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Editorial
Irene Vitoroulis
North American *Bulletin* Co-Editor



Welcome to the June 2023 edition of the *ISRA Bulletin*.

Thank you to everyone who submitted information for our society to feature in this *Bulletin* instalment!

We hope you are enjoying your summer, and that this message finds you in good health! In this *Bulletin*, we include information on our upcoming World Meeting in Munich, Germany.

As usual, we will start with messages from our President, Tracy Vaillancourt, Executive Secretary, Brad Bushman, and the Editor-in-Chief of Aggressive Behavior, Craig Anderson. Don't miss the information on the ongoing ISRA Speakers' Series included in Tracy's message!

We have exciting announcements related to the updates from the New Investigators Program. This is followed announcements about the Early Career Award, ISRA members, a call for papers in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH), and the Media Psychology Conference. This *Bulletin* instalment 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,
-Irene

A Message from Our President Tracy Vaillancourt



Dear ISRA Colleagues and Friends,

It's hard to believe that we are only one year away from ISRA 2024, which will take place in Munich Germany from July 29 to Aug 4. Katja Bertsch and her team are busy preparing what will surely be another outstanding conference. At the same time, the executive team is busy securing world-class plenary speakers for this event. More to come on this soon.

The ISRA Speaker Series is again set to resume in the fall. The links for past talks can be found [here](#). The reception to these talks has been outstanding. I especially love it when graduate classes join us live to hear our amazing colleagues speak.



Speaker Series

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FEATURING LEADERS IN THE RESEARCH OF VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION



9 NOV

DR. MICHAEL POTEHAL
Associate Professor ad Honorem
University of Minnesota



7 DEC

DR. KAJ BJÖRKQVIST
Professor Emeritus
Åbo Akademi University



8 FEB

DR. SARAH COYNE
Professor
Brigham Young University



8 MAR

DR. BARBARA KRAHÉ
Professor Emerita
University of Potsdam



12 APR

DR. JOHN F. KNUTSON
Professor Emeritus
University of Iowa

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President-elect Wayne Warburton and I have met on a few occasions with past president Eric Dubow to ensure a seamless succession. The future is so bright— Wayne has a lot of energy and terrific ideas to help us continue to grow our community with equity, diversity, and inclusion in mind. My only worry is if our friendship is strong enough to handle Canada beating Australia in the FIFA Women's World Cup. We will know soon enough I guess ;)

Finally, I wish to draw your attention to one area that needs more participation. We have an “[Experts](#)” section on the ISRA website that is intended to help the media identify credible experts to speak about aggression and violence. Please consider adding your name to this list. That's all for now. Hope you are having a terrific summer. The weather in Ottawa has been wonderful.

Take care!

Tracy

A Message from our Executive Secretary, Brad Bushman



Dear friends and colleagues,

I am loving my job as the new Executive Secretary for the International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA)! Thanks again for electing me. I have been an active member of ISRA since 1984, when I first started doing aggression research as an undergraduate student. ISRA is near and dear to my heart!

I have been trying to make positive changes to improve ISRA. One big change is the establishment of an ISRA Early Career Award (**within 10 years of completing a terminal degree, e.g., Ph.D., M.D., J.D.**). My long-time friend and collaborator Roy Baumeister and I have discussed numerous times the need for early career awards. Many organizations (including ISRA) only have Lifetime Achievement Awards. As Roy said to me, “Lifetime awards to retired people give them a nice feeling but don’t help the field advance. Early career awards do.” Early career awards also help advance the careers of the winners.

I discussed my idea of establishing an early career award with ISRA President Tracy Vaillancourt, who liked the idea. I followed ISRA Bylaws and anonymously surveyed ISRA Officer and Council Members. They unanimously supported the idea. Like our other two awards (i.e., John Paul Scott Lifetime Achievement Award and the Kirsti M. J. Lagerspetz ISRA Conference Presentation Award), the award is named. The name was selected from the list of ISRA Life Fellows. The highest level of support was for the name “L. Rowell Huesmann.”

