PRESIDENT’S REPORT

ICLASP16 marked the commencement of my 2-year term as President. I was particularly pleased to commence at a conference which celebrated Howie Giles' contributions to IALSP and intergroup communication. Howie was both key author of the theory I used in my PhD (Communication Accommodation Theory) and examiner of my PhD. My Presidential address was an opportunity to share my vision for both IALSP and my term as President. My key goals are:

1. To ensure we give voice, through increasing the number of countries from which we draw our membership and holding our conferences and small group meetings in varied locations, and through endeavouring to research with participants from diverse social groups, including those who are traditionally marginalised.

2. To encourage our research to continue to engage in theory development and embrace new methodologies.

3. To ensure our research is impactful, through conducting excellent experimental and applied research, encouraging intervention studies, including communication skills training that incorporates a LASP approach, and raising our profile in academia, policy, and practice. I believe our research has the capacity to make a difference.

Of course a President is only as good as their executive, and it was a pleasure to see elected an international executive with some continuing and some new members. Already we have seen our regional representatives developing an agenda for IALSP across regions, we have organised our first small group meeting in Hong Kong in July 2019 in partnership with Asian Association of Social Psychology, we are organising symposia at upcoming conferences and small group meetings in USA, Poland, and Taiwan, and we have plans for an enhanced communication strategy with both members and the wider community. If members have any other suggestions for how we can meet our goals please get in touch with me. I look forward to us continuing the good work of IALSP in 2019.

-LIZ JONES, PRESIDENT
PAST PRESIDENT BIDS FAREWELL

It was not without tears that I left this Presidency. At ICLASP 16 I attended a competitive paper session that included a paper on the interpretive value of seeing tear stains in order to understand a person’s true emotions. That paper focused on tears as an indicator of sadness, of which I shed a few, because it is hard for me to say good-bye to friends and colleagues at the end of each conference. However, I am afraid that I might prove to be an outlier in the tear study, because my tears also fell in sheer gratitude for the fellowship and support I received during the last two years and especially during the final days of my presidency at the conference, and not sadness. I have already attended a handful of meetings with the new executive brilliantly and judiciously led by Liz Jones. We are in excellent hands moving forward. As Immediate Past President, it is my hope to support our new leadership and to help fill in historical knowledge when needed. My time on the Executive has run full circle. Since 2005, I have served as Officer of Records, Treasurer, Regional Rep, President-Elect, and President. I co-hosted the Penn State conference, hosted an ICLASP dinner at my parent’s ranch in Arizona at the Tucson conference, and I launched our first post-conference writing retreat this year. Thank you to the members of IALSP for letting me serve. I look forward to joining you after the Hong Kong conference as just one of many dedicated “regular members!” Best wishes for the New Year!

-MAGGIE PITTS, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As explained in last year’s newsletter, the association has completed its transition to using Memberplanet to manage member profiles and collection of funds. Since last year we have completed our first use of the new system to collect conference registration information and fees. All members who attended the post ICLASP-16 writing retreat successfully registered, gave housing and food preferences, and paid associated costs through the system. We intend to use the system for ICLASP-17 conference registration as it will streamline collection of funds into one central location. Also since last year, members have received automated reminders to renew their membership when appropriate, keeping member records up to date at all times. Remember that you now have access to your own profile, allowing you to update any information if it has changed. Please also be sure to check your spam folders for email coming from Memberplanet, and change your settings so that our updates arrive in your inbox as intended.

-RACHYL PINES, SECRETARY
ICLASP16 PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Thanks to IALSP’s growing membership, the 16th International Conference on Language and Social Psychology (ICLASP16) at the University of Alberta, Canada, was able to add a number of new events, including a poster session, a series of pre-conference workshops, and a post-conference writing retreat.

The well-attended pre-conference workshops provided a rare opportunity for researchers to come together for the typically more isolated and messier parts of research - the parts where knowledge is built, skills are acquired, and directions for future research are developed. The only downside to these workshops were that participants could only attend one.

Clear, Concise, and Graceful Scientific Writing was led by Dr. Robert Kail from Purdue University, who is the author of Scientific Writing for Psychology: Lessons in Clarity and Style. Dr. Kail assisted participants on constructing clear, concise, and graceful writing through multiple themed lessons and highly interactive practice and discussion. People who attended the workshop regarded it as highly engaging, enjoyable, and helpful.

