

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF  
CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT







**WE ARE WORKING TO END CHILD ABUSE AND  
NEGLECT GLOBALLY**



Our vision of ISPCAN is a world free from violence, child abuse and neglect. Together with our members, we have sparked a need for governments to pay attention to child rights, fund program and policies to protect children, and develop systems of care to treat and track the mental and physical effects of violence. The impacts are devastating and cost societies a great deal in lost quality of life, productivity and deviant behavior. Over the past four years we have made some significant progress to getting ISPCAN on a track to be financially stable, better meet the needs of the members, and to upgrade all our processes to meet 21st century challenges.

This year saw a complete revision our congress programs to respond to the feedback we got from members to be in regions more often. Starting in 2021 we will rotate through three regions per year to be more present, engaged and building legacies to strengthen public health systems of care globally. We still have a way to go, and have the help of IGNITE to begin looking at our structure, our governance, the sustainability of memberships, revenue generation in programs, to be more effective. Our hope is that we can all open our minds to the possibilities to grow in new directions, hold on to the gems of the past, and bring more energy and efforts to connect ISPCAN in each region with more partners, bring forward key tools, and help drive multidisciplinary memberships. Also critical is that we remain affordable and provide current resources to members.

ISPCAN is privileged to be doing something that brings hope to children and is really a mission of the heart. It has been wonderful working with our members, partners, and the global community to find innovative solutions in a resource poor field. We thank our members, councilors, staff, funders, and partners for all they do to raise the bar on treatment, research, policy and prevention. It will take all of us working together to achieve a world free from violence. On behalf of our entire board and office team, we thank you for your support.

Warmly,



President - Tufail Muhammad



Executive Director - Pragathi Tummala





The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) is the only global professional organization with multiple disciplines working in the field of child abuse and neglect, coming together in a shared learning network of support. We are represented by researchers, pediatricians, social workers, psychologists, lawyers, policy makers, mental health professionals, front line workers, governmental agencies, and public health professionals.

Founded by Henry Kempe in 1977, ISPCAN was born in a time when child abuse was being recognized as a community issue, not a private family matter which needed proper care and champions to protect the rights of children who were being harmed. The key focus for ISPCAN still stand today:

- Prediction and prevention
- Inter-disciplinary concept of family diagnosis and development of treatment plans
- New treatment modalities
- Rights of children and the law.

Both in research and practice, ISPCAN members are a group of trailblazers in their respective countries united by a shared mission to protect children's rights. Healthy foundations for children create a lifetime of happiness and productivity for the individual and for the entire community.

## THE VISION

ALL CHILDREN WILL LIVE AND GROW IN NURTURING, RIGHTS-RESPECTING ENVIRONMENTS, FREE FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT AND OTHER FORMS OF VIOLENCE

## OUR MISSION

TO STRENGTHEN THE WORK OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO:

- PREVENT ABUSE, NEGLECT AND OTHER FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN
- PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN







## OUR MISSION

ISPCAN's mission is to increase public awareness of all forms of violence against children, develop activities to prevent such violence, and promote the rights of children in all regions of the world.

## OUR PROMISE

From the most remote villages in developing countries to the urban communities of the world's largest cities, ISPCAN will work to protect children.

WE  
WILL  
NOT  
STOP



UNTIL  
EVERY  
CHILD IS  
SAFE



## OUR TEAM

The ISPCAN Council has over 20 world renowned professionals across all disciplines of child protection working tirelessly to ensure all children have the right to health and happiness.

## OUR COMMITMENT

ISPCAN remains focused on delivering valuable resources to the front line professionals still fighting to ensure that children remain safe and cared for.



# IMPACT of ISPCAN



## 2 ENSURING BETTER PROGRAMS OF CARE & PREVENTION

We equip professionals across disciplines to coordinate systems of care, best practices to treat and drive prevention of child abuse and neglect globally.

## 4 INVESTING IN BEST PRACTICES FOR HEALTHY OUTCOMES

Child abuse and neglect is almost 100% preventable. The global, moral, physical and economic toll of child abuse and neglect can improve quality of life, productivity and happiness. Addressing cultural and religious practices, neglect and education can change the course of a child's life.



## 1 IMPROVING DATA COLLECTION

Advance cutting-edge academic research and data collection tools, reporting systems, and analysis to inform practitioners and policy makers worldwide.



## 3 IGNITING GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM CHANGES

Each ISPCAN member may treat or counsel over 1,000 children every year - over 30,000 in their career. Through these efforts entire systems of care in a country can improve.



