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Division of Professional Practice (Division 17)

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May-June: 'Monthly Snapshot'

- **The World in the Time of COVID-19:** As we write (23.5.21), the WHO Coronavirus Disease 'dashboard' indicates that there are now **166,346,635 cases of COVID-19, including 3,449,117 deaths world-wide, an increase of 14 million cases** in three weeks (compared to 1.5.21: 152,535,452 confirmed cases, including 3,198,528 deaths; 22.3.21: 22,524,424 cases, including 2,703,620 deaths; 22.2.21: 111,102,016 cases, 2,462,911 deaths; 25.1.21: 99,363,697 cases, 2,135,959 deaths; 28.12.20: 79,673,994 cases, 1,761,381 deaths; 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=EAJaiQobChMkPfX79Px7QIV2w0rCh2N_w2GEAAYASAAEgKQm_D_BwE

4.35million new cases were recorded this week, the lowest total since the first week in April, and just under 85,750 deaths, the lowest in five weeks - although both numbers are amongst the highest weekly totals since the pandemic began, and the death toll may be substantially undercounted. India's disastrous second wave seems to be peaking, but accounted for 45½% of all new global cases this week, with Brazil: 10½%; Europe: just over 9%; the USA just under 5% - but infections are rising in South East Asia with 3½ % of all cases this week; there has also been a surge in Taiwan. Economic consequences of the pandemic remain unclear, with international borders remaining largely closed. The ongoing sequelae of the pandemic will continue to be monitored.

For these details see Saul Eslake's: 'Coronavirus Impact Chart' for week ended 22nd May, 2021:

<https://www.saul-eslake.com/> and [Coronavirus Impact Chart Pack 2021-04-24.pdf](#))

Our monthly Division 17 E-News also provides an opportunity to reflect on other key events of the past month and the possible professional implications of these.

- **Ongoing uncertainty in the Middle East with war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza:**

At least 230 Palestinians and 12 Israelis have been killed and Gazan cities wrecked after 11 days of fierce fighting between Israel and Hamas - with a 'mutual unconditional cease-fire' finally agreed to (20.5.21). Diplomatic attempts to secure a long-term and sustainable situation in the region remain complex if not intractable, as Israel tries to establish a workable government after four national elections in two years.

See: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/a-look-at-the-us-role-and-reaction-to-cess-fire-in-the-middle-east>

- **US Congress bill to combat anti-Asian hate crimes** (see item below): President Joe Biden has signed legislation (20.5.21) to curtail a dramatic rise in hate crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, subsequent to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020. The bill was passed by a vote of 364-62 on 18.5.21. See: https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/news-wrap-biden-signs-covid-19-hate-crimes-act-to-combat-rise-in-anti-asian-attacks?utm_medium=event&utm_source=playlist_link
- **'Psychology's urgent need to dismantle racism'**: The events referred to above, together with the rapid emergence of 'Black Lives Matter' movement after the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis in 2020, have given rise to an APA initiative: **'Dismantling Racism'**. The focus of this initiative is to ask the question: **'In a time of crisis and racial reckoning, what is psychology's opportunity, and responsibility, to take action?'** See: <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2021/04/cover-dismantle-racism>
- **Transitioning to a Post-Pandemic World: How can Psychological Science Assist Others and Us as Psychologists?** The American Psychological Association held an important 'Town Hall' meeting on 12.5.21 to discuss this important topic. Well worth listening.
 - See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yChkxR9QBU>
 - <https://www.apa.org/members/content/post-pandemic-transitioning>
 - Transcript: https://iaapsy.org/site/assets/files/1222/apa-post-pandemicworld-transcript_12_5_21.pdf

Division Activity:

The "Each One Reach One" campaign: April 12th to July 8th, 2021:

The IAAP is **well within reach** of the "Division 1 inspired" campaign, as part of our Centenary celebrations, to increase membership of the IAAP by "101 new members in 101 days" (to be completed in July). A recent email from IAAP Operations Centre (18.5.21) indicated that we only have **26 new members to go, with 52 days remaining** (at the time of the email) to achieve this target. Division 17 have played a part in this – and I encourage all of you to contribute by inviting those you know who may be interested to join.

See: <https://iaapsy.org/membership/join/type>

Please highlight:

- benefits of **IAAP Membership**: <https://iaapsy.org/membership/>
- **Division of Professional Practice** (Division 17): <https://iaapsy.org/divisions/division17/#>
- **Division of Students** (Div 15): <https://iaapsy.org/divisions/division15/>
(for students: both under-graduate and post-graduate and early career psychologists).

Mission Statement of the Division of Professional Practice is as follows:

Professional Psychology places a strong emphasis upon evidence-based practice and covers a wide range of matters of central interest to practicing psychologists. These include accreditation, registration, quality and standards, supervision and mentoring, ethics, service delivery, workplace conditions, advertising standards, technological orientation, and political orientation and advocacy.

Fees: are very reasonable (see table below) – and vary according to geographic region and level of seniority (\$20 for students world-wide for two years!)

We encourage you to join and contribute to the development of Division 17 – and welcome all enquiries and new members.

Fee Structure for the IAAP:

	1 YEAR	2 YEAR	4 YEAR
TYPE A high-income countries	\$80	\$160 \$120	\$320 \$224
TYPE B upper-middle-income countries	\$70	\$140 \$105	\$280 \$196
TYPE C lower-income countries	\$26	\$52 \$39	\$104 \$73
EARLY CAREER psychologists worldwide in the first two-years of their career	\$50	\$100 \$75	
STUDENTS students worldwide	\$15	\$30 \$20	
SIOP and EAWOP members	\$70	\$140 \$105	

International Congresses:

ICP: International Congress of Psychology in Prague: is to be held ‘virtually’ in July, 2021

(postponed from July, 2020). Our Division team will be present (via zoom) a symposium entitled: ***"The role of psychology in integrated mental health care: an international perspective"***.

Brief Description of the Symposium: An overview of current progress in integrated psychological service delivery in the primary care setting in a number of western countries. 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.



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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
- **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_integratinghealthintopriarycare_pdf.pdf