

## **IAAP webinar 6**

*'Making use of IMPACCT in times of the COVID-19 pandemic: Evolution of a Health Literacy Educational Program to Improve Patient-centered Communication Competences by Addressing Students Digitally'*

On 11 June, 2020, members of IAAP division 8 organized the 6<sup>th</sup> webinar in the IAAP webinar series. The webinar was moderated by Prof Sonia Lippke (Jacobs University Bremen (JUB), Germany), and included presentations by Dr Annalena Welp (JUB), Roberta Papa (Agenzia Sanitaria Regionale, Ancona, Italy), and Prof Andrea de Winter (University Medical Center Groningen, the Netherlands).

The webinar explored the challenge of balancing a generalist perspective to maximize the reach of health literacy education across Europe and tailoring its content to ensure its relevance for local healthcare providers. The webinar in particular discussed the benefit of including stakeholders (such as students, patients, health & educational experts) at all stages of the development process, and addressed the effects of the Corona pandemic on teaching in higher education and the opportunities the current situation may present, including adaptations to flexibly switch between face-to-face and online teaching.

About 22 participants attended the webinar. The majority were predominantly involved in research or mostly taught bachelor level students. Also, most participants were members of Division 1 - work & organizational psychology and were interested in implementing the learning units in their teaching.

## **Division 8 executive board**

The division 8 board is pleased to announce that, in the 2020 elections of divisional presidents, Prof. Yiqun Gan was elected the next IAAP division 8 president. The board congratulates Yiqun Gan, who is professor at the School of Psychological and Cognitive Sciences, Peking University and previously was the division 8 secretary. She is succeeded as secretary by John de Wit, professor of interdisciplinary social science of public health at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. Prof. Noa Vilchinsky stepped down from the division 8 board as communications officer. This role is now merged with that of the division secretary. The division 8 board thanks Prof. Vilchinsky for all her work for the division and wishes her all the best in her new role as secretary of the European Health Psychology Association.