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Editorial
Meagan Docherty
North American *Bulletin* Co-Editor



Hello everyone, and welcome to the December 2023 edition of the *ISRA Bulletin*.

I would like to thank everyone who submitted information about our society and the activities of its members to feature in this *Bulletin*!

As this year comes to a close, we hope you are doing well, that you are in good health, and that you are able to connect with loved ones.

As in previous *Bulletins*, this one begins with messages from our President, Tracy Vaillancourt, President Elect, Wayne Warburton, Executive Secretary, Brad Bushman, and the Editor-in-Chief of *Aggressive Behavior*, Craig Anderson. It also includes information about next year's World Meeting in Munich, Germany.

We have exciting announcements related to the updates from the New Investigators Program, including a call for applications for the 2024 New Investigators cohort. This is followed announcements about the Early Career Award, Speaker Series, blog posts, and news about ISRA members, as well as a call for papers in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH). This *Bulletin* installment is capped off with the ISRA Flyer.

Please remember our goal for the *Bulletin* is to keep our members informed of scholarship in the area of aggression and to share each other's work. So, please email us at ISRABulletin@gmail.com with any materials you would like us to include in the next ISRA *Bulletin*.

Best wishes,

Meagan

A Message from Our President Tracy Vaillancourt

Dear ISRA Colleagues and Friends,

Happy New Year!

I am looking forward to 2024, in large part because of the [25th ISRA World Meeting](#) that is taking place in Munich Germany from July 29 to August 2. Seeing many of you again in person is always a highlight. Please note that the [submission portal](#) is open and we are ready and eager to receive your excellent submissions.

The ISRA Speaker Series continues with another fabulous line-up. **Enrique Chaux** presented on “Restorative Justice to Manage Bullying” on Dec 6, 2023 (the recording will be uploaded soon). This excellent presentation will be followed by **Katja Bertsch’s** talk on **January 10, 2024**, on “Reactive Aggression in Borderline Personality Disorder: From Neural Correlates to Therapeutic Interventions”. **Noni Gaylord-Harden** is presenting on **February 7th, 2024**, on “Research on Community Violence Exposure among Black Adolescents: Lessons Learned and Opportunities Ahead” and **Irene Vitoroulis** on **March 6, 2024**, on “Bias-Based Bullying Victimization”. Be sure to register for these compelling talks and feel free to include your students as well.

In 2024, there will be a few changes in ISRA leadership. I will become the past-president and Wayne Warburton (Macquarie University, Australia) will become the president-elect. The new Editor-in-Chief of *Aggressive Behavior* will be Jane Ireland (University of Central Lancashire, UK) after a very successful tenure by Craig Anderson (Iowa State University, USA). Thank you, Craig—the journal metrics continue to rise because of your, and the editorial board’s, commitment to scientific excellence. Welcome Jane! I am confident in your leadership and look forward to working with you. Finally, Brad Bushman (Ohio State University, USA) will continue in his role as ISRA secretary. Thank you for your time and exceptional work, Brad. I hope everyone has a productive and fulfilling 2024. I look forward to continuing to follow your contributions and to learn from our accomplished and engaging group.

All the best!

Tracy

2023/24 ISRA Speaker Series

SCHEDULE



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ENRIQUE CHAUX
Professor
Universidad de los Andes Bogota, Colombia
Restorative justice to manage bullying?
Results from a pilot protocol
Begins at 13:00 LST



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KATJA BERTSCH
Professor
Julius-Maximilians-University of Wuerzburg, Germany
Reactive Aggression in Borderline Personality Disorder: from neural correlates to therapeutic interventions
Begins at 13:00 EST



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NONI GAYLORD-HARDEN
Professor
Texas A&M University, USA
Research on Community Violence Exposure among Black Adolescents: Lessons Learned and Opportunities Ahead
Begins at 13:00 FST



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IRENE VITOROULIS
Assistant Professor
University of Ottawa, Canada
Bias-based bullying victimization
Begins at 13:00 LST

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A Message from Our President Elect Wayne Warburton

Events over the past year have brought home to me that the research ISRA members do is more important than ever. The horrific human toll of war and terrorism, almost two mass shootings a day in the US alone, and in Australia intimate partner violence now contributing to more death, disability and illness in women aged 15 to 44 than any other preventable risk factor. What we do matters. Now more than ever we need scholars who understand aggression and violence to inform policy and public debate with evidence-based research and evidence-based pathways to solutions.