An Introduction to Social Network Theory, Research, and Analysis was led by Dr. Marina Doucerain from Université du Québec à Montréal, who specializes in quantitative research methods and analyses ranging from social network analysis to structural equation modelling. Participants focused on understanding and acquiring basic skills in analyzing personal social networks. Besides lessons, participants also engaged in hands-on practice. Overall, attendees regarded the workshop as an insightful and eye-opening experience to social network research and analyses.

Foundations and Practice in Computerized Language Analysis Techniques was led by Dr. Ryan Boyd from University of Texas at Austin, who is an expert in automated psychological language analysis, including the development of software to support these analyses. Participants learned about the nature of computerized language analysis, including the various types of analyses and programs available, particular benefits and challenges to adopting an automated approach, and how to interpret the output of such analyses. Participants got hands-on experience in conducting automated analyses of text. Dr. Boyd tailored the content of the workshop to the needs and interests of participants and also made arrangements for participants to have access to a free trial of Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count, one of the programs discussed in the workshop.

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KATIE COLLINS, REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
YIN SHAN DORIS ZHANG, STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
HOWIE GILES RESURRECTING AND CALIFORNIA DREAMING

It is winter in North America as we prepare the annual IALSP newsletter. The theme of Howie Giles’ powerful spotlight keynote address, California Dreamin’ resounds melodically in my mind as I put these few words to paper.

“All the leaves are brown; And the sky is grey… California dreaming; On such a winter’s day…”
(The Mamas and the Papas)

ICLASP16-Edmonton culminated in a celebration of the life and works of Howie Giles. As special guest of the Association, Jane Giles gave the introduction. It was a harmonious blend of humor, nostalgia, appreciation, and premonition. What an honor it was to see Howie Giles through the eyes of his life partner. Although many of us have come to know Howie Giles as a prodigious scholar through his many publications, only a few people could have known that Howie has a track record (literally) for surpassing expectations. One secret to Giles’ success is this: tell the man “no” and he will surely do it – from music, to policing, to running…

Another secret to Howie’s success is the extraordinary Jane Giles – The accomplished, sharp-witted, intellectual, funny, and strong woman standing beside, and sometimes marching ahead of, Howie Giles. In Howie’s own words they make “a great fric n frac team” referring to a comedic team in which one is playfully indistinguishable from the other.

Howie’s talk was an artistic balancing act pulling from the past and pointing toward the future. He called to our collective minds the importance of work on elder abuse and successful aging. He brought attention to some of his earlier works and models that may still be relevant but didn’t receive as much attention at the time as his other works. Although humble, gracious, and generous in sharing his gratitude for his many theoretical and empirical “top hits,” Howie also drew parallels between himself and pop rock star Madonna.

Indeed, even Howie, like Madonna, had some self-proclaimed “flops.” Some of these ideas could have been too early for their time and need to be revisited given our contemporary global crises and opportunities. As he walked us through his timeline of research interests, he enticed us with new ideas to pursue including the importance of
dreams and their emotional impact on relationships and on everyday types of talk. In each decade of work, he highlighted an area of research that he would like to resurrect, humor/laughter, the dynamic between talk and silence, elder abuse, music and dance, and much more.

The audience erupted in applause at the end of his talk. Instead of the traditional Question and Answer sequence, a host of exceptional scholars and friends of IALSP paid tribute to Howie Giles in six minutes or less as was required! The line-up is indication of the quality of person and scholar Howie is: Cindy Gallois, Mary Lee Hummert, Richard Clément, Martin Ehala, Bernadette Watson, Liz Jones, Itesh Sachdev, Richard Bourhis, and Don Taylor.

It was very touching to see so many members of Howie’s scholarly family stand up and pay tribute to Howie. Predicting a rich narrative account, the last word of the session were given to Don Taylor.

Don enthralled the audience by “breaking the fourth wall” and pulling up a chair closer to the audience. He spoke barely above a whisper and directed his commentary especially to the emerging scholars in the room. The audience leaned forward to listen to Don share stories about the friendships and scholarship that developed in Howie’s first years as a scholar and how meaningful and magical those moments are. Scholarship is about continuing not only the lifelong work, but the lifelong relationships that come from that work. The audience left inspired... and hungry as we retreated to the Muttart Conservatory for a banquet dinner to close ICLASP16 and in honor of Howie.

