

InSPA Newsletter



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President, ISPA



Pondicherry Psychology Association conferred P.A Sharma
Memorial Award to our President Prof. G.P. Thakur

Forthcoming National Conferences

12th National Conference of PPA and First
Conference of InSPA
will be held on
09 - 10 January, 2010 at Puducherry, India.

45th National Conference of IAAP
will be held on
18 - 20 February 2010 at Andhra University,
Visakhapatnam, India.

Forthcoming International Conference

32nd International Conference of ISPA
will be held on
21 - 24 July 2010 at Dublin, Ireland

33rd International Conference of ISPA
will be held in July 2010 at
National Institute of Technical Teachers
Training and Research, Chennai, India

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(InSPA)

In India, the academic psychology is predominantly dominated by Western concepts and principles. Hence it is quite possible to train the psychology graduates in School Psychology so as to lay a strong foundation in the teaching and learning process of the school education. Competency requires both knowledge and skills. School Psychology programs ensure that candidates have a foundation in the knowledge base for psychology and education, including theories, models, empirical findings, and techniques in each domain. School psychology programs ensure that candidates demonstrate the professional skills necessary to deliver effective services that result in positive outcomes in each domain (National Association of School Psychologists, 2000).

Erika (2009) states that the role of the school psychologist discussed in the ISPA colloquium 2008 showed that it is undergoing changes, which are connected with new perspectives and trends in our profession. These are mainly, a stronger priority on prevention, on social-emotional functioning, a higher sensitivity for social and cultural diversity, instead of norm-oriented measurement and connected to all this, whole-school and even community projects, demanding leadership and handling of organisational and management processes.

The national level associations should take an initiative at the policy making levels of the State and Central governments to introduce school psychologists at least one trained school psychologist in each school and also school psychologist posts are to be created all over the country to develop the school education more effective.

There is a pertinent need for the school psychologists to understand the basic concepts of school psychology and get the

proper training based on the guidelines issued by the International School Psychology Association and the National Association of school Psychologists, USA.

The Indian School Psychology Association is the need of the hour to help young and energetic psychologists to promote school psychology. To initiate the process the association has been started in Puducherry on 15th August, 2009.

Registered Office: 17, 14th Street, Krishna Nagar, Puducherry - 605 008, India.

Base of Operation:

Its base of operation shall be Union of India.

Non-Profit in Character:

The Indian School Psychology Association shall be a voluntary non-profit educational service Society. All its income shall be applied solely for the promotion of its aim and objectives and no part of its shall be distributed to any of its members.

Aim and Objectives:

The Primary Aim of the Association is to develop and promote school psychology, Human Values-based education and training to meet the needs of society and particularly to elevate the poor from poverty through school education. To realise the aim, the following are the objectives:

i. To promote the use of sound psychological principles within the context of education internationally.

ii. To promote communication among professionals who are committed to the improvement of the mental health of children in the world's schools.

iii. To encourage the training and employment of school psychologists in India

iv. To promote the psychological rights of all children throughout the country and the world.

v. To initiate and promote cooperation with other organizations working for purposes similar to those of ISPA in order to help children.

vi. To condemn any discrimination of a racial, religious or sexual nature and recommend its members conduct their professional life consistent with this principle.

vii. To mobilise human resources and other resources to utilise them effectively to realise the aim;

viii. To establish education, training and counselling centres/units to promote social and economic development of the community through education;

ix. To organise local, regional, national, and international seminars, conferences, exhibitions, lecture meetings, workshops and training programmes;

xiii. To function as an academic cum research organisation to undertake relevant research relating undertakings to education and human development.