It is exciting that ISRA has seen a number of outstanding public addresses from world-leading scholars in its [Speaker Series](#) addressing such social issues, with more to come. I encourage all members to support this important initiative, and to consider speaking about your research.

It is also exciting that the next World Meeting fast approaches. Katja Bertsch and her team at Ludwig Maximillians University in Munich have done a fabulous job organising our 24th meeting, and I am looking forward to seeing my ISRA friends face to face for the first time since COVID. The [website](#) provides plenty of information, and [submissions](#) for symposia, papers and posters are open now, but close on January 15.

An impressive array of [keynote speakers](#) have agreed to present, and the cost is surprisingly low for a five day international conference. This looks like it will be a wonderful world meeting, and I encourage as many ISRA members as possible (and their students) to attend.

Finally, I wish all of you the best as the festive season approaches and a new year draws near.

Yours for a civil society,



Wayne Warburton
President Elect
International Society for Research on Aggression

A Message from our Executive Secretary, Brad Bushman



Dear friends and colleagues,

I am still loving my job as the Executive Secretary for the International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA)! I look forward to serving in this capacity until 2026. I have been an active member of ISRA since 1984, when I first started doing aggression research as an undergraduate student. It is hard to believe that I have been a member of ISRA for nearly 40 years!

ISRA now has 305 active members from 31 different countries, and the numbers grow nearly every week. It is exciting that 125 of our members (41%) are students, which bodes well for our future.

Recall that we instituted for the very first time the L. Rowell Huesmann Early Career Award. I am happy to report that we received seven excellent nominations for the award. As noted in the ISRA Bylaws, the winner was selected by the Officers and Council Members, who were told: “If you have a conflict of interest with any nominee (e.g., you have published with them before), please exclude that nominee from your evaluations.” I am happy to announce that the winner was Spencer Evans. Here is a brief bio about Dr. Evans:

Dr. Spencer Evans is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Miami, where he is affiliated with the Clinical Program and Child Division. Dr. Evans earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Child Psychology, with a minor in quantitative methods, from the University of Kansas in 2017. He subsequently completed a post-doctoral research fellowship focusing on youth mental health treatment and assessment at Harvard University. Broadly, Dr. Evans’s research focuses on behavioral and emotional dysregulation problems in youth, with three particular lines of interest: (1) the developmental course, correlates, and outcomes of irritability and aggression in children and adolescents; (2) assessment, diagnosis, and classification of youth psychopathology; and (3) evidence-based psychosocial intervention. To date, he has published more than 65 peer-reviewed publications related to these topics. His research has attracted funding and recognitions from the National Institute of Mental Health, the American Psychological Foundation, AIM Youth Mental Health, the Association for Psychological Science, and the *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*. In addition, Dr. Evans has been actively involved in ICD-11 and DSM-5 revision efforts, with a particular focus on the diagnostic classification of problems related to irritability, aggression, and disruptive behavior across development.

Dr. Evans will be one of the speakers at the **ISRA Biennial World Meeting in Munich, Germany** (July 29 to August 2, 2024). The working title of his talk is: “Youth Irritability, Anger, and Aggression Revisited: A Developmental Psychopathology Perspective.” I, for one, am really looking forward to hearing his talk.

Applications for the next Huesmann Early Career Award will be due October 1, 2025 (for individuals who received their terminal degree in 2015 or later).

I continue to work hard to improve our ISRA webpage ([link](#)). Everything is now updated except the “RESOURCES FOR COURSES ON AGGRESSION” in the membership section of the webpage. If you have any resources, please send them to me <bushman.20@osu.edu>. If you can think of other ways to improve our webpage, please let me know.

