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Division 17: Professional Practice continues to organize symposia at various international meetings and congresses to focus on advances in professional practice and especially on the role of the psychologist in integrated healthcare and primary care systems.

American Psychological Association Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois

(Thursday 8th – Sunday 11th August, 2019; McCormick Place, 2301 S King Dr., Chicago)

Several symposia have been organized to address psychological practice in integrated healthcare settings.

- **Symposium on the 10-year anniversary of the Future of Psychology Practice Initiative** (commissioned by Professor James Bray as 2009 President of the APA): The initiative focused on psychological practice in primary care and integrated healthcare systems (Bray, 2010), with this current symposium serving as an opportunity to reflect on the progress during the past 10 years and future areas for psychological practice. The symposium will feature several former APA presidents who will review the progress of psychology in integrated healthcare systems and share their ideas for the future of psychology practice:

Dr. Carol Goodheart (2010 APA President): will discuss the importance of the latest International Classification of Disease (ICD) revision, which focuses on psychological approaches to mental health problems. The ICD is now required in the United States for insurance billing, rather than the American Psychiatric DSM-V system. In addition, she will discuss the utilization of outcome measures to promote evidence-based practice.

Professor Susan McDaniel (2016 APA President): will discuss her Presidential Initiative to enhance psychologists in integrated healthcare systems by: improving team functioning; increasing health equity; optimizing new payment models; inter-professional education; research and evaluation; and policies to sustain integrated primary care.

Dr. Patrick Deleon (2000 APA President): will discuss legislative and political changes that need to take place in order to enhance psychologists' participation in integrated healthcare.

Finally, **Professor James Bray (2009 APA President):** will discuss the importance of traditional mental health care practice in the future of health care systems.

- **International Perspectives on Integrated Healthcare: including the importance of telehealth for integrated healthcare practice.**

Dr. Diana Prescott (IAAP Division 17 Secretary) has convened this symposium, Chaired by Professor Susan McDaniel, which will canvas integrated perspectives and “state of the art” in integrated mental health care in various countries, with specific emphasis on the optimal use of telehealth in this domain. Invited speakers include: Professor James Bray, Dr. Robyn Vines (Australia), Heidi Tessand (Norway) – the latter two to be represented; Nancy Ruddy – and others.

Saturday, 10th August, 8.00am; room W178b, Level 1, West Building, McCormick Place.

2020 International Congress of Psychology in Prague:

The IAAP Division of Professional Practice is planning to organize a double-symposium on international perspectives on integrated healthcare. These will feature speakers from various countries across the globe (Australia, New Zealand, Norway, UK, US, Canada and others), all of whom will discuss advances in their respective countries and build on previous symposia held at other international meetings (ICAP, Melbourne: 2010; ICP, Capetown: 2012; ECP, Stockholm: 2013; ICAP, Paris: 2014; ECP, Milan: 2015; ICP, Yokahama, 2016; ECP, Amsterdam: 2017; ICAP, Montreal: 2018). If you are interested in participating in these symposia, please contact Dr. Robyn Vines (contact details below).

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the APA in Chicago – next week!! – and at the 2020 ICP in Prague. Please contact us to let us know about your ideas and plans for advancing professional practice.

Webinar:

- **Please go to IAAP Website to view Webinar on “Integrated Multidisciplinary Mental health Care” with Professor James Bray and Dr. Robyn Vines, broadcast on May 16th by Division 17 (see our June Newsletter).**



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