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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 Convention (Chicago, Illinois: Thursday 8th – Sunday 11th August, 2019)

Two lively symposia were convened at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association. They included IAAP Division 17 members and addressed a number of professional practice issues at the cutting edge of assessment and treatment.

- The first symposium was convened by Dr. Diana Prescott (IAAP Division 17 secretary): ***“Telepsychology in International Integrated Health Care”***. This “future-forward” panel began with a talk by Dr James Bray on various integrated primary care models internationally. Dr Nancy Ruddy then adapted the Change Management principles important for implementing behavioral health into primary care, applying them to the process of implementing telepsychology in a clinical service. Dr Lindsay Sycz, a primary care family psychology postdoctoral fellow, at the University of Rochester with Dr Susan McDaniel, was enthusiastic as she described her experiences—the rewards and the challenges - as a trainee learning to provide integrated care. She also described the training and experience that the fellows get with telepsychology. Dr Diana Prescott gave a stirring talk about the problems of access to behavioral healthcare in rural areas such as her home in Maine and Indiana before that. Finally, Dr Ole Tunold, from Norway, discussed telehealth issues across Europe. In addition, Professor Susan McDaniel served as discussant, talking about the many exciting opportunities presented by telepsychology for clinical service, education and training, and research, and how much we can learn from what is happening internationally.
- The second symposium was convened by Professor James Bray and focused on the ***“Future of Psychology Practice Initiative”***. After an introduction and summary of the 2009 Summit by Professor Bray, the symposium speakers reviewed progress over the past 10 years since the Initiative was started during Professor Bray’s APA Presidency in 2009. Dr Carol Goodheart discussed ethical issues and evidence-based practice that were part of her presidential initiatives in 2010. Professor Susan McDaniel also reflected on her initiatives during her own 2016 Presidential year to advance inter-professional

relationships in integrated primary care (IPC) through an Alliance with other Health Professional Associations, an inter-professional curriculum on IPC now published on APA's web-site (<http://www.apa.org/education/grad/curriculum-seminar.aspx>), a work group to define integrated specialty care, the *American Psychologist Special Issue on the Science of Teamwork* (McDaniel & Salas, May 2018 – see: <https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/special/4017305>), and developing the APA Interdisciplinary Team Science Prize (given this year to the Center for the Study of Tobacco Products for their work on *Interdisciplinary Science and Tobacco Regulation—Informing the FDA About Electronic Cigarettes*).

These two symposia highlighted Division 17's own focus on the importance of primary care psychology, integrated health care and the need to work in multidisciplinary teams as an optimal way of meeting global population health need.

International Congress of Psychology (ICP) - Prague: 19th – 24th July, 2020

The IAAP Division of Professional Practice is planning to organize a double-symposium on international perspectives on integrated healthcare, featuring speakers from countries across the globe (New Zealand, Norway, UK, US, Canada, Australia and others). Advances in the field will be discussed, building upon 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 this event, please contact Division President, Robyn Vines (contact details below).

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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