No celebration of the work and of the mentorship of Howie Giles could ever be sufficient. But, it is my hope that this celebration in this venue among these friends was as meaningful to all in the audience as it was to me.

Thank you to Howie, and to everyone, for inspiring work and friendships that contribute to the betterment of humanity.

Who shall we celebrate next?

-MAGGIE PITTS, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
POST-CONFERENCE WRITING RETREAT: KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION AND MOBILIZATION

Sponsored in part by a generous donation from the University of Arizona Department of Communication, Maggie Pitts (2016-2018 President) along with Kim Noels (ICLASP16-Edmonton Host) hosted the first ever ICLASP Post-Conference Writing Retreat. Participants widely agreed that it was a perfect blend of productivity and pleasure. Participants actively engaged in one full day of writing preceded by a group dinner the evening before and the opportunity to continue fellowship with a walking and dining tour in beautiful Canmore at the end of the day. We also provided the opportunity for a mindful closing with a private yoga session at Elevation with giant picture windows framing the Three Sisters mountain formation of the breathtaking Canadian Rockies just outside of Banff. A total of 21 writers participated in the event. We hope to have more in the future.

We commenced our writing journey with a banquet at the Coast Canmore Hotel. We toasted in anticipation of a successful event and everyone took a moment to introduce themselves and to share their intentions with this writing retreat. After a shared breakfast the following morning and welcome from the hosts, we launched our intensive writing day with an excellent and inspiring keynote address by Janice Krieger, Professor of Advertising at University of Florida and Director of the STEM Translational Communication Center. Inspired by Janice’s talk, we began to write. We had three facilitators who worked with small groups of writers to set S.M.A.R.T. writing goals and provide a writing accountability buddy for the day. Facilitators included myself, Liz Jones (IALSP President, Griffith University, Brisbane Australia) and Catherine Brooks (Director of the Center for Digital Society and Data Studies, University of Arizona). Interspersed between the group and private writing sessions, we also had three micro-presentations throughout the day: (1) Making a Summer Writing Plan (Catherine Brooks), (2) Research Funding and Dissemination (Heather Young-Leslie, University of Alberta), and (3) Getting the Interest of Media Outlets (Michel Proux, University of Alberta).

We wrote in both group and private settings and returned...
periodically to check in and support each other. It was a wonderful collaborative experience.

As a first ever event for ICLASP, we set the purpose of the retreat to gently guide participants toward writing practices that inspired them and moved a writing project forward. We were a success. By the end of the writing day, everybody made significant advancements on their writing projects with at least five participants sending off their completed writing piece for publication or to co-authors for next steps.

Until our next writing retreat, here is something I borrowed from the Internet attributed to Sylvia Plath “Let me live, love, and say it well in good sentences” (The Unabridged Journals of Sylvia Plath). Let’s do it again!

-MAGGIE PITTS, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

INTRODUCING OUR 2018 IALSP FELLOW

Since 2006, the International Association of Language and Social Psychology has been honoring its most esteemed members with the title of Fellow. The first Fellow of our Association was Peter Robinson, who along with Howie Giles, established the first international conference on language and social psychology. Howie Giles was given the title Fellow in 2008 and he was followed by Bob Gardner, Cindy Gallois, Sik Hung Ng, Itesh Sachdev, Richard Clément, and Bernadette Watson. Fellows are awarded a lifetime IALSP membership and guaranteed good company! Fellows are nominated and elected by the IALSP Executive Committee and the title is awarded to a scholar who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of language and social psychology and who has demonstrated a passion, dedication, and deep interest in the continuance and betterment of the Association. It is one of the highest honors that our Association bestows because it recognizes not only excellence in scholarship, but also excellence in collegiality. This year’s IALSP Fellow exemplifies both, herself, but also through the work and collegiality of her students, several of whom have actively participated in IALSP.

The 2018 IALSP Fellow is Mary Lee Hummert. Mary Lee joined IALSP in...
2000 where she attended the ICLASP-Cardiff meeting. She has actively participated in all but two conferences since that time including giving a plenary talk on the language and social psychology of age stereotypes and intergenerational communication at ICLASP-Hong Kong, 2002. In addition to serving on the Executive Board from 2008-2011, Mary Lee has been a consistently positive source of support for our Association.