The ISRA conference in Munich, Germany, from July 29 to August 2, 2024 ([link](#)) is on my calendar! I hope it is on your calendar too. I look forward to seeing many of you there. Thank you for being a member of ISRA!

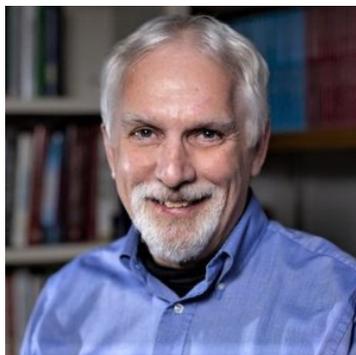
Best Regards,



Brad J. Bushman
Executive Secretary
International Society for Research on Aggression

An update from the Editor in Chief of *Aggressive Behavior*

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Hello ISRA Friends and Colleagues,

As always, I hope you all are doing well. As usual, there is no earthshaking news to report about our journal *Aggressive Behavior* (AB). One thing to note is that beginning with the 2024 volume, AB will no longer be published in print form, although printed copies may be obtained through a print-on-demand service.

I'm happy to report that submissions of new manuscripts for 2023 continues the positive trend noted in my June *Bulletin* report. I expect that the final total will be close to 300, a 15%-20% increase over 2022, which had the most submissions in recent years. Most (or all) of the increase comes from an increasing diversity of authors/countries, on a broader range of aggression-related topics.

As many of you know, this is my last report to the *Bulletin* as the Editor-in-Chief of *Aggressive Behavior*. Professor Jane L. Ireland takes over as the new EIC in January. ISRA is very fortunate to be able to have someone as experienced and excellent as Jane taking over. Thanks, Jane!

I'd also like to thank those who have served as Associate Editors during my term as EIC: Chris Barlett, Alex Burt, Justin Carré, Sarah Coyne, Tom Denson, Ann Farrell, Jane Ireland, Barbara Krahé, and Tracy Vaillancourt. No EIC could have had a better group of colleagues handling the many manuscripts we've handled during my tenure. A special thanks to Mike Potegal, who has served as a sort of *de facto* Associate Editor on many animal and physiological aggression manuscripts during my term.

Of course, my editorial team and I thank the many Editorial Board members (i.e., Consulting Editors) and *ad hoc* reviewers, all of whom are so necessary to advancing our science through

the journal publication process. The high quality reviews provided by these many contributors are essential for any good journal and for advancing our science. Such selfless devotion to good science is an excellent sign for the future of ISRA and AB.

I've enjoyed serving as the EIC, especially the opportunities to help improve manuscripts, guide relatively new or inexperienced scholars in their research and manuscript preparation, and seeing the wide range of aggression-related research being done worldwide.

That's all, folks! I hope to see you at the ISRA meeting in Munich, Germany, July 29 to August 2, 2024.

Regards,



Craig A. Anderson, Ph.D.

Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Editor in Chief: *Aggressive Behavior*

2024 ISRA World Meeting

The 2024 ISRA World Meeting in Munich, Germany, July 29 to August 2

Dear ISRA members and friends,

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to Munich next summer for the 2024 ISRA World Meeting. We have an excellent scientific program organized that includes experts on diverse topics related to aggression.

The conference will take place in our historic University Main Building in the heart of Munich. Hotels, museums, restaurants, shops, and the beautiful “English Garden” are close by. The venue is easy to reach by public transportation.

Our social program will include a gala dinner and a Wine and Cheese Poster reception. Please tell your colleagues, coworkers as well as new investigators about ISRA 2023 and actively participate at the meeting by submitting symposia, talks, and posters. Please have a look at the approaching deadlines (symposia: 15 January, papers and posters: 15 February). You can find all relevant information about the meeting below and at <http://www.isra2024.de/>. See you in Munich!

