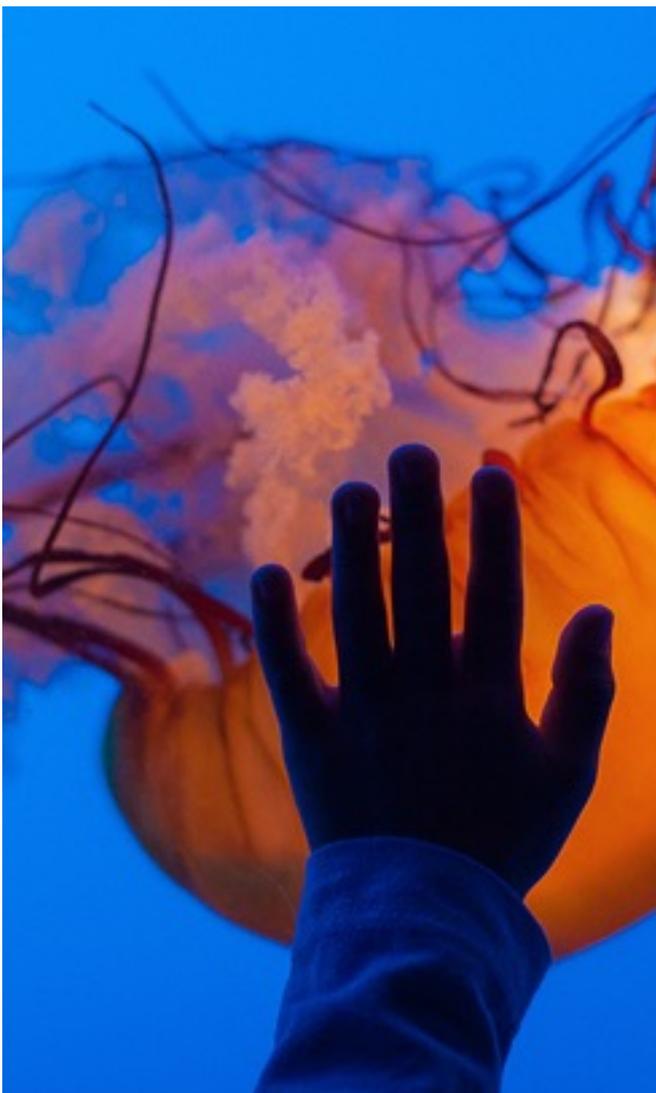
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## EDITOR'S CORNER

It is with great pleasure, I present to you the Newsletter for Division 3, Psychology and Societal Development. This Newsletter is one of the many new initiatives that the Committee Members have undertaken for the division and its activities. The Newsletter would be published twice a year, Issue 1 (January-June) and Issue 2 (July-December). Through this Newsletter, the members would be able to connect to other members, share resources and researches with the wider Division and the Association. We encourage the members to actively participate and connect.

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## President's Message

Dear Members associated with Division 3 (Psychology and Societal Development),

It is privilege and pleasure to communicate with the members of IAAP Division 3. Let us welcome the first issue of the News Letter of the Division 3, Psychology and Societal Development. The Editor, Dr Shail Shankar, has done excellent job by providing us a platform to communicate and enrich us by sharing our work and experiences. The Division 3 is concerned in

part with the ways psychology can contribute to human well-being at a societal level involving issues such as health, education, gender equality, ethnic tolerance, intergroup relations, and even political disputes. Primary emphasis, however, is placed upon understanding how these are affected by different histories, cultures, ethnicities and epistemologies, and thus the call for applications of psychology to be cognisant of these. The objectives of the division are in tune with the mission of IAAP to promote the science and practice of applied psychology and to facilitate interactions and communication among applied psychologists around the world. We live in varied socio-cultural, political and economic contexts across the globe and therefore our problems, the way we study those problems to arrive at solutions naturally vary but sharing of information would undoubtedly mutually benefit us. I am confident that our News Letter would help us in many ways.

The 29th International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP 2018) will be held in Montréal, Canada, June 25-30, 2018. The Organising Committee has already invited suggestions for invited speakers. The Division also invites suggestions for invited symposia and proposals for other activities. The members are encouraged to directly respond to notification of ICAP 2018 organisers.

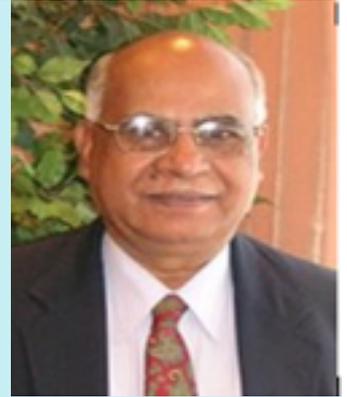
I look forward to your kind co-operation and closer interactions.

