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## Foreword

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We are pleased to present to you here the Proceedings of the 2022 IACCP congress: “Culture Change: Past, Present, and Future.” The 2022 Congress was an amazing online event, marking IACCP’s Golden Jubilee: it’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary since its inaugural 1972 Congress. We celebrated IACCP’s 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with a truly modern conference, held entirely online—IACCP’s second foray into the online conference format, following the success of the 2020+ conference held in summer 2021.

The IACCP’s very first congress was held in Hong Kong. As planning commenced for the 2022 conference, the COVID-19 virus was still highly disruptive to international travel; Hong Kong, for example, was preventing its entrance with a thick, 21-day-in-hotel-quarantine barrier. It was thus especially fitting that IACCP threw its support behind an online format for the 26th International Congress – celebrating IACCP’s 50th anniversary, and that inaugural Hong Kong congress, with an event accessible to many more than those who could have joined us in-person.

The theme of the Congress, “Culture Change: Past, Present, and Future,” encourages us to be mindful of both cultural continuity and cultural change. Whether online or in-person, IACCP congresses and conferences have a consistent energy of their own, brought by its members– our international, adventurous, open-minded, and culture-respecting participants. In this year’s congress, we hoped to nurture this atmosphere with a program emphasizing the IACCP’s key ethos of DIVERSITY, both cultural and intellectual, and CONNECTIONS, both social and academic.

The online format allowed us to focus on new kinds of content and facilitating global participation. Among the 445 registrants, 58 different countries were represented, with a pleasingly “flat” distribution: for example, 14% of our participants were from the USA, 11% from China, and 5 to 7% from Canada, Germany, India, Japan and the U.K. respectively. The events were held over five days, running from UTC 4am to 9pm, and included live discussions, pre-recorded videos hosted on Whova, “Virtual Cafés” and a conference party held on Gathertown.

Eleven Keynote and Award addresses, with speakers from ten different countries, covered topics from machine learning to psychotherapy. We introduced several new types of content: Four “Provocation Sessions,” in the format of live-discussion roundtables, aimed to capitalize on IACCP’s proclivity for debate and love for intellectual stimulation, provoking new ideas and conversations within a collegial atmosphere. Eleven different journals’ editors joined us from across the globe for “Meet the Editors” sessions. Of ten “Featured Symposia,” 3 were on special topics relevant to the conference theme, and 7 were invited from specific regions or sister organizations, allowing us to highlight their representative research and possibilities for collaboration. We also supported several pre-congress events, including an online Regional Preconference from the Cultural Psychology division of the Chinese Psychological Society, two online pre-conference workshops on methods and teaching, and the Cultural and Psychology School for graduate students, featuring both online- and in-person sessions.

Especially indicative of IACCP members' ability to accommodate to new cultures, the online congress included multiple 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary special events with many of IACCP's most legendary founding members, who gamely and even enthusiastically joined in the "new normal" of at-home cameras, Zoom breakout rooms and making pre-recorded videos. We're especially grateful to have the video of the Honorary Fellow Symposium, which ended with a summary of the questions we hoped would be addressed in the next 50 years— dear organizers of the 2022 congress, please come back to watch this!

In addition to all these special events, the scientific content of the symposia, paper, and poster presentations was exceptional. As documented in the coming pages, the almost 30 symposia, 165 oral presentations, and more than 40 poster presentations showcased the exciting new research directions and diverse topics of the membership of the IACCP.

Finally, we owe enormous thanks to the scientific committee, organizing committee, and the behind-the-scenes conference Secretariat team led by Šárka Dobiášová, as well as the constantly supportive IACCP leadership. Emiko Kashima and Yoshihisa Kashima chaired the Scientific Committee, ably assisted by members Moustapha M. Achoui, Anat Bardi, Michael Bender, Valery Chirkov, Marta Fülöp, Laís Granemann, and Keiko Ishii. On the organizing committee, chaired by Emma E. Buchtel, members Natasza Kosakowska-Berezecka, Rachana Bhangaokar, Alex English, Andrew G. Ryder, Lusine Grigoryan, Julie Quadrio, and Jaimee Stuart each led different major undertakings. Multiple students and post-docs contributed expertise and help, especially with producing 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary historical posts and building and testing the online poster hall on Gathertown, including Anushree Gokhale, Yangyilin Guo, Isabel Avendaño Ibañez, Vladimir Ponizovskiy, Luca Schnitzeler, Maria Stogianni, Esra Şahin, Ariane Virgona, Tian-fang (Frank) Ye, Yinan Yu, and Weiwei Xia.

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IACCP connects brilliant researchers from across the world and across different areas of psychology and other disciplines, providing opportunities for cross-fertilization and discovery. We are so glad that the online conference allowed us to bring IACCP members together in 2022, and hope that the readers of these Proceedings get a hint of the energy, diversity, and excellence of the conversation.

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