Katja, Friederike, Aleya, and Mario

Meeting Venue

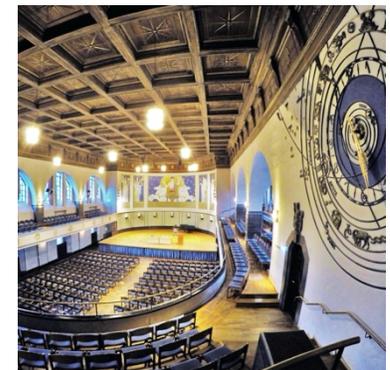
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Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1
80539 München, Germany

Local Hosts



Katja Bertsch

Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München





Friederike Funk

Social Psychology, Focus on Legal Psychology, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

Call for Proposals for 2026 ISRA World Meeting

Although the ISRA Council is understandably excited and focused on the 2024 World Meeting in Munich, we are already preparing for the 2026 World Meeting. We hope to have a final site selected by the end of 2024. Thus, if you are considering a proposal for hosting an ISRA World Meeting, please contact the ISRA Executive Secretary directly via email at bushman.20@osu.edu. This is the “final call” for proposals to host the World Meeting! All final proposals will be due in Fall 2024.

Updates from the New Investigators Program

NI Co-Chairs: Tom Gumpel and Dominic Parrott



ISRA is soliciting applications for the 2024 New Investigators (NI) Program. The application deadline is March 15, 2024. More details are below and can be found on the [World Meeting website](#). We encourage all current graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, or junior faculty within three years of their terminal graduate degree to apply.

2024 New Investigators Program Call for Applications



ISRA began its NI Program (formally referred to as the Young Investigators Program) at the 2008 World Meeting in Budapest to encourage and assist new scholars who are getting started or are in the early stages of their aggression research careers. At the July 2024 meeting in Munich, Germany, the NI program will continue this tradition by focusing on supporting and facilitating the professional development of junior aggression scholars. The NI Program will include:

1. A Pre-Conference NI Workshop: The 2024 Workshop will bring NIs and group leaders together to engage in didactic and group activities designed to support and facilitate NIs' professional development and, ultimately, research-based career trajectories. Activities will include developing a research program, publishing in peer-reviewed journals, and being competitive in the job market. Activities will also seek to help NI's connect with senior scholars in the field.
2. Meet with mentors: NIs will meet with a different panel of senior mentors during lunch or dinner each day for informal discussions. Mentors may include plenary speakers who will be available for follow-up questions about their presentations.
3. Networking: NIs will meet with senior members of ISRA. They will also have opportunities to interact professionally and socially with other new investigators during and outside the pre-conference workshop. Mutual support and fruitful collaborations have developed out of past NI interactions.

4. Financial support: Awardees will receive partial monetary support to attend the 2024 ISRA World Meeting.
5. NIs participate in special events in the interim years between World Meetings.
 - a. NIs organize and present in a Virtual NI Meeting in which they present their research and academic progress.
 - b. NIs participate in the ISRA Speaker Series by organizing one speaker event each year.
 - c. NIs are eligible to participate in the *New Investigators Mentorship Program*, where they will collaborate with more senior ISRA researchers for a 2–4-week collaborative internship. ISRA will provide significant financial support for participating NIs.

NI PROGRAM APPLICATION: WHO AND HOW (Deadline March 15, 2024)

We encourage graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty within three years of their terminal graduate degree to apply. The NI Review Committee selects NI participants based on the originality and promise of their work in human or animal, observational, experimental, or theoretical analyses of aggression.

Please submit the following materials via email to NI Co-Chair Dominic Parrott at parrott@gsu.edu by March 15th, 2024.

1. The **abstract** of the scientific work you have submitted for presentation at the ISRA 2024 meeting.
 - a. *Note: You will submit this abstract twice: (1) A formal submission through the World Meeting submission portal (be sure to check the box to indicate that you wish to be considered for the NI Program, and (2) inclusion of this same abstract as part of your overall NI application materials submitted via email as indicated above.*
2. A standard **Curriculum Vitae**
3. A **250-word statement** summarizing your research interests and how participating in the NI Program would advance your professional development.
4. **Predoctoral students only**: Please include a letter from your advisor verifying your student status.