The following approved text was added to the ISRA Bylaws, which ISRA members can view through the MEMBER LOGIN part of our webpage ([link](#)):

Nominations (including self-nominations) will be taken every two years for the L. Rowell Huesmann Early Career Award (within 10 years of completing a terminal degree, e.g., Ph.D., M.D., J.D.) and shall be awarded at each Biennial World Meeting. The recipient will receive a certificate and reimbursement for travel costs to attend the ISRA Biennial World Meeting, where they will deliver an address. The recipient will also have the opportunity to publish a manuscript based on their address in *Aggressive Behavior*, subject to the discretion of the Editor. The nominations will be taken in the year prior to the scheduled Biennial World Meeting to assure the winner has sufficient time to make travel arrangements to attend the meeting. The winner will be selected from the list of nominees by the ISRA Officers and Council Members.

We also added HUESMANN AWARD (EARLY CAREER) ([link](#)) under the ABOUT menu on our webpage. Nominations for this award (including self-nominations) are due 1 October.

Nominations can be sent directly to me <bushman.20@osu.edu>. If you want to nominate someone (or yourself) for the L. Rowell Huesmann Early Career Award, please send me the following:

- Recommendation letter (2 pages max) from an ISRA Fellow who is not an Officer or Council Member.
- CV
- Five publications (pdf format)

The winner will be selected by ISRA Officers and Council Members. We will announce the first winner of this award in the December newsletter. The winner will give talk at the ISRA Biennial World Meeting in Munich, Germany.

I have also been distributing anonymous surveys to ISRA Officers and Council Members about the New Investigator (NI) program, which is overseen by Dom Parrott and Tom Gumpel. There are two big changes to the NI program. First, one of the five slots for the SPEAKER SERIES will be assigned to the NI program. Second, there is a new NI Mentorship Program, which pairs new investigators with senior mentors for a collaborative internship at the senior researcher's facility in the interim year between world meetings. The ISRA Officers and Council Members approved both changes. You can read more about the NI Mentorship Program here ([link](#)). You can also read new blogs from our new investigators there.

I also continue to work hard to improve our ISRA webpage ([link](#)). Everything is now updated. We also reorganized a few things. There is now a separate menu bar for STATEMENTS ([link](#)). These statements are very important, and we wanted them to be easy for people to find. Thanks to Barbara Krahe for suggesting this change.

I would like to continue to update "RESOURCES FOR COURSES ON AGGRESSION" in the membership section of the webpage. If you have any course syllabi and videos, please send them to me <bushman.20@osu.edu>.

On 1 January 2023, we successfully switched from a one-year to a two-year ISRA membership. This change will save ISRA money and will save you the hassle of paying each year. Please encourage your colleagues to join ISRA ([link](#)). ISRA offers FREE membership to students (undergrad and grad), early investigators, and individuals from lower- or middle-income countries.

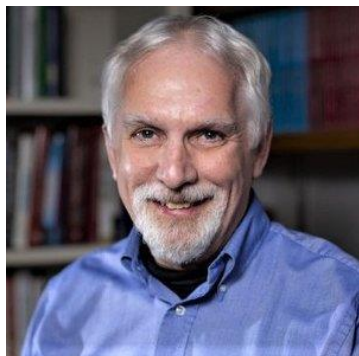
I am really looking forward to the next ISRA conference in Munich, Germany, from July 29 to August 2, 2024 ([link](#)), which is just a little more than one year away! I love ISRA conferences and look forward to seeing all of you again. Thank you for being a member of ISRA!

Best Regards,

Brad 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,

I hope you all are doing well. There isn't much new to report about our journal *Aggressive Behavior*. Our newest Associate Editor Ann Farrell has been handling manuscripts for several months now. Everything is going fairly smoothly with the processing of manuscripts. I say "fairly" only because of occasional hiccups resulting from Wiley's ongoing implementation of the new Free Format submission process. As one should expect from any software change, there have been a very few cases of emails failing to be delivered and of reviews written by Consulting Editors and by ad hoc reviewers not being accepted by ScholarOne. Fortunately, the overall editorial team has been able to catch such errors pretty quickly, so our average response times (e.g., submission to 1st response, 1st response to publication) should not be unduly affected.

