

**Division of Professional Practice (Division 17)  
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**A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR to all IAAP members!!**

As we ‘embark’ upon the new year ahead, it remains as important as ever to reflect on our role as psychologists, and how we can contribute to the communities we serve. The global pandemic - which has dominated our thoughts over much of the past year, with numerous other factors - has created a time of enormous turbulence and uncertainty (economically, socially, psychologically), with possibly unprecedented demand on our services.

See: **“2020: the year in sound”** : <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/breakfast/2020-the-year-in-sound/12992460> for a brief summary of key events during the year just past (an Australian perspective).

**The World in the Time of COVID-19**

As we write (28.12.20), the WHO Coronavirus Disease ‘dashboard’ indicates that there are now **79,673,994 confirmed cases** and **1,761,381 deaths world-wide** (compared to 23.11.20: 57,882,183 cases, 1,377,395 deaths; 29.10.20: 43,766,712 cases, 1,163,459 deaths; 26.7.20: 15,581,009 cases, 635,173 deaths; 20.6.20: 8,385,440 cases, 450,686 deaths; 26.4.20: 2.8million cases, 200,000 deaths).

**See: WHO:**

[https://covid19.who.int/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIkPfX79Px7QIV2w0rCh2N\\_w2GEAAYASAAEgKQm\\_D\\_BwE](https://covid19.who.int/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIkPfX79Px7QIV2w0rCh2N_w2GEAAYASAAEgKQm_D_BwE)

(For summaries of the unfolding situation during 2020, see previous Division 17 E-News editions.)

The ongoing concern about the exponential growth in the disease has been exacerbated by recent emergence of new highly infectious strains of the virus – ameliorated, however, by the roll-out of several new vaccines which the whole world is optimistically hoping will be effective.

Global reaction has been to farewell 2020 as an unprecedented “year-of-all-years” with the view that 2021 “has to be better”! We certainly **hope** that this is the case and that our faith in this (i.e. the ‘certainty of things hoped for’) proves correct!!

## RECENT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF IAAP (14<sup>TH</sup> AND 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2020)

- Four members of our Division 17 Executive (new President-Elect: Susan McDaniel, outgoing President: James Bray, Secretary: Diana Prescott and myself as current President) attended a **'marathon' four-hour zoom meeting** over two early morning/late night blocks on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December. This meeting is usually held over two days at ICAP (as in Paris, 2014 and Montreal, 2018), so the content, expertly chaired by our President: Christine Roland-Levy, was *"intensely concertina'd"* into a much shorter time frame.
- **Member Activities:** A particularly positive initiative of Pedro's has been to request the Divisions to assemble a list of member activities over the past twelve months for circulation within the association. [Attached is Division 17's current compilation](#) - again, as previously requested, we would appreciate all members entering their professional initiatives and achievements into the table and sending to us for further compilation. This will be an annual activity, so it would be great if you could compile comprehensive lists for us from now on.
- **Completion of Office-holder positions:**  
**The two-year term of our Immediate Past-President: James Bray PhD:** came to an end with the IAAP Board meeting. We would particularly like to thank him for his extraordinary contribution over the past ten years, both within the Division of Professional Practice and in a number of key IAAP committees. James 'picked up the mantel' of President, Division 17 in 2010 (at ICAP in Melbourne) and has inspiringly 'steered us' through the early stages of the Division's establishment. **Thank you James for your vision, support and encouragement.** We look forward to you remaining on our expanding Executive team during the next four years.



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## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES / SYMPOSIA

As outlined previously:

- **Division 17: Professional Practice: organises symposia at International Congresses** on an annual basis (since ICAP, Melbourne (2010)).
- **The International Congress of Psychology in Prague: July, 2021** (postponed from July, 2020). The Division team is hopefully presenting (pending ICP going ahead) a double-symposium (accepted) entitled: ***"The role of psychology in integrated mental health care: an international perspective"***.  
**Brief Description of the Symposium:**

The symposium will provide an overview of current progress in integrated psychological service delivery in the primary care setting in a number of western countries: USA, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Norway and the United Kingdom. These integrated services attempt to redress the ongoing “medicalisation of unhappiness” across the western world and the sub-optimal care provided in which medication is still frequently the first (and often only) treatment of choice, leaving the crucial psychosocial dimensions of mental and general health under-treated. Integrated primary mental and general health service delivery has evolved over the past twenty years to include evidence-based psychological interventions in the primary care setting. Symposium participants will canvas progress in a number of different areas in their specific countries and provide an up-date internationally on key issues relevant to this mode of practice. All welcome to attend!

**Please contact us if you have items to share, questions to ask, ideas to put forward in relation to Division 17 activities.**

**We wish you, as our members, a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR and may 2021 be a better year ahead for us all.**



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**Division Website:** <https://iaapsy.org/divisions/division17/>

**Division Newsletters:**

- **October, 2020:**  
[https://iaapsy.org/site/assets/files/2044/div\\_17\\_october\\_newsletter.pdf](https://iaapsy.org/site/assets/files/2044/div_17_october_newsletter.pdf)
- **December, 2019: (End of Year Summary: 2019)**  
<https://iaap.createsend1.com/t/ViewEmail/t/CB562312D9AFD69D2540EF23F30FEDED>

**Division 17 E-News Bulletins:**

- **Link to Division Website:** <https://iaapsy.org/divisions/division17/>

**UNITED NATIONS INTEGRATED CARE INITIATIVE:**

[https://iaapsy.org/site/assets/files/1222/undoc\\_integratinghealthintoprimarycare\\_pdf.pdf](https://iaapsy.org/site/assets/files/1222/undoc_integratinghealthintoprimarycare_pdf.pdf)