Direct any questions about the New Investigators Program to NI Co-Chairs Dominic Parrott (parrott@gsu.edu) or Tom Gumpel (tom.gumpel@mail.huji.ac.il). Interested applicants can find more information about the New Investigators Program and previous NI's on the [ISRA website](#) and at the [New Investigator's Corner](#).

Early Career Award

The inaugural 2023 L. Rowell Huesmann Early Career Award was awarded to Spencer C. Evans. Dr. Evans will be one of the speakers at the ISRA Biennial World Meeting in Munich, Germany, and the working title of his talk is: “Youth Irritability, Anger, and Aggression Revisited: A Developmental Psychopathology Perspective.”

Nominations for the next L. Rowell Huesmann Early Career Award will be due **October 1, 2025**.

ISRA Speaker Series will continue in 2023-2024!

The ISRA speaker series, which features leaders in the research of violence and aggression will continue again in 2024. Look for an upcoming announcement for the continuation of this exciting, free virtual series (<https://www.israsociety.com/speaker-series-current>).

Contribute to the ISRA Website by Writing a Blog!

Our goal is for the ISRA website to become a nexus for interchange on aggressive behavior among scholars & researchers. We typically post 1-2 new blog posts per month, the links for which are then disseminated via Twitter and Facebook. Indeed, ISRA has cultivated a growing audience on these social media platforms whom we can reach immediately. Blog length can range from several paragraphs to a page or more. Please see <http://www.israsociety.com/blog/> to see the archive that continues to grow!

ISRA is open to our members’ ideas about the topic of a proposed blog post. We respect your time and want this contribution to be of minimal burden to you. So, we would suggest that you not prepare something completely new; rather, it should be a blog that is relatively easy for you to write, based in works you have already published, etc. (it can even be in collaboration with a colleague or a student). In the end, it should be a piece that would be easily digestible by scholars and the public. For those of you who might wonder, “How do I write a blog?” – well, we can even provide you with a blog about how to write a blog!

If you are interested, please contact ISRA Executive Secretary Dominic Parrott at parrott@gsu.edu and let him know a topic that would work well for you and a month during the upcoming year that you would like to submit it for dissemination on the ISRA website.

Some recent ISRA blog posts worth reading (or reading again!):

[A 1-minute gun safety video helped preteen children be more careful around real guns – New research.](#) By Brad J. Bushman and Sophie Kjaervik

[How does a child become a shooter? Research suggests easy access to guns and exposure to screen violence increase the risk.](#) By Brad Bushman and Dan Romer

News About ISRA Members

Nikita Astaulov is a pharmacist who had to flee from Russia during the war on Ukraine. Nikita is currently in Kyrgyzstan Republic and looking for opportunities to continue PhD studies and do work dedicated to research in the field of aggression. Nikita graduated from the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, one of the best medical universities in Russia, and has a background in aggression, neurobiology of decision-making and pharmaceuticals. Currently Nikita is writing scientific articles on the "Psychophysiology and Psychopharmacology of Aggression" topic. In these works, Nikita wrote about biochemical processes in the brain that lead to behavioral effects, the appearance of an increased level of aggression, antisocial personality disorder, experience of repeated aggression, and what drugs can be created to treat these diseases. Nikita is also volunteering in the criminal justice system and witnessing firsthand the importance of emotional support and human attitude towards prisoners. During their project, Nikita visited Russian jails and told stories and maintained communication with prisoners through letters. This experience has offered Nikita valuable insights into the challenges faced by those in the criminal justice system.

Matt DeLisi published a new book this year: DeLisi, M. (2023). *Ted Bundy and the Unsolved Murder Epidemic: The Dark Figure of Crime*. Springer. Publisher website link: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-21418-9>

Mike Potegal has remained busy with research during retirement, particularly with projects which explore the continuities and discontinuities in the aggressive motivations and behavior of ourselves and other animals. Three of these publications are listed below. Publications with related themes planned for 2024 include an empirical ethological/game theoretic analysis of human internet street fight videos and a theoretical consideration of the potentially fruitful convergence between the evolutionarily shaped assessment strategies in animal contests identified by behavioral ecologists and the ongoing, exciting developments in the neuroscience of aggression.

