EDITORIAL

Building Back Better With International Perspectives in Psychology

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These are auspicious times for the future of the world, and for the sustainability of humankind. As researchers, practitioners and consultants from across the globe, we have a role to play in coshaping that future. With this in mind, and in the spirit of codesign and partnership under Sustainable Development Goal - 17, we are delighted to make the following announcement as a prelude to this October 2020 issue of *International Perspectives in Psychology: Research, Practice, Consultation (IPP)*.

American Psychological Association's (APA) Division 52 (International Psychology) and Hogrefe Publishing are delighted to announce their new publishing partnership for the Division's scientific journal, *IPP*. Starting January 2021, the journal will be published by Hogrefe. The entire journal, including all back issues, will be available online on Hogrefe's eContent platform. Both, the Division and Hogrefe, are pleased that *IPP* will continue to be available in the American Psychological Association's PsycARTICLES database, allowing continuity of access for existing online users.

IPP Editor-in-Chief Stuart Carr, PhD, Associate Editor Ines Meyer, PhD, and the entire Editorial Board and Reviewers at *IPP* are looking forward tremendously to working with Hogrefe's multinational team: "We're all really excited about working with Hogrefe. International perspectives in research and publishing have never been more important for our collective, inclusive, and sustainable future."

Hogrefe is a leading scientific publisher for psychology, psychiatry, and mental health, with publishing companies located in 16 countries across Europe and the Americas. These core subject areas are supplemented by publications in nursing, health care, and medicine. Hogrefe's 38 scientific and professional journals are complemented by some 2,500 books in print in various languages, and approximately 2,000 psychological tests, as well as consultancy and other services.

"The Hogrefe group, with our psychology publishing operations in 16 countries, takes a genuinely international perspective on psychology," says Robert Dimbleby, publishing manager at Hogrefe. "We are thrilled that the Division's journal *IPP* is now going to join our family of peer-reviewed journals—and are especially looking forward to a long and fruitful partnership."

Coinciding with the new partnership, the journal has launched a series of internationally responsive Special Issues. Currently, these include, for instance,

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Global Changes in the World of Work and Personal Lives in the Wake of the 2020 Pandemic (<https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/ipp/call-for-papers-global-changes-covid-19>) and *Women During COVID* (<https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/ipp/call-for-papers-women-covid-19>). Additional Special Issues are planned, and you are warmly welcomed to suggest special issue themes. If you would like to propose one, please do contact us on s.c.carr@massey.ac.nz to discuss your idea and proposed international editing team.

In the current issue, we are honored to have a range of international perspectives on, and contributions to, our applied understanding of mental health and well-being, across a variety of international settings and sectors.

The first article focuses on the needs of international students from diverse settings across Asia who are studying in the United States (Daga et al., 2020). The study highlights needs, ways, and means for educational systems to develop more culturally informed understandings of distress and well-being and culturally sensitive mental health services for international students. The second article in this issue focuses on the mental health needs of people in the Central African Republic who are often traumatized and displaced (Patel et al., 2020). This article highlights the importance of continuing to develop and maintain systems that provide safety, education, and mental health care services to the general population and the pivotal role for government and political support for these systems to sustain. In the third article, we are introduced to work in the civil society sector, namely, nongovernment organizations in the Philippines. Teng-Calleja et al. (2020) argue that the concept of “work–life balance” may be out-of-kilter with real-life work demands and that the concept of “work-life synthesis” may be a more apt term for nongovernment organizations to consider when setting policy that protects the well-being of their workers, and thereby the communities with whom their work is integrated. In almost every part of the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has altered how life “works.” Among others, it has highlighted how relevant mental health and well-being are for a sustainable future. We hope that as the readers of *IPP*, you are remaining safe and healthy, both physically and mentally.

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