



Memorandum of Understanding

between

The International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) Division 15
and
The Global Student Psychology Committee (GSPC)

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Section 1: Background

Background on GSPC

In September 2020, a group of psychologists and psychology students discussed the importance of bringing students together from different regions across the globe to collectively address concerns facing the field of psychology. In the months that followed, and with support from global colleagues, psychology students from around the world began uniting through this common goal. In December 2020, the first GSPC meeting took place, during which time psychology students from a number of different countries came together to make connections, engage in discussions, and learn about diverse psychology contexts. In the time since, the Global Student Psychology Committee has established itself as its own student-led organization and has continued to expand with student representatives from numerous countries across

Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Latin America, and Oceania. Per the mission of the GSPC, the focus has been placed on the promotion of the sustainable development of psychology as a diverse science and global profession through cross-cultural collaborations, worldwide student networks, inclusivity, and the acceptance of all countries' contributions as valuable to the field. The Global Student Psychology Committee looks forward to continuing to advance the field of psychology through continued global collaborations, including that which is being established with IAAP DIVISION 15.

Background on IAAP Division 15

IAAP is the oldest international association with individual membership in applied psychology and wants to encourage and support an international approach to student research and student professional orientations.

The Student Division was created during the year 2002 and was formally approved at the General Assembly of the IAAP in Singapore, August 2002. Since then, Division 15 has experienced a huge development. It has contributed to the organisation of different international webinars and congresses, where psychology students and early career psychologists have had the space for sharing their contributions to nowadays psychology, both from an academic and applied background.

The mission of a Students Division is to support a network of students who share a common interest in international development, trends, applications, and research in applied psychology. Currently, Division 15 is also opening its doors to early career professionals, as they understand that, in our modern world, the frontier between being a student and a professional is not that clear (after all, a professional is always a student in a sense).

Background on IAAP Division 15 and GSPC Relations

Both IAAP Division 15 and GSPC strive to bring together psychology students (and to ensure sustainability and continued collaborations, in time, also early career professionals once students graduate) from diverse backgrounds and work to develop and improve the field of psychology and the perception of psychology to the general public. We want to achieve our goals through scientific and social exchange and intercultural collaborations.

Section 2: Overview of Memorandum of Understanding

Strategy

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) details an agreement between the GSPC and IAAP Division 15 to collaborate on mutual events and projects that are based on the interest of both organisations.

Specific sections of this agreement outline the arrangements in further detail, introducing several of the core values and ambitions that both GSPC and IAAP Division 15 share in relation to the field of psychology and the involvement and support of students and when applicable, early career psychologists. This agreement is of mutual interest and benefit to both organisations involved.

Desired outcome

The main goal of this collaboration is to ensure more opportunities for the members of both organisations, whilst also promoting each other's organisations.

The GSPC and IAAP Division 15 will seek to identify projects and activities in which they may work together, assist or support each other, or otherwise cooperate for the betterment of psychology, psychology students across the globe, and the needs of the public interest.

Structure & Systems

The collaboration between GSPC and IAAP Division 15 will focus on:

1. Advocacy efforts of psychology students;
 2. Capacity building for GSPC and IAAP Division 15 members;
 3. Providing invitations to each other's events;
 4. Joint campaigns, projects and/or events.
- The GSPC will be represented by the Presiding Chair and members of the Strategy and Organization Team;
 - The IAAP Division 15 will be represented by a member of IAAP Division 15 Executive Board;
 - The IAAP Division 15 representative and Team Member, as well as the President of IAAP Division 15, will be the contact persons between IAAP Division 15 and the GSPC;
 - The Presiding Chair of the GSPC and members of the Strategy and Organization Team will be the contact persons between the GSPC and IAAP Division 15.
 - Both organizations will be responsible for introducing incoming leaders of their respective organization to one another once leadership terms conclude. This will ensure sustainability of partnerships and collaborations between the GSPC and IAAP Division 15.