Her research is theoretically sound, methodologically rigorous, and holds deep value for practical application and knowledge transfer to those who work most closely with aging populations and in intergenerational contexts. Mary Lee has co-edited 7 books, more than 40 scholarly journal articles, and at least two dozen book chapters all centering on the language and social psychology of aging. A brief highlight of some of her many other honors include national recognition, such as Fellow of the Gerontology Society of America and Giles-Nussbaum Distinguished Scholar, and recognition at her home university, University of Kansas, for her teaching and graduate mentorship, and is a member of the Kansas Women’s Hall of Fame.

In the letter of nomination, Mary Lee’s student and colleague Yan Bing Zhang (IALSP Treasurer) wrote,

Our field has thrived not only due to Mary Lee’s unique ability to pull together researchers from all backgrounds to work on questions that advance our profession...Mary Lee has had a hand in the upbringing and mentorship of generations of young scholars.

It was our pleasure to announce at this year’s conference, ICLASP-Edmonton, that Mary Lee joins a distinctive group of IALSP members. In case you were not able to be present at the award ceremony, there was much rejoicing at the “Kansas table” during our final banquet. I suspect, we have much more to come from team Kansas given the history of IALSP mentorship and support so wonderfully embodied in Mary Lee Hummert. Congratulations!

-MAGGIE PITTS, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

IALSP WORKING PARTIES

The IALSP Executive have a number of working parties operating:

- Executive roles are being reviewed by Jessica Gasiorek, Rachyl Pines and Marko Dragojevic
- Together with the Regional Representatives Liz Jones, Karolina Hansen, James Liu and Martin Ehala are looking at partnership building with other Associations
- Our 2020 conference in Hong Kong team is lead by Bernadette Watson and Hans Ladegaard, and supported by Maggie Pitts, James Liu and Mark Seilhammer
- Our 2022 conference in Estonia team is lead by Martin Ehala, Karolina Hansen and Liz Jones
- Matt Giles is leading a team developing an IALSP archive
- Marko Dragojevic, Liz Jones and Nicola Sheeran are considering how we can continue to improve our communication with both members and externally

If you would like to know more about any of these working parties please contact ialsp.exec@gmail.com.
STUDENT MEMBERS

As I write this reflection, I am in flight to a large U.S. conference with 12,000 expected attendees. I imagine that I will see a few colleagues I know through careful pre-arrangement and meet a few other attendees with whom I share research interests. I will learn about new research projects that may prove valuable to my own work. But despite the large number in attendance and the hundreds of research projects that will be presented, I know that I will make fewer and less meaningful connections at this conference than I would at the International Conference on Language and Social Psychology.

ICLASP allows many opportunities for graduate students to connect with other early career scholars and more well-established scholars in the field. Established scholars’ availability during the conference, engagement with presenters, and willingness to chat with early career scholars is one unique benefit of attending ICLASP. I hope that all mid and late career scholars recognize how meaningful this interaction is for early career scholars. And I hope that early career scholars take advantage of the opportunity to network with more established scholars at ICLASP!

At ICLASP in Edmonton, I recall a lot of discussion over which panels to attend. While we may not have 50 panels running at a time, the quality and relevance of each panel to language and social psychology made it difficult to choose between sessions. Even a brief scan of the conference program reveals overlap between scholars in terms of theories used and research interests. It is easy to make connections between scholars’ research, which I find helps revitalize and refresh my own research.

For graduate students, such connections are invaluable. They encourage us as we become acquainted with our respective fields and inspire us as we begin to contribute to the field and become authorities in our own right. In closing, I would urge all graduate student IALSP members to reflect on the connections that you made at the last ICLASP. If you have the time during this busy academic season, refresh those connections as we await the next ICLASP.

-SAMANTHA STANLEY, STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
FACEBOOK PAGE

In 2016 we announced the launch of the IALSP Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ialsp. Two years later, we continue to maintain a vibrant presence on social media. By doing so, we hope to increase connectivity among our existing members between conferences, as well as promote our vibrant organization to a wider audience and attract new members. Please visit us on Facebook to see pictures from recent conference, read important news and updates about the organization and upcoming conferences and events, and learn more about our members’ recent publications. If you have content you would like posted to our Facebook page, please send it to me (mdragojevic@gmail.com).