As of this writing we have had over 130 new manuscripts submitted this year, about 10% more than last year at this date. We've published a bunch of excellent articles and reports in this first half of 2023, and have a bunch more excellent ones in the pipeline.

That's all for now, folks!

Regards,



Craig A. Anderson, Ph.D.
Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Editor in Chief: *Aggressive Behavior*

2024 ISRA World Meeting

Save the date: ISRA World Meeting in Munich, Germany, July 29 to August 2 2024



Dear ISRA members and friends,

The 25th ISRA World Meeting will take place in Munich, Germany. We are already in the middle of the planning process and will provide all information about the conference on a congress website: www.isra-2024.de

Munich is the capital city of Bavaria, located in the heart of Europe. It is easy to reach by train and airplane and offers a large variety of cultural, artistic, and historic sites and events. Munich's surroundings offer a host of sightseeing attractions and leisure activities such as castles, lakes and mountains which you might like to consider when planning our summer holidays in 2024!

The meeting will take place in the heart of Munich at the *Ludwig-Maximilians-University* (LMU). Further information will be provided on the website as soon as possible.

The *Scientific Program* will include a wide range of biological, psychological, clinical and social topics and issues related to aggression presented in symposia, individual talks, and poster presentations as well as invited key note lectures and a presidential address.

We are looking forward to welcome you in Munich in 2024 – thus, already **save the date** in your calendar!

Katja Bertsch and the local organization team

Here are the tentative submission dates:

- February 1, 2024 – Submission deadline for symposia proposals
- March 1, 2024 – Submission deadline for individual paper and poster abstracts
- April 1, 2024 - Notification of submission acceptance/rejection

Registration

- November 2023 – ISRA 2024 conference website and registration page launched
- December 2023 – Registration information presented in The ISRA Bulletin and website
- January-June, 2024 – Promotion of conference on social media
- end of June, 2024 – Late registration fees begin

Please contact the local organizing team at isra2022@uottawa.ca should you have any questions.

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



We hope to begin a tradition of biannual updates in the ISRA Bulletin regarding the activities of the New Investigators Program. ISRA began its New Investigators (NI) Program [formally the Young Investigators Program] at the 2008 World Meeting in Budapest to encourage and assist scholars who are getting started or are in the early stages of their aggression research career. Since then, the program has thrived and supported over 75 early career scholars. Historically, the activities of the NI Program have been largely limited to the week of the

World Meeting. In order to support further the professional development of NIs, we aim to change that practice by making a concerted effort to sustain engagement with the most recent NI cohort in the two-year period following the World Meeting. We have implemented three new initiatives in the past year to meet this aim.



First, we recently held our first virtual NI meeting on June 15th, which we hope is the start of a tradition where the NI Cohort meets approximately one year after the most recent World Meeting. NI's discussed professional updates, shared collaborative ideas, and discussed plans for submissions to the 2024 World Meeting.

Second, to leverage the great success of the ISRA Speaker Series, ISRA has agreed to reserve one of the speaker series events each year for the NI Program. What do we mean by "reserve for the NI Program?"

Basically, it's taking one of the monthly time slots and then allowing the NIs to suggest the speaker, the topic, the format, etc. The NI's work on this would be in consultation with the NI Program Chairs and require ISRA approval on content. We envision multiple benefits from this, including continued engagement of NI's with ISRA, a speaker series event that appeals to other early career scholars, and the potential to leverage NI professional networks to advertise the event to those scholars.

Third, and finally, we are excited that ISRA recently approved the *New Investigators Mentorship Program*. This new program will team up NIs with more senior ISRA researchers for a 2-4 week collaborative internship at the senior researcher's facility. We will solicit proposals from senior researchers who will present their proposals at the NI meeting (during the World meeting), and match them with applications from the most recent cohort of NIs. We will provide significant financial support for travel and expenses to promote this "fellowship." We anticipate that this new program will help to create and maintain sustainable partnerships and collaborations, which

will present in the following World Meeting as well as in the ISRA Bulletin. In our Call for Applications for the 2024 NI Cohort, we will make potential applicants aware of this program.