## 5 ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE

With proper treatment, many children no longer face a life of crime, drug addiction, mental health issues or incarceration. Cycles of violence can be broken.



REMOVING THE STIGMA WITH DATA AND EDUCATION





### Principles & Approaches

Child rights

Science

Interdisciplinary

Global reach & representation

Child & youth participation

### Goals

Be a leading international resource in the prevention of child abuse and neglect  
 Improve professional capacity and effectiveness to prevent child abuse and neglect globally

### Objectives

Expand ISPCANs global reach by broadening, diversifying and sustaining the membership network

Build Strategic Partnerships

Develop and deliver training resources & programmes

Generate and disseminate research and best practice

Use ISPCAN's expertise to raise awareness and contribute to selected advocacy initiatives

### Key Activities

Develop a strategy to increase & retain membership  
 Develop online platforms & portals to enhance member engagement and improve communications  
 Develop & implement a strategy for child & youth participation within the network

Map the sector & identify key strategic partnership opportunities  
 Evaluate the relationship with country partners & implement the recommendations  
 Evaluate the regional resource centres & implement the recommendations

Explore options for ISPCAN certified training programmes  
 Develop & implement a plan for making current & future training materials more accessible  
 Review opportunities for providing technical assistance & consultancy  
 Update & expand range of multi-disciplinary curricula

Review congress and conference model to improve organization and content  
 Champion research on prevention & emerging themes related to child abuse & neglect  
 Review the content, use & accessibility of the ISPCAN Journal

Develop an advocacy strategy  
 Select priority advocacy platforms to contribute to as a pilot initiative  
 Create educational briefs for dissemination

**Governance and management**  
 Revisit the capacity and respective roles of the management team and the Council  
 Review the process of governance and decision-making and develop a proposal for streamlining  
 Revisit Council size and representation

**Finance and resources**  
 Include a review of current return on investment/cost benefit analysis of key activities  
 Develop a strategy for diverse and increased revenue streams  
 Develop a risk strategy and register for the Council to track risk

# STRATEGIC PLAN 2017 - 2021



# HEADQUARTERS



ISPCAN is based in the United States in Denver, Colorado. The daily operations are led by the Executive Director, who oversees all operations, partnerships, communications, journal and member resources. ISPCAN has regional resource centers, country partners, members and local congress partners. Each team member is responsible for the various programs listed below.



Pragathi Tummala, MPH  
Executive Director



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Support



# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2018- 2020

ISPCAN Councilors are world renowned leaders in the field of child abuse & neglect and help set strategic directions for the organization. They volunteer countless hours to advancing the field of child abuse prevention, by providing technical expertise and invaluable resources to ISPCAN.



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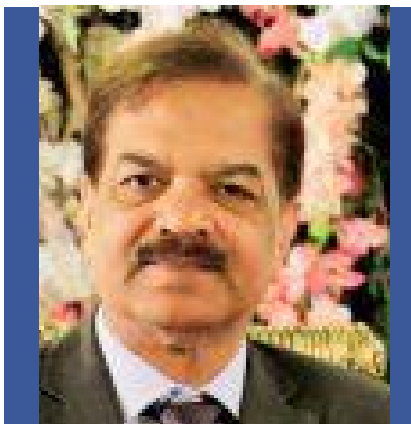
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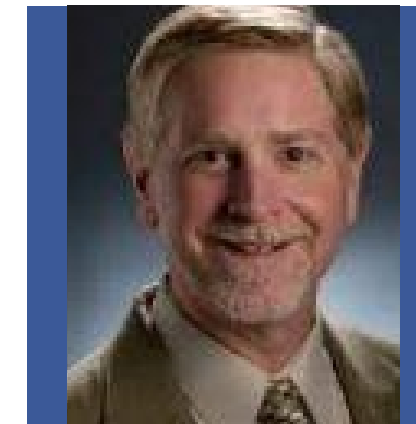
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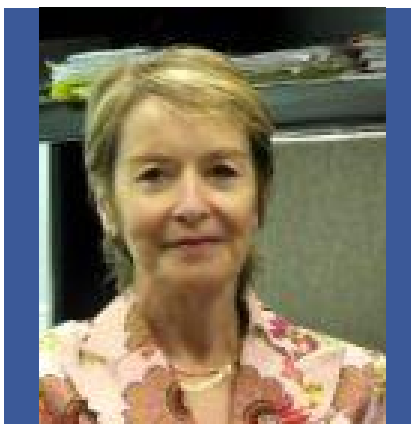
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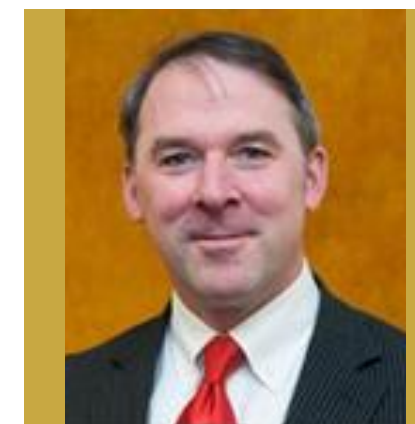