Potegal, M., & Nordman, J. (2023). Non-angry aggressive arousal and angriffsberietschaft: A narrative review of the phenomenology and physiology of proactive/offensive aggression motivation and escalation in people and other animals. *Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Review*, 147, 105110.

Potegal, M. (2023). How it ends: A review of behavioral and psychological phenomena, physiological processes and neural circuits in the termination of aggression in other animals and anger in people. *Behavioural Brain Research*, 114676.

Potegal, M. (2023). Are reactions to frustrative non-reward in other animals a model for human anger? Neurobehavioral implications and therapeutic applications. *Behavioral Neuroscience*.

Danique Smeijers received a new grant from the Dutch Research Council (NWO): “Perceiving the evil eye. Identifying the underlying cognitive processes of aggressive behavior.” December 2023 – December 2024.

Ziyad Zaharim is a PhD candidate in Social Psychology at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). Ziyad’s dissertation title is “The moderating effect of moral identity, self-esteem, antisocial media exposure towards aggressive behavior among local online gamers in Malaysia.” Ziyad received funding as a research assistant from UPM from 2022 to 2024, with the project titled “Developing psychosocial model of aggressive behavior among local online gamers in Malaysia.” Ziyad also received three different awards and published two different journal articles:

Awards:

Bronze Medal in *Seminar Hasil Perkongsian Penyelidikan* at Faculty of Human Ecology, UPM
Silver Award International Putra Innocreative Carnival in Teaching and Learning (I-Pictl2023)-
Postgraduate
Gold Award International Putra Innocreative Carnival in Teaching and Learning (I-Pictl2023) -
Program At Pusat Koreksional Shah Alam

Publications:

Zaharim, M. Z. A., Khir, A. M., Noor, A. M., & Borhan, N. A. S. (2022). The Dark Side of Massive Multiplayers Online Role’s Game (MMORPG) among Malaysian Gamer Addiction’s and Aggressive Behaviour: Systematic Literature Review. *International Journal of Academic Research in Business and Social Sciences*, 12(12), 2400 – 2415. (CIJ)
https://hrmars.com/index.php/search/advance_search_res/YTozOntzOjE6ImEiO3M6MDoiIjtzOjE6ImEiO3M6NToieml5YWQoO3M6MToiail7czoxOiI4Ijt9

Zaharim, M. Z. A., Khir, A. M., Noor, A. M., & Borhan, N. A. S. (2022). Does Violent Video Games Exposure Reduce Aggression? The Moderating Roles of Self-Esteem. *International Journal of Academic Research in Business and Social Sciences*. (CIJ)
https://hrmars.com/index.php/search/advance_search_res/YTozOntzOjE6ImEiO3M6MDoiIjtzOjE6ImEiO3M6NToieml5YWQoO3M6MToiail7czoxOiI4Ijt9

Ziyad has submitted their thesis and is waiting for VIVA-VOCE. Ziyad is currently looking for a lecture position or postdoctoral fellowship.

Call for Papers – International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to invite contributions to a forthcoming **Special Issue on the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH) entitled "The Role of Digital Pro-social and Anti-social Experiences on the People Well-Being and Health"**.

Despite the advancement of digital media studies increasing, their application to improve peoples' well-being and health remains largely untapped, as World Health Organization pointed out. Assuming that digital media is not simply a communication tool, representing “real” relational and symbolic contexts in which individuals and groups have their social experiences, this Special Issue invites the submission of high-quality empirical papers, reviews, and meta-analyses to advance the understanding of the relationships between digital pro-social and anti-social contents and behaviors and individuals' and community well-being and health, focusing on the contribution that social psychology can make in this sense.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Online discrimination against minorities;
- Cyberbullying or social exclusion actions;
- New media and Web3.0 technologies as a proof of social support, helping, and other pro-social behaviors;
- Benefits, challenges, and/or trends and issues related to new media and Web3.0 technologies and pro-environmental attitudes and behaviors;
- Benefits, challenges, and/or trends and issues related to new media and Web3.0 technologies and anti-racial, anti-sexist attitudes, and behaviors;
- Benefits and/or challenges related to the use of new media and digital technologies and collective actions.