Early Career Award

Dear Officers and Council Members,

The International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA) has the Scott Award for senior scholars: <https://www.israsociety.com/initiatives/scott-award>

ISRA also has the Lagerspetz Award for junior scholars (within 10 years of the Ph.D.): <https://www.israsociety.com/initiatives/lagerspetz-awards>

As Executive Secretary, I would like to propose instituting something in between — an ISRA Early Career Award (within 10 years of the Ph.D.), which would be named after one of our Life Fellows. I have run this idea by President Tracy Vaillancourt, and she supports it. I would now like to run it by all Officers and Council Members.

Like the Scott Award winner, the Early Career Award winner could give a talk at the ISRA conference (this time in Munich in 2024).

We could take nominations for the Early Career Award. The winner would be selected by the Officers and Council Members via an anonymous survey.

Please complete this survey by Friday, 5 May (5 PM Eastern time) to indicate:

- (1) Whether you support having an Early Career Award.
- (2) Who the Early Career Award should be named after (Scott has been eliminated from the list of Life Fellows because the senior award is named after him).
- (3) Whether the Early Career Award winner should give a talk at the ISRA conference.

Survey [link](#):

Or copy the URL in your browser: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_37ydagyu1H16h02

Best,

Brad Bushman

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 2023-2024. Look for an upcoming announcement for the continuation of this exciting, free virtual series (<https://www.israsociety.com/speaker-series>).

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!):

[Hollywood's love of guns increases the risk of shootings – Both on and off set.](#) By Brad J. Bushman and Dan Romer

[Aggression in times of Covid-19: The social costs of the pandemic.](#) By Barbara Krahé

[A 1-Minute Gun Safety Video Helped Preteen Children Be More Careful Around Real Guns – New Research](#) . By Brad J. Bushman and Sophie Kjaervic

News About ISRA Members

Erinn Acland, 2022 ISRA New Investigator, received a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Post-Doctoral Fellowship from 2023-2026. Erinn will be working with Dr. Natalie Castellanos-Ryan at the University of Montreal and the Ste-Justine Hospital Research

Wayne Warburton, ISRA President-Elect, was recently featured as an Australian Story (a highly regarded television series that tells 'compelling' and 'inspiring' stories' about Australians). The program focused on Wayne's work developing and running the RES@T-A Australia program for gaming addicted teens (www.resataus.com.au), and follows the transformative experiences of two teens going through the program. One teen, like many with a screen disorder, was struggling to control violent behaviour when screen time was reduced in the

home. The March 6 episode can be seen online at <https://iview.abc.net.au/video/NC2302Q002S00>.

Christopher Barlett, is accepting graduate students in the Social/Personality area at Kansas State University. The website for Dr. Barlett's lab is here: <https://www.k-state.edu/psych/research/ChrisBarlett.html>

Vered Zioni Koren and Tom Gumpel published an article in the Scandinavian Journal of Psychology: Zion-Koren, V., Gumpel, T. P., & Bekerman, Z. (2022). Surprising partners: Teachers' contribution to school bullying. *Scandinavian Journal of Psychology*, 63(6), 670-679.

2022 ISRA New Investigators Cohort

ISRA is pleased to announce the 2022 cohort of Young Investigators. The nine YI's will receive partial monetary support to attend the ISRA World Meeting in Ottawa and also participate in a tailored program at the World Meeting that includes a preconference workshop, meetings with senior aggression scholars, and networking opportunities. The 2022 YI Program will be Co-Chaired by Tom Gumpel and Dominic Parrott.

Erinn Acland: Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Psychoeducation and Department of Educational Psychology, University of Montreal and McGill University, Canada

Kwan-Lamar Blount-Hill: Assistant Professor, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, United States

Ana Bravo Castillo: Doctoral Student, Social and Legal Sciences, University of Cordoba, Spain

Karolina Dyduch-Hazar: Doctoral Student, SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Warsaw, Poland

Lena Hofhansel: Postdoctoral Researcher, RWTH University Hospital Aachen, Aachen, Germany

Gretchen Perhamus: Doctoral Student, Clinical Psychology, University at Buffalo, United States

Anna Pham: Junior Defence Policy Officer, Sexual Misconduct Response Centre, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, ON, Canada

Alisson Pinto de Almeida: Doctoral Student, Life Systems Biology, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

Travis N. Ray: Doctoral Student, Social and Health Psychology, Oakland University, United States

Elizabeth Summerell: Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

Samuel West: Postdoctoral Scholar, Virginia Commonwealth University, United States

Emerging Aggression Researcher

Erinn Acland, Ph.D.

