**ICOPE Inc NEWSLETTER**

October 2017

Dear members of ICOPE

Inside this newsletter you will find an update regarding the AGM, news from Committee members and details of upcoming Conferences and Resources.

The next newsletter will be sent in early 2018 and I look forward to receiving your contributions. Please send details of relevant events and resources for the next newsletter to me by 30 December

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**NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

ICOPE Inc. Committee Details:

President: Mohammad Rahman (University of Dhaka, Bangladesh)

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Steve Charlton (Douglas College, Canada)

Grant Rich (Consulting Psychologist, Juneau, Alaska, USA)

Luis Alfredo Padilla López (Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, Mexico)

**Updates from the AGM and Committee Meetings**

The AGM was held via Skype on September 15, during the OZPLAT Conference Brisbane at 2200hours Australia time and various times around the world! In response to our call for Expressions of Interest from members from non-English-speaking countries, Dr Luis Alfredo Padilla López contacted the committee and was duly co-opted at the AGM. The main two items of discussion were the preparation of the book for publication and the ICOPE Conference (details below). It was agreed that Grant Rich will take over the editing of the book. Dr Julie Hulme has stood down from the committee, thanks are expressed for all of her work over the past few years.

If any members are interested in joining an ICOPE symposium being planned to take place at the International Congress of Applied Psychology in Montreal ([www.icap2018.com](http://www.icap2018.com)), please contact Jacky Cranney (j.cranney@unsw.edu.au) by 20 November.

A message from Victor Karandashev

Dear ICOPE colleagues,

Our dearest friend and colleague Sherri McCarthy passed away on October 2, 2017 because of a tragic accident. It is hard to believe, difficult to accept this terrible fact, and impossible to imagine the world of international psychology education without her. She has been Professor of Educational Psychology, Counselling & Human Relations at Northern Arizona University-Yuma for many years. She has been a great enthusiast of internationalization of psychology and psychology education and she made tremendous efforts to network psychology educators around the world. She was a leader and co-founder of ICOPE (International Council of Psychology Educators) at the beginning of 2000s. She and I worked together to lead the inception of the first International Conference on Psychology Education, which was held in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 2002. That inaugural conference was followed by the series of ICOPE conferences that took place every two years in different parts of the world. The last one she wonderfully orchestrated in her home university, Northern Arizona University, in Flagstaff, in August of 2014.

Over years, she became a very good accomplice and the dearest friend of many psychology educators around the world. Starting as the pioneers in the field, we have worked together for the promotion of international psychology education through continuing series of international teaching of psychology conferences and many publications. Her enthusiastic editorial leadership produced three impressive volumes *Teaching of Psychology around the World* (published by Cambridge Scholars) as the most comprehensive review of international practices in psychology teaching from truly global perspective. She was extremely energetic and productive in her efforts to reach all continents helping to promote international sharing in psychology. She has multiple international colleagues and friends all over the world who are very grateful for the years of friendship and productive collaboration with her.

She was a real citizen of the world and the person generous in all regards, in friendship and collaboration. The world will never be the same without her. I express my condolences to all of us in the circle of Psychology Educators.

Sincerely Yours, Victor

**ICOPE Conference - Call for Papers**

We invite you to submit an abstract for presentation at our next conference to be held at Dhaka University, Bangladesh 15th-18th February 2018.

The conference is being organised by ICOPE Chair Dr. Mohammad Mahmudur Rahman

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Please send a 250 word abstract by 30 November 2017. Full details contained in the flyer at the end of this newsletter – please circulate this to colleagues.

**Conference Reviews**

Vancouver International Conference on the Teaching of Psychology (VICTOP)

The 6th Vancouver International Conference on the Teaching of Psychology organised by Dr Steve Charlton took place at the Coast Plaza Hotel from July 27-29th, 2017 and covered a wide range of issues related to the teaching of psychology. It was attended by approximately 200 university and college instructors of psychology from 13 countries who enthusiastically exchanged perspectives and explored new ideas with colleagues from around the world. In all there were 71 talks, a poster session and a participant idea exchange that included topics such as classroom demonstrations, new teaching methods, recent advances in specialized areas of psychology, and issues of assessment. Elizabeth Loftus, David Myers and Jacquelyn Cranney were the keynote speakers and Sue Frantz, Doris Vasconcellos-Bernstein, and Anthony Barnhart were invited speakers. As usual the social event on the final night was spectacular on the 35th floor overlooking the ocean, mountains, sunset and a major international fireworks display. http://www.kpu.ca/victop

EUROPLAT European Psychology Teaching and Learning Conference

The European Psychology Teaching and Learning Conference took place in the beautiful city of Salzburg, Austria from 18th – 20th September. The main theme of the conference was ‘Evidence-based Improvement of Learning and Teaching of Psychology’ and the presentations and posters covered research from all sub-disciplines psychology teaching. The conference was attended by 130 delegates from across Europe, but also from the USA and Japan. The first keynote from Professor Doug Bernstein discussed the effectiveness of active learning and the second keynote from Professor Paul Kirschner critically evaluated ten educational urban legends. The Austrian hospitality was wonderful and included a Mozart recital opening the conference, a guided walk around the historical ‘Mozart-City’, and a conference dinner at the Hubertushof Anif nestled at the foot of the Untersberg mountain accompanied by traditional Austrian music and culinary specialties. The program can be found here <http://europlat.sbg.ac.at/program.html>

If you have attended any relevant conferences, please email me your review.