Governing Council :

The management of the affairs of the Association of Integral Education is entrusted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Association to the Governing Council of the Association:

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Membership, Admission and Fees

There shall be two classes of membership, namely

- a) Life Member
- b) Institutional Member

a. All those who are qualified graduates with psychology, known to be of good character in the community, may become Members of the Association and shall pay membership fee by remitting Rs.2000/- and will be called Life Members.

b. Institutions with interests related to the Association may become Institutional Members by remitting Rs. 10,000/- on one time basis

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- 2.Gender :
- 3.Date of Birth:
- 4.Designation :
- 5.Official Address:
6. Mailing Address :
- 7.Phone Number(s)
(O).....(Ri).....(Mobile).....
8. Email.....
- 9.Academic Qualifications
(PG degree and above):
10. Area of Specialisation :

Please enrol myself as Life Member of the Indian School Psychology Association, I am enclosing a DD No.....Bank.....dated. for Rs.....payable at **Puducherry** as membership fee.

Place Proposed by Yours faithfully

Date Signature signature

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Life Membership: Rs. 2000

Membership No.....Receipt

No.....dated.....

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17	Puducherry	Puducherry	Mr. B. Dhandapany, Secretary, Sindhil College of Education, Puducherry

My ISPA Malta Conference Experience

Dr. Panch. Ramalingam, India, Recipient of Cal Catterall Fund Award

I received an email on 22nd March, 2009 from Dr. Janet Muscutt, Chair of the Cal Catterall Fund Committee (CCF), notifying me that I had been awarded CC Funds to attend the 31st ISPA International Conference in Malta from 7th to 11th July, 2009. It was an exciting moment for me to share with Prof. B. Mukhopadhyay, Secretary of the Indian Academy of Applied Psychology (IAAP), who was instrumental in helping me apply for the grant. In the evening I shared this exciting information with my wife and children as well.

From day one I started preparing for the conference in Malta, getting permission to attend the International conference and preparing for my presentation. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Prof. J.A.K. Tareen, the Vice-Chancellor of Pondicherry University, for his encouragement and support for all academic endeavours in Pondicherry University and for permitting me to attend this International Conference. I also would like to tell you about my experience.

On 6th July, 2009, I landed in Malta. This journey was not only to represent the IAAP and the Pondicherry Psychology Association (PPA), but also to enhance my knowledge of diversity in international school psychology. The conference began on 7th July with the Leadership workshop given by ISPA central office, in which I participated. The workshop was an eye-opener for me to understand the effective functioning of ISPA and its keen interest in uplifting the School Psychology at the International level.

That evening we attended the opening ceremony in which 340 delegates from 40 countries of the world participated. The welcome dinner that evening was the first Malta experience for us to have Maltese food. We have indulged in *Pastizzi*, a Maltese pastry made of mashed peas and cheese and interacted with local Maltese people. We enjoyed talking with many new colleagues from various parts of the world.

The second day of the conference began with keynote speech by Dr. Robert Sternberg followed by parallel sessions. I attended the enlightening ethics workshop given by Drs. Mary Stafford and Thomas Oakland. During the lunch break our interaction group meeting was held with Dr. Henning Nielson, Denmark, and me as leaders. This was



an interesting opportunity to meet colleagues from other countries to discuss professional issues and various issues related to professional development and school psychology. We discussed several topics related to cross culture issues, school psychology in different countries, and how the school psychologists work in a diversified environment. I participated in the *Supervision of Headmasters* workshop as well. It related to headmasters' contributions to the well-being of all involved in schools.

In the evening of the second day the ISPA General assembly was held. The Cal Catterall

Awards were distributed to recipients at this assembly. I received my award at that time and it was a great honor for me.

On the third day, Thursday, 9th July, the parallel sessions continued. This day I presented a paper on *Need Analysis for School Psychologists in India*. Ms. Liza Padovani, Educational Psychologist, Malta chaired the session and I enjoyed presenting my research results at this presentation.

On Friday, 10th July, I visited various places in the Malta cities with colleagues and enjoyed variety of conference presentations. The presentations sparked engaging conversations with colleagues that were interesting.

The final day of the conference, Saturday, 11th July, was the most anticipated day of our stay in Malta as we anxiously waited for Dr. Voigt's presentation. Dr. Erika E. Voigt, Convenor of ISPA's Retiree's Interest Group, presented on *Retired? About-to-Retire? – After Profession Resource Group*. In her presentation she highlighted the good practices of school psychologists. She also shared her experience with others and asked the delegates to give their experience for good practices. After her presentation I attended a session in which Prof. Peter Farrell, former ISPA president from the University of Manchester, United Kingdom, shared his long-standing expertise on *School Psychology: Meeting the needs of all children in a fast changing world*. The session was very interesting and thought provoking.