Doctoral Program: University of Toronto

Mentor: Tina Malti

I am currently a postdoctoral fellow at University of Montreal in the DEPSA lab under the supervision of Dr. Natalie Castellanos-Ryan.

PhD Topic: My dissertation focused on how emotion-related processes associate with children's social development. Specifically, I assessed how emotion recognition and autonomic nervous system activity relate to aggression and prosociality.

Postdoc Research: My present research explores the heterogeneity of antisociality at an individual and developmental level. For instance, are there clusters of antisocial behaviors that represent distinct youth profiles? How do these behavioral patterns change across development? Can these antisocial profiles be linked to meaningful psychological, social, and biological factors? Through the support of a CIHR postdoctoral training award, I will further this line of inquiry by investigating whether distinct patterns of internalizing and externalizing symptoms can be identified in youth, and whether these profiles are related to life outcomes (e.g., employment, antisociality, mental health).

First-Authored Publications and Chapters:

Acland, E. L., Peplak, J., Suri, A., & Malti, T. (2023). Emotion recognition links to reactive and proactive aggression across childhood: A multi-study design. *Development and Psychopathology*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0954579423000342>

Acland, E. L. & Cavanagh, C. (2022). Anger, violence, and recidivism in justice system involved youth. *Justice Quarterly*, 40(2), 241-262. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07418825.2022.2028882>

Acland, E. L., Jambon, M., & Malti, T. (2021). Emotion recognition and aggression in children: A longitudinal multi-cohort study. *Aggressive Behavior*, 47(6), 646-658. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ab.21989>

Acland, E. L., Colasante, T., & Malti, T. (2019). Respiratory sinus arrhythmia and prosociality in childhood: Evidence for a quadratic effect. *Developmental Psychobiology*, 61(8), 1146-1156. <https://doi.org/10.1002/dev.21872>

Acland, E. L., Lidhar, N. K., & Martin, L. J. (2018). Bridging the gap between people and animals: The roots of social behavior and its relationship to pain. In T. Vervoort, K. Karos, Z. Trost, & K. M. Prkachin (Eds.), *Social and Interpersonal Dynamics in Pain: We Don't Suffer*

Alone (pp. 197-217). Cham: Springer International Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-78340-6_10

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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chiara.imperato@unipr.it

Best regards,

Tiziana Mancini & Chiara Imperato

13th Division Conference – Media Psychology

Dear Colleagues,

The Division of Media Psychology of the German Psychological Society invites you to the 13th Division Conference on the Belval Campus of the University of Luxembourg. The international conference will take place from 6 to 8 September 2023 as an attendance conference under the motto “Inclusion and Diversity in Media Psychology”.

Researchers—especially junior researchers—from all fields of media psychology are cordially invited to contribute in the form of research reports, posters, position papers or a contribution to a special panel of the Journal of Media Psychology. We look forward to receiving submissions in the spirit of the conference motto, which addresses current issues in media psychology research, but also in social coexistence. Of course, contributions from other areas of psychological research on the use and effects of media are equally welcome.

We are pleased to announce that, in addition to the already known submission forms, there will be the possibility to register for a PhD workshop (led by Leonard Reinecke, Sabine Trepte and German Neubaum; deadline for registration: 1 July) or a Theory Building workshop (led by Daniel Possler and Adrian Meier; deadline: 1 July; applications from early career scholars are preferred).

For further information on these workshops and the other opportunities to contribute (research reports, posters, position papers or submissions to a special panel of the Journal of Media Psychology; deadline: 1 May), please see the conference website <https://mediapsych2023.uni.lu/> and the Call for Papers (https://www.en.uni.lu/research/fhse/dbcs/news_events/call_for_papers_mediapsych23).

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in Luxembourg!

For the local organising team:

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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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