-MARKO DRAGOJEVIC, PUBLICITY OFFICER

WEBSITE AND BLOG

This year, the IALSP website and blog have continued to serve as an online resource for members. We continue to feature a randomly selected publication from one of our members to highlight on the blog every one to two months. These publications provide a window into the range of topics and types of work that IALSP members do. If you have not taken a look at these, we would strongly encourage you to do so!

We also use the blog to share opportunities and announcements that are likely to be of interest to IALSP’s membership, such as those relating to upcoming conferences or journal special issues in related areas. If you have a job posting, event, or call for papers you think might be of interest to fellow members, please send them to Marko Dragojevic (mdragojevic@gmail.com).

In the year ahead, plans and goals include consolidating and sorting through materials that are currently in a number of different locations and formats, which is no small undertaking. Our Archivist, Matt Giles, will primarily handle this task.

Finally, as additional information about our next ICLASP meeting in Hong Kong (June 2020) become available, it will be posted on the website’s “Conferences” page (http://ialsp.org/conferences/).

-JESSICA GASIOREK, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
-MARKO DRAGOJEVIC, PUBLICITY OFFICER

NEW IALSP POSITION: ARCHIVIST

Dear IALSP members - As the legacy of IALSP continues to grow, the Executive Committee recognized the need to track our organization’s history. To accomplish this goal, a new position was created to gather, organize, and make available a variety of materials for our members. Some of these tasks are important for our organizational history, such as programs and photos from conferences going back decades. Others are more instrumental in purpose, such as receipts or meeting minutes.

To gather these materials, I have been contacting our past presidents and other officers and gathering boxes of documents, flash drives full of photos, and a dizzying array of spreadsheets. If you have a box full of ICLASP memorabilia from a previous conference, or you have documents from IALSP meetings that you have been a part of over your career, please contact me at matt@ucsb.edu! I would be glad to help you ship them to me, set up dropboxes online for sharing them, or answer any questions. Thanks for your time!

-MATT GILES, ARCHIVIST
MEMBER PRODUCTIVITY

IALSP members continue to be extremely productive and have produced an incredible body of research in 2018. In an effort to increase the visibility of our members’ research and promote collaboration, biannually we compile a list of our members’ most recent publications and publish it on our website. In addition, every one to two months, we randomly select one publication from the most recent list and feature it on our blog and Facebook page as that month’s focus publication. Take a look at the snapshot below of the focus publications for 2018 and visit our blog to learn more about each!

-MARKO DRAGOJEVIC, PUBLICITY OFFICER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 20th - JUNE 22nd 2019

Language Challenges in the 21st Century
University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

Organizers: Karolina Hansen, Janin Roessel, Megan Birney, Tamara Rakić, Magdalena Skrodzka

As we all know, language is at the heart of communication and social processes. With rising migration and globalization, interactions between people from diverse linguistic backgrounds are at an all-time high. Although this linguistic melting pot offers enrichment and advantages, it is not without its challenges. Tensions may arise when language differences are perceived as intrusions or when language varieties result in threats to identity. Language cues such as accents or dialects are the basis for prevalent discrimination. Moreover, how something is said functions as a central means for the transmission of stereotypes and prejudice, be it in interpersonal interactions or in the media.

Against the background of immigration and linguistic diversity, this small group meeting addresses four pillars to foster a better understanding of current language challenges:

1. Evolutionary foundations and basic processes in the social perception of language
2. Language as a carrier of stereotypes and prejudice in intergroup communication
3. Language as the basis of (stigmatized) identities and its consequences in a globalized world
4. Language discrimination and prejudice reduction

This small group meeting aims at bringing together established and junior researchers in these fields, enriched by our keynote speakers Richard Bourhis, Katherine Kinzler, and Michał Bilewicz. To facilitate lively exchange, there will be networking opportunities and thematic small group discussions. Registration fees amount to 100 Euro regular and 50 Euro for PhD students. They will cover conference material, food, and accommodation. We will consider requests for fee reduction.

Deadline for submissions is January 31st, 2019. To apply for this meeting, please send a presentation title and abstract (max. 150 words) to LanguageChallengesXXI@gmail.com.