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## President-Elect's Message

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Dear Members,

In the last year, Division 3 has been active in several professional and academic events. An Invited symposium was conducted in Armenia, Colombia during the 2015 Regional IAAP, IUPSyS, sponsored congress and Rolando Díaz-Loving (President elect), participated in the workshops for the guidelines of the practice of psychology. This year, the division was part of the special task force that evaluated the role that IAAP should have in the realm of congress organisations, and has put forward the participation of countries that lie under parallel 30 degrees North in such activities. Derived from the efforts of the general assembly, Mexico is elaborating a bid to have a congress in Cancun in 2020 as part of the celebration of the centennial of IAAP. In the International Congress that took place in Yokohama 2016, Janak Panday (President), Rolando Diaz-Loving (President-elect) and Mirtha Flores-Galaz (Secretary), held an invited symposium of the division regarding the importance of indigenous psychologies and local evidence based programs to increase the efficacy of social development interventions and programs. In future activities, the Division has put together activities in the future with the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology and with the Interamerican Society of Psychology. In September of 2016, a workshop has been scheduled on "Impression management and cultural sensitive measurement" with Fons Vin de Vijer (President of IACCP), Alejandra Dominguez (Latin- American representative of IACCP), Rolando Diaz-Loving (President elect Division 3) and Mirtha Flores-Galaz (Secretary, Division 3), with the idea of creating a "Measurement association" for majority countries. Finally, an agreement has been reached with the organisers of the Interamerican Congress of Psychology 2017 to be held in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.



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## Division Activities

July 8-July 13, 2014: A meeting of the Division 3 was held at the Palaise de Congress, Paris. Members present were Janak Pandey (President), Rolando Diaz-Loving (President-Elect) and Cigdem Kagitcibasi (Past President).



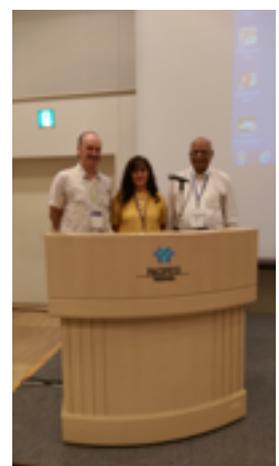
May 19, 2015: Prof. Janak Pandey delivered a colloquium titled "Psychology and Societal Development" at Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, India. The presentation attempted on explaining how psychology positively adds to understanding and solution of societal problems. In the picture: Prof. Janak Pandey (President, Division 3) and Prof. Timothy A. Gonsalves (Director, IIT Mandi).



September 2-5, 2015: A Symposium titled "Psychology and Societal Development" was organised at the First Latin American Regional Conference of Psychology, held at Armenia, Columbia. The symposium was Organised and co-chaired by Prof. Janak Pandey and Prof. Rolando Diaz-Loving. In the picture (from left to right): Janak Pandey (President, Division 3), Kazoo Shigemasu (President, 31st ICP, Yokohama) and Jinxing Zhang (EC Member, IUPsyS)



July 24-29, 2016: An invited symposium of the division regarding the importance of indigenous psychologies and local evidence based programs to increase the efficacy of social development interventions and programs was held at International Congress of Psychology at Yokohama, Japan. In the picture are the presenters (from Left to right), Prof. Rolando Diaz-Loving (President-Elect), Dr. Mirta Flores Galaz (Secretary) and Prof. Janak Pandey (President).



## Members Activities

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Book Published:

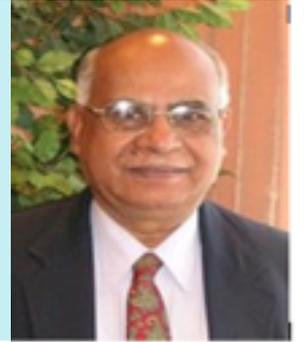
**George Lueddeke**, a member of Division 3, has recently published a book titled "***Global Population Health and Well Being in the 21st Century***". His book has two key aims, (1) to provide a clearer understanding of the complex issues facing health/social care systems worldwide in the early decades of the 21st century; and (2) to support the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs), at global and national levels. A review and quick look of the book can be found on the link below:

<http://www.springerpub.com/global-population-health-and-well-being-in-the-21st-century-toward-new-paradigms-policy-and-practice.html>

**Committee Members of Division 3, Psychology and Societal Development, encourage the members of this Division to share resources, news regarding conferences, meetings as well as their research work for the Newsletter, which will be published twice a year Issue 1 (January-June) and Issue 2 (July-December). This will help the members present their news and work to the wider members as well as the association.**

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