For more information, please see the call for papers:

https://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijerph/special_issues/46WFA139P2

Deadline for submissions: 31 January 2024

Guest editors: Tiziana Mancini and Chiara Imperato (University of Parma, Italy).

In case you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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Best regards,

Tiziana Mancini & Chiara Imperato



THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON AGGRESSION

Founded in 1972

ISRA: an Interdisciplinary Society

ISRA, the International Society for Research on Aggression, founded in 1972, is an international interdisciplinary, organization dedicated to the study and dissemination of information on the causes and consequences of aggressive behavior and violence in all of its forms and contexts.

The Social Burden of Violence

The human capacity for aggressiveness and violence inflicts a considerable burden on society. Obviously, it can lead to death and immediate physical injury, but it also creates long-term physical and emotional disabilities. In addition, violence has a profound effect on those who witness it, such as the families and communities of the victims. Moreover, it impairs the ability of communities to address important public health issues, such as infectious diseases, malnutrition, urban decay, and environmental hazards. Violence and aggression often prevents the delivery of critical public services, such as emergency management and education. Such effects on society tend to exacerbate the very adverse social conditions that promote aggression, facilitating a vicious circle, with violence as a crucial factor.

home page: <http://www.israsociety.com/>

ISRA's Core Mission

Effectively addressing violence and aggression, whether it be child abuse, domestic violence, homicide, terrorism, sexual violence, or civil wars, requires a sustained focus by international scientists. *ISRA's principal mission* since 1972 is to show that aggression and violence, as well as alternative ways to resolve conflicts, can be successfully studied using scientific methods.

Members, Meetings and Media

- *ISRA* members gather for *World Meetings* every other year on alternating continents.
- All members receive a complimentary electronic subscription to *Aggressive Behavior*, the official journal of *ISRA*.
- Members receive the *ISRA E-Bulletin*.

From Understanding to Solutions

Finding solutions to the pervasive consequences of aggression, requires a multidisciplinary approach. To understand the complex causes, our research addresses brain and other physical processes that underlie the human capacity for violence and the psychological processes that facilitate violent actions. Strategies providing alternatives to violence are studied together with the social factors that serve to promote or prevent violent behavior. Importantly, students of aggression studies are increasingly moving beyond the simple awareness of new results in other disciplines, to develop important research approaches that span multiple disciplines. As a result, novel areas of synergy and convergence between different disciplines and methodologies emerge. *ISRA meetings* and media provide the forum and the multidisciplinary audience.

Join ISRA & Turn page! ►

A Multidisciplinary Society

ISRA is home to virtually all scientific disciplines interested in aggression and violence, such as psychology, neuroscience, anthropology, animal behavior, endocrinology, primatology, psychiatry, genetics, pharmacology, sociology, communication, and criminology. Joining **ISRA** will help you to reach the right audience for your own research. Its meetings provide an optimal forum to learn about novel concepts and advances in other fields. Members enjoy reduced registration fees at **ISRA meetings**.

Awards

- Each World Meeting the **John Paul Scott Award** is presented to a scientist with a distinguished lifetime contribution to aggression research.
- **Presentation Awards** are granted to young scientists for excellence in presentation of original research to a multidisciplinary audience.

The ISRA Logo

The ISRA logo reflects our intention to advance the understanding of a deeply rooted behavior. The humanoid figure in the logo was modified from a petrograph called "the warrior" on the Minnesota-Ontario border¹⁾. The figure seems to express the ambivalent human attitude towards aggression. The figure faces us, a spear in its left hand, reflecting potential to kill. The tip of the spear points downwards, so the weapon is not about to be thrown. The right hand is up and open, a stop-signal in many cultures, and often a

signal of peaceful intent. The heart-shaped body expresses force and human's emotional nature.

¹⁾ M Furtman, *Magic on the rocks* (2000) ISBN: 0-916691-02-0

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ISRA has four kinds of members:

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