The final session of the 2009 ISPA Malta Conference was started with a presentation of memorable photographs taken during the conference. Dr. Paul Bartolo presented the summary of the conference proceedings and the session ended with musical concert. The Farewell Dinner was arranged at Fortina Hotel Lido facing the Valletta bastions. Barbeque Dinner, *delicious Maltese food*, was enjoyed by all. Musical events, ISPA lucky draw, and sharing of experiences made us feel the ISPA community spirit.

After enjoying the five-day interactive conference in Malta, I visited other European countries and reflected on the academic experience that I had in Malta. The ISPA Conference was excellent and I learned a lot during my visit to Malta. I want to thank the Cal Catterall Fund Committee for awarding me the funds that allowed me to make this visit to Malta and to enhance my understanding of school psychology throughout the world.

Dr. Panch. Ramalingam



Dr. S. Renuka
Devipresenting a paper



Dr. Shah Alam
presenting a paper

A new Book....

Recent Studies in School Psychology

Editor: Dr. Panch. Ramalingam, published by
Authorspress, New Delhi

This is an excellent resource showing the breadth and depth of the knowledge base in both research and practice of school psychology in India.

- William (Bill) Pfohl ,
President, ISPA, USA.

In recent years various dimensions of school education are examined from the perspective of equity, access and relevance, keeping in view the national requirements of education for all. Hopefully, the present work is a serious academic attempt towards recent studies in school psychology.

This Book *Recent Studies in School Psychology* is need of the hour to train the teachers in school psychology. The school psychology has undergone tremendous growth in the Western countries for the last 25 years, current and future perspectives of school psychology meet the challenges and needs of children in schools. This book goals are as follows: (i) explore the possibilities of current and future demands for school psychology and how the psychologists can meet those demands in India; (ii) conceptualize the theory and practice of school psychology in the face of children, and (iii) develop a base to use school psychology resources to maximize the benefits to children, families, and schools. The editor is grateful to the authors who have contributed to this work in a considerable measure. This book will be useful to school psychologists, teachers, students, governmental policy makers and common men and women in India and other parts of the world.

12th National Conference on Developing School Psychology in India

9 - 10 January, 2010 at Puducherry

The term *School Psychology* is used in a general form to refer to professionals prepared in psychology and education and who are recognized as specialists in the provision of psychological services to children and youth within the contexts of schools, families, and other settings that impact their growth and development. As such, the term also refers to and is meant to include educational psychologists and others who display qualities this document associates with school psychology (ISPA).

The Pondicherry Psychology Association, Puducherry, in collaboration with the Indian Academy of Applied Psychology, the Indian School Psychology Association and Acharya College of Education, Puducherry are jointly organising 12th National Conference on Developing School Psychology in India on 9th and 10th January, 2010 at Puducherry.

We hope that this conference will become a turning point in the development of a new approach to the school education, which will carry in it the very best of what modern teacher education and psychological approaches have to offer. We try to explore innovative ideas and exchange the

possibilities of introducing school psychology in the present scenario.

Objectives:

- Developing new initiatives to introduce school psychology in India
- Exposition of various aspects of training in school psychology
- Exposition of existing practice of school psychology in India
- Exploring the possibilities of designing new curriculum for school psychology.
- Developing e-contents for the teachers of school psychology.

To achieve the objectives described above, there will be two plenary sessions and six concurrent technical sessions. Each of these sessions will be devoted to one of the main objectives. The plenary sessions will have invited speakers only.

The keynote addresses will examine the central theme of the conference giving answers to the following questions:

- i. How can we popularise school psychology in



School Psychology : Making life better

for all children

Programme Sub themes

- Academic Achievement
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Working Together

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International School Psychology
32nd ISPA Conference
Dublin Ireland
20 – 24 July



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