In addition, please indicate your preferred type of presentation (talk, data blitz, poster), your current affiliation and position, as well as your EASP (European Association of Social Psychology) membership status.
EASP Meeting on Intergroup Communication/
2nd International Symposium on Intergroup Communication
Department of Psychology, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy

The EASP Meeting on Intergroup Communication/2nd International Symposium on Intergroup Communication aims to gather European and abroad scholars, junior and senior researchers whose work pertains to intergroup communication in a diverse, interdisciplinary framework.

The Meeting will accept contributions on classic and emerging themes of Intergroup Communication around four pillars:
- IC Processes: such as defining ingroup-outgroup boundaries, norms and roles of intergroup behaviours, accommodation, impression formation.
- IC Functions: such as emphasizing status differentials, maintaining power, expressing hate, hostility, or aggression, or negotiating intergroup common goals.
- IC Contexts: such as extremism and terrorism, reconciliation, inter-religion dialogue, gender identity, migration, new political social movements, online communities, fair language.
- IC Means and Tools: verbal, such as linguistic biases, public discourse, metaphors, humour and jokes, and non-verbal, such as mimicry, dressing styles, facial appearance, dance, music, imagined interactions.

The Department of Psychology is located in the centre of Bologna and is very convenient to reach hotels, restaurants, and amenities of the medieval arcades, streets, and monuments. Alma Mater Studiorum was established in 1088 and it is known to be the most ancient University in Europe. Noteworthy are the Archiginnasio as the ancient site of the University and the anatomic theatre.

Bologna is also very attractive for foreign colleagues for its location, as it is very well connected to other Italian cities, such as Venice (1 hour by train), Florence (30 minutes by train), Rome (2 hours by train), Naples (3 hours by train) and Milan (1 hour by train).

The (early) registration fees will be 80€ for junior participants (PhD students and post-doctorate) and 150€ for senior participants. The fee will be reduced for individuals who (according to their declaration) cannot afford regular fees. For any information please contact the Organisation Team in Bologna: icmeeting2019@unibo.it

Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2019. Information, updates and instruction for submissions can be found on the Meeting website. Late submissions will be processed if there will be sufficient space left on the Program. All submissions should be completed online.

We look forward to meet you in Bologna,

The Scientific Committee of the EASP Meeting on Intergroup Communication: Michela Menegatti, Howard Giles, Silvia Moscatelli, Flavia Albarello, Antonis Gardikiotis, Andrea Carnaghi, Monica Rubini
JULY 7th - JULY 9th 2019

Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP) Small Group Meeting on “Narratives of Identity: Bridging the Divides in a Multicultural World - an AASP-IALSP Task Force”
Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong

The meeting is co-hosted by the International Research Centre for the Advancement of Health Communication and the Department of English at HKPolyU, in collaboration with IALSP. The Organizing Committee warmly welcomes early and mid-career scholars, as well as exceptional postgraduates to apply to attend the meeting.

The narratives of identity that are the subject of this Small Group Meeting are ones that can be mobilized to bridge divides between different groups– nations, ethnicities, religions, professions, generations, and genders - through improved communications. This meeting unites three streams of research, each designed to interweave and to produce international research collaborations that result in publications and conference presentations. The goal of the meeting is to develop a Task Force that will present their research findings to the International Communications Association (2020), the IALSP (2020), and AASP (2021). Participants will be expected to take advantage of the data, theory and inspiration provided by workshop leaders to develop new research projects and publishable research papers. Publications in a special issue of the Journal of Language and Social Psychology, Asian Journal of Social Psychology or other appropriate journals are an anticipated outcome of the meeting for participants.

1) Prof Bernadette Watson & A/P Liz Jones: Bridging narrative divides in healthcare, between groups of health professionals and health consumers of different cultural backgrounds - articulating leadership and trialling interventions;
2) Prof James Liu and Dr. Sammyh Khan: Bridging narrative divides in intergroup relations, between peoples and organizations embittered by historical memories of past conflict - by shifting identities and creating cosmopolitan narratives;
3) Emeritus Prof Michael Harris Bond and Dr. Vivian Miu-Chi Lun: Bridging the divide in personal well-being across cultures - by conceptualizing the good life and understanding the process of achieving well-being across cultures;

Prof James Liu will share data he has collected from the Digital Influence survey (encompassing multiple waves with 20 to 40 countries, and thousands of participants, W1=20K, W2=16K) with participants (e.g. data on Satisfaction with Life and Social Representations of History). Other data sets may also be used. Participants will be expected to develop their own data-gathering after the workshop. There will also be opportunities for developing international collaborations based on shared research projects developed at the Small Group Meeting. These should center around interventions based on meeting themes.