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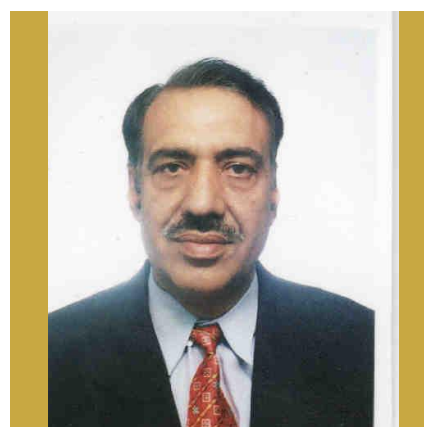


# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2018- 2020

ISPCAN Councilors are elected from the peers to serve in leadership roles. All officers serve 2 year terms and help to implement the decisions within the 4 committees Training & Education (TE), Congress Committee (CC), Consultations, External Relations & Fundraising (CERF), and Membership & Marketing (MM). The Parliamentarian and Executive Director are non-voting members of the committee.



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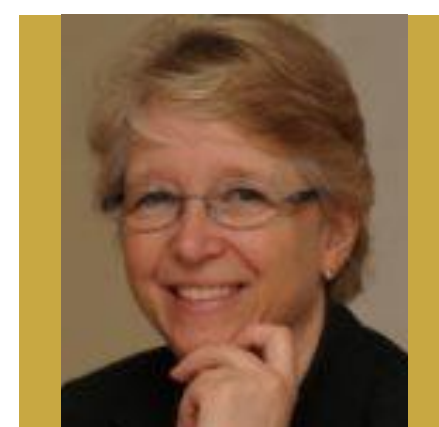
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**USA**



# ISPCAN MEMBERS

NORTH AMERICA - 34%



★ DENVER HEADQUARTERS



CENTRAL AMERICA &  
THE CARIBBEAN - 2%



SOUTH AMERICA - 3%

EUROPE - 22%



MIDDLE EAST - 8%



AFRICA - 5%



ASIA - 15%



PACIFIC - 11%



The ISPCAN community includes 870 members in 80 countries. Seventy nine percent (79%) of those members are from high income countries and 21% are from low/middle-income countries.

Our members come from a variety of disciplines, including: education, government, law, law enforcement, medicine, ministry, public health, nursing, psychiatry, psychology, and social work.



# ISPCAN COUNTRY PARTNERS



Our 34 Country Partners are national, multidisciplinary organizations working in child abuse and neglect (CAN) prevention with whom we share experiences, research, and resources in an effort to augment efforts at local, national, and regional levels to end child maltreatment. We believe that effective and sustainable CAN prevention is achieved through education and professional cooperation. ISPCAN accepts multiple organizations from any one country as Country Partners working together to reach our goals. In 2019 we added the following new country partners: EADE, ESPAS, Fundacion Azulado, IIDC, PAHCHAAN, Sidra Medicine, SSSD, and YONECO.

## AFRICA

- ANPPCAN - African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect - Uganda
- IIDC - Impact and Innovations Deveopment Centre - Uganda
- YONECO - Youth Net and Counselling - Malawi

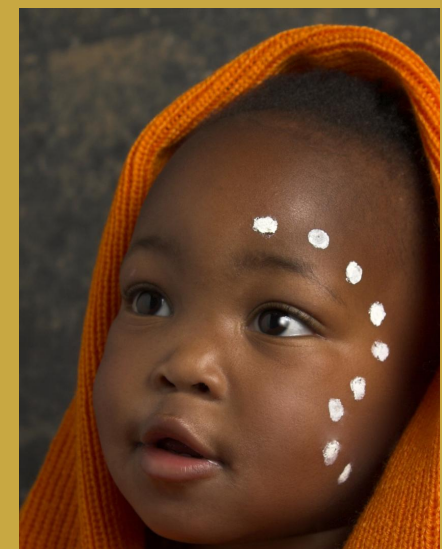
## ASIA

- ACA - Against Child Abuse - Hong Kong

- Arpan - India
- ICANCL - Indian Child Abuse, Neglect, and Child Labor - India
- JaSPCAN - Japanese Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect - Japan
- Singapore Children's Society - Singapore

## AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

- NAPCAN - National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect - Australia

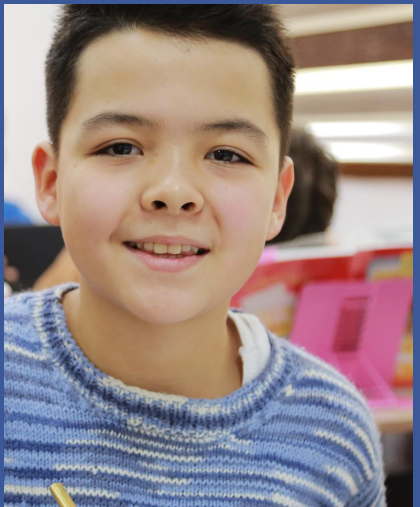




# ISPCAN COUNTRY PARTNERS .....

## EUROPE & RUSSIA

- AOCPP - Association of Child Protection Professionals - UK
- Caminos da Infancia - Portugal
- CISMAI - Italian Network of Agencies Against Child Abuse - Italy
- ELIZA - Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children - Greece
- ESPAS - Support and Prevention Space - Sexual Abuse - Switzerland
- FAPMI - Federation of Associations for Prevention of Child Maltreatment - Spain
- GESPCAN - German Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect - Germany
- Incest Trauma Center - Serbia
- INGO - "Ponimanie" - Belarus
- Kinderschutz Schweiz - Switzerland
- NASPCAN - Nordic Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect-
- NIDAR - National Institute for Children and Family - Czech Republic
- Smile of the Child - Greece
- TSPCAN - Turkish Society for Prevention of Child abuse and Neglect - Turkey





# ISPCAN COUNTRY PARTNERS



## MIDDLE EAST

- AFEL - Association de Foyer de L'Enfant Libanais - Lebanon
- Dubai Foundation for Women and Children - United Arab Emirates
- EADE - The Engineering Association for Development & Environment -Iraq
- NFSP - National Family Safety Program - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- PAHCHAAN - Protection and Help of Children Against Abuse & Neglect - Pakistan
- Sidra Medicine - Qatar
- SSSD - Sharjah Social Services Department - United Arab Emirates

## NORTH AMERICA

- APSAC - American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children - USA

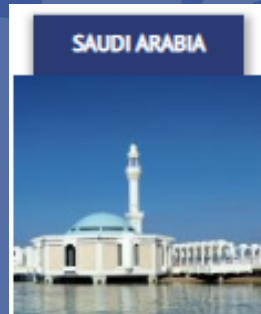
## SOUTH AMERICA

- Afecto - Asociacion Afecto - Contra El Maltrato Infantil - Colombia
- ASAPMI - Asociacion Argentina de Prevencion del Maltrato Infanto - Juvenil - Argentina
- Fundacion Azulado - Ecuador





# ISPCAN REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS



## ARAB REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Based in Riyadh, and in collaboration with the National Family Safety Program, the Arab RRC aims to serve child abuse and neglect organizations and professionals by offering knowledge and data sources translated and written in Arabic.



## LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Located in Buenos Aires, this RRC fulfills the need for evidence-based materials, training, and networking opportunities in Spanish and Portuguese for professionals across Latin America.

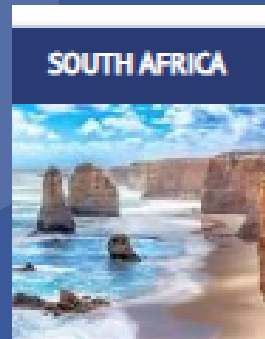
## ASIAN REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Located in Chennai, the Asian RRC is an online hub for culturally-sensitive resources including online training modules, e-learning courses, and webinars related to child protection.



## SOUTH AFRICAN REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Based in Capetown and in collaboration with Childhelpline South Africa, this RRC provides resources, trainings, and a supportive network for those involved in child abuse and neglect prevention across Africa.



ISPCAN's Regional Resource Centers (RRCs) in four major world regions help us bring support and information to our members in these areas. They are integral to growing membership and expanding ISPCAN's reach globally.





# WHAT IS CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT?



Any act or failure to act on the part of a parent, caretaker, or adult which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation, or presents an imminent risk of serious harm.

