



## Division 6: Clinical & Community Psychology

### IAAP Division 6 Newsletter, Winter 2020-2021

#### *From the President....*

IAAP recently asked all the Divisions to submit a report for the 2019-2020 reporting period. I think we can all agree that this period has been a challenging one for Division 6 members, as it has been for all people across the globe. Since the start of the global COVID-19 pandemic in January 2020, many anticipated activities have been significantly hindered. Nevertheless, Division 6 members were very active in 2019 and continued to make a difference in 2020 as they helped their individual communities face this international public health emergency. I am summarizing below some of the activities of our colleagues.

#### **Highlights from the 2019-2020 Annual Report**

**Sharing Knowledge of Applied Psychology.** Prior to the COVID-19 epidemic, Division 6 members actively engaged in sharing knowledge with their peers through participation in conferences across the globe. These conferences where our members presented include:

- The National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference in the United States.
- The Portuguese Psychologists Association (OPP) Fourth National Congress in September
- The Second International Congress about City, Security and Global Terrorism in Madrid, Spain
- The Safety, Security and Wellbeing Forum with the New Zealand Police was held following the Christchurch attacks.
- The Colombian College of Psychology (Colpsic) annual meeting in Barranquilla, Colombia.
- Yale University Climate Change and Health Program in the US.



*Greetings, Fellow IAAP Members! I am delighted to serve as President of IAAP's Division 6. For those who don't know me, I am Daniel Dodgen, Ph.D., a Clinical Psychologist working in public policy. My activities encompass children's health, emergency preparedness, disaster response, terrorism, mass violence, climate change and opioid addiction. I previously worked at the American Psychological Association following a Congressional Fellowship with the U.S. House of Representatives. I serve on the IAAP Board of Directors and the Task Force on Psychology and Terrorism. I am a licensed clinical psychologist in Washington, DC.*

## Engagement with Cross-IAAP Initiatives

- Several Division 6 members have been actively involved in the *IAAP Task Force on Terrorism and Peace Building*, including Division 6 President Daniel Dodgen and Past-President María Paz García-Vera, the Task Force Chair. You can learn more about the Task force at <https://iaapsy.org/policies-initiatives/task-force-on-terrorism/>

**IAAP Member Survey.** Thanks to IAAP for encouraging us to do the recent survey and thanks to all who responded. Here is some of what you told us:

- We had 24 responses, representing diverse countries such as India, Pakistan, China and the US
- People told us about their published work in depression, clinical supervision, and psychological consultation
- A number of people have published articles about the psychological aspects of the COVID response—including the impact of lockdown, accessing health information, and trust in medical professionals.

## Leadership and Elections



**Welcome Dr. Tim Hannan,  
IAAP Division 6 President Elect**

In August 2020, Division 6 members chose Dr. Tim Hannan to be the new President-Elect of Division 6. Tim is a clinical psychologist and neuropsychologist who has worked in diverse areas of psychology, including ten years in public health and nine in tertiary education, along with a decade in full-time or part-time private practice. His educational background includes postgraduate qualifications in clinical psychology (University of Sydney), clinical neuropsychology (Macquarie University), cognitive science (University of NSW), and sport psychology (University of Western Sydney). The majority of Tim's career has been in the field of child and adolescent psychology. He obtained his first job in community health, and subsequently worked at each of Sydney's children's hospitals. Through these positions, he developed a keen interest in the clinical and neuropsychological assessment of childhood disorders, and the application of this work to the delivery of effective, evidence-based therapeutic services to children and their families. In 2003, Tim was granted the funding to direct the Australian standardizations of three major tests of children's cognitive abilities, the WISC-IV, WIAT-II and CELF-4. During this time, he became increasingly aware of psychologists' demand for high quality continuing education and training in child psychology, and has since presented over 200 professional development events to APS member groups, health and education departments, and various other organizations around Australia and overseas.

A member of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) since 1992, Tim has held numerous offices within the Society, including terms as New South Wales Chair of the APS College of Clinical Psychologists, National Chair of the APS College of Educational & Developmental Psychologists, and National Chair of the APS College of Sport Psychologists. He also served a term as National Chair of the APS College of Clinical Neuropsychologists, and chaired the College's 5th Annual Conference in 1999, and the 12th Annual Conference in 2006. Tim was elected to Fellowship of the APS in 2008, and to the APS Board of Directors in 2010. He served as President of the APS from 2012 to 2014. Tim has also been a strong supporter of IAAP Division 6. He has served on the review committee for proposals to the ICAP conference and consistently made himself available to support activities of the Division for Clinical and Community Psychology. We are delighted to welcome Tim as the Division 6 President Elect.

## **Division 6 Congratulates Past President Maria Paz Garcia Vera**

On December 15 2020, Dr. Maria Paz Garcia Vera, past president of Division 6, was inducted into the Spanish National Academy of Psychology. Please join us in congratulating her for this remarkable achievement.



**Congratulations and  
Felicitaciones to  
Dr Maria Paz Garcia Vera**

## **Division 6 Member Publications.** Thanks to everyone who responded to the survey.

Here is what we learned from the member survey, but we know it is only a sample of the great work you are all doing.

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### **Want To Be More Involved in Division 6?**

Community and clinical psychologists are actively engaged in addressing the challenges that face our world. We are addressing our community's mental health and substance abuse needs while addressing the consequences of public health emergencies.

Unfortunately, the work we do can be so demanding that we don't always have time to tell our peers about what we are learning. Division 6 has always sought to be a forum for sharing information and learning from one another. Every member has something to contribute, and I am asking for your ideas on how we can do so.

- Would you like to contribute an article to the newsletter about your research?
- Would you like to contribute an article to the newsletter about your clinical work?
- Would you like to contribute an article to the newsletter about unique aspects of community and clinical psychology in your country?
- Are you interested in serving as a leader in the Division? We welcome help producing the newsletter and developing an Executive Committee for the Division. There are many ways to contribute.

- If you are not ready to commit to one of the ideas above, we still want to hear from you. Let us know how the newsletter might be most useful to you.

## **Concluding Remarks**

While the past year has been a productive one for Division 6 members, it has also been a very difficult year for all the peoples of the world. The need for quarantine and self-isolation has significantly curtailed our ability to meet at conferences and engage in our normal professional activities. It has made demands on all of us—whether we are clinicians, academics, or working in some other role. Despite this, Division 6 members have continued making contributions through their applied work and through ongoing virtual communication, information sharing, and resource sharing. We look forward to advancing our efforts in 2021 as we adjust to the changes we will undoubtedly see in a post-COVID world.

Thank you to everyone for your commitment to IAAP, Division 6, and the people you serve in your communities. I appreciate you. You can reach me at [DrDanDodgen@gmail.com](mailto:DrDanDodgen@gmail.com)

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