Section 3: Sharing Resources and Social Media

1. Both organisations agree to regularly publicise relevant publications and other resources deemed relevant to each other and are required to include the official logo and web page of the other organisation on their official websites as collaborating partner organisations.
2. The contact persons of both organisations are responsible for sharing information about their organisations and relevant initiatives with each other and for further dissemination of this information to respective members of each organisation.
3. Any use of the corporate identity of the partnering organisation is strictly prohibited without the approval of the other organisation.
4. GSPC will share its database on international Congresses with IAAP Division 15. In return, IAAP DIVISION 15 will collaborate in contributing to this database, including IAAP Division 15 activities, and this resource will be shared among members of both organisations.

Section 4: Shared Responsibilities and Collaborations

This section outlines the responsibilities that both GSPC and IAAP Division 15 would have towards each other:

1. Promote the partner organisation on an annual basis at events hosted;
2. Promote events, opportunities, and student resources from each organisation on the other's respective social media pages;
3. Provide invitations to each other's main official meetings/events (if applicable and justifiable). Organisations may provide each other with access to their annual congresses*. In this regard, each organisation may allow the other party to give a presentation/ lecture/workshop;
*GSPC has still to organise its first International Congress, but it will provide IAAP Division 15 with the aforementioned opportunity when first celebrated.
4. Share responsibility collectively for the common projects and nominate a specific responsible person for each particular project;
5. Find common advocacy topics and address them through collaborative social media campaigns and/or academic activities (e.g., Suicide Prevention, Mental Health Awareness Month). The details of these activities shall be decided in individual proposals and for each term separately.

Section 5: Specific Responsibilities of IAAP Division 15

1. IAAP Division 15 shall recognise the GSPC as one of its international partners.
2. IAAP Division 15 shall promote the GSPC by including a logo and link to the GSPC website on IAAP Division 15' website.
3. IAAP Division 15 shall provide the GSPC representatives with the possibility to promote and introduce their organisation by providing a presentation (the length of the presentation should be discussed).
4. IAAP Division 15 shall annually provide the GSPC with the option of an excerpt in their IAAP Division 15 Magazine for GSPC Student Division to provide further information on their organisation and initiatives.

Section 6: Specific Responsibilities of GSPC

1. The GSPC shall recognise IAAP Division 15 as a collaborating International Partner organisation.
2. The GSPC shall promote IAAP Division 15 by including its logo and a link to the IAAP Division 15 website on the GSPC website as a collaborating partner organisation.
3. The GSPC will share specific academic resources and events with IAAP Division 15.
4. The GSPC will provide IAAP Division 15 members the opportunities to join the Committee as Student Representatives, if and when openings are available for unrepresented countries. Interested students will have to inquire into GSPC membership through the proper channels, which may be done by contacting the Memorandum of Understanding's IAAP Division 15 representative for more information.

Section 7: Professional Boundaries

1. Both organisations are required at all times to keep all personal information shared by either party completely confidential unless stated otherwise.

Section 8: Validity of the Collaboration Agreement

1. This Memorandum of Understanding is valid until the 13th of June, 2025 with the option to renew the Memorandum of Understanding on an annual basis.
2. Adjustments to this Memorandum of Understanding can be made at any time upon approval by both organisations.
3. Extension of the agreement can be made by approval from both IAAP Division 15 and the GSPC. Before the expiration date, amendments to this agreement can be made through discussion and approval from both GSPC and IAAP Division 15.
4. This agreement can be terminated by either organisation at any time, as long as the notice with a detailed explanation of the reasons for this decision is provided three months prior to the proposed termination date.
5. Should IAAP Division 15 or GSPC engage in unethical or any other behaviour deemed to harm the reputation of the other organisation or members thereof, the partnering organisation reserves the right to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding.
6. Should either party fail to uphold the agreed-upon terms, the Memorandum of Understanding can be dissolved upon discussions between the two partnering organisations.

Section 9: Approval

Date and signatures as of June 14, 2022

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