**CONFERENCES OF INTEREST TO PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATORS**

2017

# October 20 – 21

# STP 16th Annual Conference on Teaching (ACT)

# San Antonio, Texas

2018

January 3 - 6

40th Annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology (NITOP)  
Trade Winds Island Grand Resort, St. Petes Beach, Florida <https://www.nitop.org/>

February 15-18

ICOPE Conference, Dhaka University, Bangladesh

April 13 - 14

European Federation of Psychology Teachers Associations (EFPTA), Reykjavik, Iceland

[www.efpta.org/home/index.asp?sid=4](http://www.efpta.org/home/index.asp?sid=4)

April 25 - 29

Western Psychological Association, (first day is Teaching Pre-conference), Portland, Oregon, USA

<http://westernpsych.org/convention/>

May 24 - 27

APS Convention, San Francisco, California

https://www.psychologicalscience.org/conventions/annual

# June 6-7

# Division of Academics, Researchers and Teachers in Psychology, Birmingham, UK

<https://www.bps.org.uk/events/conferences/division-academics-researchers-and-teachers-psychology-inaugural-conference>

June 25 – 30 (see note above and contact Jacky Cranney to contribute to an ICOPE symposium)

29th International Congress of Applied Psychology, Montreal, Canada

[www.icap2018.com](http://www.icap2018.com)

August 9 - 12  
126th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA, USA

[www.apa.org/convention](http://www.apa.org/convention)

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July (TBC)

Vancouver International Conference on the Teaching of Psychology (VICToP)

August 8 - 11  
127th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois, USA

[www.apa.org/convention](http://www.apa.org/convention)

2020

June 1  
32nd International Congress of Psychology, Prague, Czech Republic

[www.icp2020.com](http://www.icp2020.com)

**A Reminder of ICOPE Membership Benefits:**

* Opportunities for INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS on research and education
* Opportunities to PUBLISH in edited books as part of an ongoing contract with Cambridge Scholars Publishing, and in special issues of psychologyeducation journals
* Discounted registration for conferences specifically organised by ICOPE
* Invitations to join proposed symposium sessions at future ICP conferences
* Specific communication e.g. through the select ICOPE Inc. email listing
* General communication e.g. through the broader PSYCHGLOBAL list-serve
* Opportunities to become an ICOPE Inc. Committee member, and to contribute to conference/symposium organisation and publication editing
* Other benefits as may be sourced/determined by the Committee.

Membership is currently set at $20AUS per year for renewing members (and $30AUS for new members). We have now set up a payment system on PayPal which can be accessed here:

http://www.psychliteracy.com/icopepay

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**ICOPE Conference 2018**

**Psychology For All, All For Psychology: Enhancing Psycho-Vision & Psychological Literacy Across the World**

**Dhaka University in Dhaka, Bangladesh 15th-18th February 2018**

Psychology is a new discipline, but the age of scientific psychology is about hundred years or more in many countries. However, in many countries, the age of psychology is less than hundred years. Still in many societies, the subject matter of psychology is poorly understood, or even misunderstood, as in some places psychological topics are equated with mystery, magic, demonology, that is, something supernatural forces, cognizable beyond the realm of science or philosophy. Due to such poor conception of psychology in some parts of the world, the image of psychology is attached with stigma, negative attitude, fear and anxiety. In such places, the psychological literacy is still quite poor among educated population for no good explainable reason. Under such a faulty and gloomy image of psychology as a discipline, the knowledgebase or the storehouse of psychological information has grown tremendously, which is rather rich, and which has helped to generate many important areas of applied psychology in many countries of the world. Under such a historical and cultural context it is an urgent necessity on the part of the psychology educators to stock take the state of the art of our knowledge, practice and image or policy implications of the power of our psychology discipline—in our own country, region, continent, or the globe. In this context, for psychology educators, there are good reasons to meet together to describe and evaluate the professional issues and dimensions related to the status of psychology as a field of knowledge and practice. Moreover, we need to create some ground for accountability to our students, consumers – people, NGOs, Govt., institutions and societies, who need to be changed, as well as influenced by the growing psychological knowledge and parallel growing psychological literacy, as we are putting our best effort for our discipline to grow further. Through this self conscious conference on psychology itself, we the psychologists and psychology educators need to come up with new ideas—as to how we give our produced knowledge of psychology as a gift to our students and consumers to achieve the target theme of this unique psychology conference.

Sub-themes and topics:

* Image of psychology as a profession
* Attitude towards psychology discipline
* Attitude towards professional psychologists
* Models of psychology: Current Crises and their resolution
* Psychological literacy across population
* Expectations of the psychology knowledge consumers from the psychologists professionals
* Syllabus to impart target competence base in the teaching of psychology across different levels
* Equivalence of psychology teaching across countries and continents
* Research agenda for psychology in the 21st century
* Indigenous vs. International Psychology
* Psychology and public policy
* Future of psychology

The conference is being organised by ICOPE Chair Dr. Mohammad Mahmudur Rahman Department of Clinical Psychology, University of Dhaka; Phone: +88-01819-243979.

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