We expect a maximum of 25 participants. They should be early and mid-career researchers who have a strong interest in researching these topic areas. Applicants will be required to write a paragraph about why they wish to attend the workshop, describe their current research expertise and how they might contribute to the workshop, and include a two page CV. They should also indicate in numerical order (from 1-3) which of the topics they are most interested in and why. All submissions must be in English and should be emailed to aaspialspmeeeting@gmail.com before Jan 15, 2019.
Preparations are already underway for the next ICLASP gathering. The conference has not been held in Hong Kong since 2002 and it is marvelous to have it here again.

Some facts about Hong Kong
Hong Kong is an international city embracing different cultures. It is a (small) metropolis which blends East and West, old and new, and has a wonderful mix of city life and nature.

Traveling: Visa-free entry for visitors from over 160 countries. Having one of the world’s busiest airports, Hong Kong is directly connected by flight with over 150 destinations. Comprehensive metro and bus systems also run through the city.

Weather: Hong Kong has a humid subtropical climate. In June temperatures range from 26-30°C. Rain is also expected sometimes.

Accommodation: Numerous hotels in both Hunghom and East Tsim Sha Tsui areas are within 5–15 minutes walking distance from the PolyU. Right next to PolyU is the Hotel ICON which is run by the university’s School of Hotel & Tourism Management. More budget hotels are only a 15- to 20-minute walk away from PolyU along/near Austin Road.

About Hong Kong PolyU and the Department of English
A university with 80 years of history. Established in 1937 as a post-secondary technical institution in Hong Kong and assumed full university status in 1994. It has a conveniently located campus in the heart of Hong Kong. In addition we have state-of-the-art facilities and amenities. ICLASP17:2020 is being hosted by the Department of English at Hong Kong PolyU. The Department’s primary mission is to provide applied English language studies for the professions., Applied English language studies include not only the acquisition of the very high level of English language skills needed to succeed professionally, but also a thorough and critical understanding of the English language and a developed awareness of English communication in multicultural professional contexts. Keynote speaker planning is currently underway with the IALSP Executive and the Department of English to. We plan to showcase scholars from both the East and West.

Social Events
There will be fun activities as well as pre- and post-conference events. There are also parallel events with the International Research Centre for the Advancement of Health Communication (IRCAHC), which are focused on health issues.

SO SEE YOU IN HONG KONG IN 2020!
The 18th International Conference on Language and Social Psychology (ICLASP) will take place in Tartu, Estonia in June 2022.

Tartu is a small university town, cosy and relaxed. The University of Tartu is one of the oldest in the Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. It was established in 1632 by the king of Sweden. At present, the University of Tartu ranks as the number one in the Eastern Europe, according to the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

Estonia is a small Northern European country, usually grouped together with Latvia and Lithuania as the Baltic Countries. All three were annexed by the Soviet Union from the time of WW2 and regained their independence in 1991 when the Soviet Union collapsed. From the Soviet period, Estonia inherited a large (30%) Russian speaking population that used to feel like majority at the Soviet time but was turned to a minority overnight when Estonia became independent. For the last 30 years, Estonia has worked hard to integrate this substantial linguistic minority. For this reason, the social psychological and sociological studies of language and intergroup relations have been much in the focus during the last decades. The extent of the recent social changes is certainly of interest for any social psychologist.

Besides this, Estonia is a fairly pleasant place in June. There is a lot of sunshine (up to 19 hours in June) if there is no clouds and rain. The temperatures are around 25C (77F) if it is not cold. Whatever the weather, Tartu offers many nice coffees and beer-gardens.

The conference is organized by the Institute of Estonian and General Linguistics of the University of Tartu. The main organizer is Martin Ehala, the local committee will be formed in due course, and the homepage set up around the time of the next conference in 2020. Meanwhile, forward all enquiries to martin.ehala@gmail.com.
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