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*The International Association of Psychology and Counseling (IAPC) is dedicated to excellence in education and clinical practice.*

### **Welcome to IAPC !**

This is the inaugural newsletter of the International Association of Psychology and Counseling! We are delighted to share news about our Association and plans for the coming year and beyond. Since IAPC began operations in July 2021, we have experienced steady growth with members now in more than forty States and in several dozen countries.

IAPC was established to serve as a “professional home” for individuals engaged in careers that help others address challenges of the human condition. We are unique in that we are international, interdisciplinary, and focused exclusively on professional issues that support the needs of our members and the clients they serve. Our growing membership includes psychologists, mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, social workers, psychiatrists, psychotherapists, psychoanalysts, substance abuse counselors, school counselors, rehabilitation counselors, behavior medicine specialists, pastoral counselors, and other professionals in related fields.

We are excited about the opportunities and planned activities of IAPC and the positive impact our Association will have in the coming years to advance excellence in education and clinical practice. In this newsletter you will find details about plans for the IAPC Oxford Institute, IAPC Delegation visits, and the Inaugural IAPC World Conference.

If you are already a Charter Member of IAPC, we hope you will share your knowledge and expertise at Association events. If you are a graduate student, we hope you will become involved in an IAPC committee and participate in various program activities. If you are not yet a member of IAPC, we hope you will consider being part of our Association as a Charter Member by contacting us at [membership@intapc.org](mailto:membership@intapc.org).

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*“A journey  
of a  
thousand  
miles begins  
with a single  
step” - Lao  
Tsu*

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### Off to a great start!

In recent years, the idea of forming a new professional association to better meet the needs of students, educators, and clinicians working in “helping professions” has been discussed. In early 2021, a group of twenty leaders in psychology, counseling, and other mental health fields – including past presidents of several major professional associations – formed an exploratory committee to gauge the need for a new association. The committee concluded that a need existed and that the timing was right to launch such an undertaking. As a result, The International Association of Psychology and Counseling, Inc. was organized and chartered as a non-profit association. IAPC began operations on July 1, 2021.

Starting a new professional association from “scratch” is a Herculean – analogous to building an airplane while falling through the sky. We began with no members and no resources, other than the volunteer work of founding board members. The initial challenging question was “*why would someone want to join IAPC?*” Fortunately, the response has been encouraging.

The Association was founded on a deep respect for cultural diversity and the open exchange of knowledge to the benefit of humanity. IAPC promotes collegiality, critical thinking, and the open exchange of ideas and sharing of knowledge. We oppose all forms of discrimination, cancellation, and indoctrination. The mission and values statement of IAPC may be found at [www.intapc.org/mission-vision-and-values/](http://www.intapc.org/mission-vision-and-values/).

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## Upcoming Events

### IAPC Delegation Visit to Turkey and Cyprus – June 12-19, 2022

The Association will sponsor a delegation visit of educators, students, and clinicians to meet and collaborate with professional colleagues in Turkey and Cyprus. The delegation will include a cultural immersion into societal issues impacting professional practice in the host countries. The Delegation is limited to maximum of ten delegate participants. For additional information, email IAPC member services at [membership@intapc.org](mailto:membership@intapc.org).

### Oxford Institute – July 13-19, 2022

The 2022 IAPC Oxford Institute for Marriage, Couple and Family Therapy will be held at St. Hilda’s College, Oxford University (UK) – July 13-19, 2022. The Oxford Institute will be offered in co-sponsorship with the International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors (IAMFC). The year 2022 will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oxford Institute (cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic). Participants may submit a proposal to present a content session on a topic related to marriage, couple, or family therapy research or practice. The Oxford Institute is limited to a maximum of sixty participants, so early registration is encouraged. Details about the Oxford Institute may be found at [www.intapc.org/oxford-institute/](http://www.intapc.org/oxford-institute/).

### IAPC World Conference – January 2023

The inaugural World Conference of the International Association of Psychology and Counseling is planned for early 2023 (dates TBA) in New Orleans, Louisiana. The conference will take place during the Louisiana “Carnival” season, before “Mardi Gras” – so in addition to an outstanding conference program, it will be a festive event! Details about the 2023 IAPC World Conference will be released in early 2022. Email [membership@intapc.org](mailto:membership@intapc.org) if you wish to be added to the IAPC World Conference mailing list.

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## Code of Ethics Committee

IAPC has begun the process of codifying a Code of Ethics for the Association. The IAPC Code of Ethics will reflect the values of the Association and expected standards of conduct and professional practice. We invite IAPC members to submit suggestions and contributions for possible inclusion in the IAPC Code of Ethics. Please contact Dr. Brian Canfield at [Brian@intapc.org](mailto:Brian@intapc.org) for details and to submit suggestions.

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## Professional Journal Committee

IAPC will be launching a peer-reviewed professional journal in 2022. Dr. Fotini Economidou Kranou will serve as the Founding Editor of the Journal and will be coordinating the formation of the Journal Editorial Board. If you have an interest in working with Dr. Kranou on this project, please email her at [fotinie@gmail.com](mailto:fotinie@gmail.com).

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## Help organize a “SIG”

IAPC is an interdisciplinary association and we welcome colleagues from a variety of professional backgrounds to become part of our organization. We also greatly value the professional diversity of our members, recognizing this provides an opportunity for us to learn from each other. We wish to support all of our members regardless of primary professional identity, licensure or certification in a particular field, or who work in a specialized work setting.

As such, IAPC will be forming “Special Interest Groups” (SIGs) that serve to coordinate activities among members. Examples of IAPC SIGs might include school counselors, substance abuse treatment providers, pastoral counselors, military or government issues, educators and supervisors, etc. Please let us know if you have an idea for a SIG. We welcome your suggestions and invite you to consider playing a SIG leadership role in IAPC.

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## 2021 Elections and Call for nominations

IAPC elections will take place in the Spring of 2023. Nominations and self-nominations are invited for the positions of **President** and **Board Member** (9 board positions will be elected). To submit a letter of nomination and C.V., please email the IAPC Election Committee at [membership@intapc.org](mailto:membership@intapc.org) for additional information.

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## Leadership Opportunities

IAPC invites members who wish to serve in a leadership role as a committee member, state or country chair, or SIG chair, to contact the Association at [membership@intapc.org](mailto:membership@intapc.org).

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## **It's all about the relationship!**

### **Help us grow so that we can advance our mission of excellence in education and clinical practice.**

The key to the success of IAPC and carrying out our mission and the important work of the Association is directly related to **membership**. Our goal is 2,500 new members in our first year. We are off to a good start, but we have work to do to reach this goal. We need your help to make this happen! Please contact your colleagues and students and extend to them a personal invitation to join IAPC today.

**If you have not yet joined IAPC, please do so today at**  
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