Children do not have the ability to protect themselves. We must make sure every child, everywhere has the chance to grow up happy and strong. ISPCAN is committed to bringing forward better practice, prevention and policies to end this tragedy and loss of life.







# THE MULTI- DISCIPLINARY APPROACH

Child abuse and neglect is a violation of child rights. Government programs for child protection, laws to enforce abuse as criminal behavior, multidisciplinary professionals trained with best practices, collaboration within child protection agencies (law, medical and mental health) to minimize re-victimizing the child, and funding to support treatment and services for families are critical parts of the public health solution to this problem. ISPCAN connects the dots and brings these networks together with data and solutions.



The impacts of child abuse and neglect are debilitating and cause lifelong health, emotional, and relationship issues. Adverse childhood experiences are all the negative exposures that are proven to impact a child's development, brain chemistry, and attachment. The consequences are both immediate and long lasting, and very difficult to treat. ISPCAN equips professionals with the specialized tools, information, and connection to other professionals in this underdeveloped field to help bring data, practices and a shared community of learning. Systems of care must adapt to recognize, prevent and treat child abuse. ISPCAN advocates for professionals to come together to create a child-centered treatment, prevention and criminal action plans. Mental health must be coordinated with physical health, and the child trauma must be minimized throughout all the stages of reporting, investigation, treatment, referrals, public health prevention, and legal action. Research, policy development and awareness are all key to eradicating all forms of child abuse. Every nation, culture, religion and community needs tools and resources to remove the shame and start finding solutions.



# AWARD WINNING



The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) won the 2019 prestigious Incredible Impacts Grant and Award for best association legacy program. This cash award was sponsored by Best Cities Global Alliance and Meetings Escrow.

ISPCAN was awarded this honor in Houston, and the executive director gave a presentation on our Congress Legacy programs. ISPCAN congresses are more than an event, they change entire systems of care, public health awareness for child protection in a region, and empower the local practitioners. Both community and pre-congress events supplement the knowledge, tools and best practices in data collection, child death review, positive parenting and youth engagement in the communities where we host congresses. Additionally we can plan in person trainings for police, teachers and other professionals who are critical partners in the child abuse prevention strategies but who may not otherwise attend our scientific congresses. Our councilors and subject matter experts are able to do skills trainings, core courses.

Legacy programs are developed in concert with our local partners in a congress who also plan community wide events such as art contests in schools, youth action plans, and public health awareness campaigns to bring a larger impact to our congresses, creating waves of change throughout all levels of society

**2019 INCREDIBLE IMPACTS GRANT AND AWARD**



# BOLD NEW DIRECTIONS



## REGIONAL FORUMS

Regional Network pages give members an opportunity to network with ISPCAN Councilors, partners and colleagues from your region.

- Post a blog
- Join our discussion forum
- Share latest research
- Feature your latest project
- Market your regional event

North America

South America

Central America + Caribbean

Asia

Europe + Russia

Australia + New Zealand

Africa

Middle East

## LEGACY PROGRAMS

ISPCAN Congresses are a critical part of the legacy of building better safety nets for children that are sustainable after the conclusion of a congress. Youth forums and working groups, as well as community events help us improve the infrastructure of countries to address child abuse.

In 2019, we worked with our local partners in Muscat, Oman, to fight

- Bullying
- Neglect and accidental injuries
- Social media and the internet, and the prevention of its negative effects on children
- Children and their challenging behaviors
- Prevention of sexual abuse

## GLOBAL NETWORK

Our expanded collection of online Resources and Tools for members includes:

- Blog posts of resources & projects
- Key articles from around the world
- Special reports
- Child protection organizations
- CSO Forum to end violence against children
- Videos on the effects of child trauma
- Jobs, fellowships, projects & funding opportunities



# ISPCAN INITIATIVES



## CSO FORUM TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN



The CSO Forum offers an opportunity to work with other sister agencies to influence governments, United Nations agencies, international organizations, faith groups, the private sector, philanthropic foundations, researchers and academics, and children themselves, to work together – with a greater sense of urgency, passion and commitment – to prevent and respond to violence against children. Along with a group of 15 leading global organizations on implementation strategies for the 26 Pathfinding Countries. Together with the World Health Organization and UNICEF, we are working to end abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and all forms of violence and torture against children.



## INSPIRE WORKSHOPS

The World Health Organization (WHO) initiated preparation of the INSPIRE package, in collaboration with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), End Violence Against Children: The Global Partnership, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the President’s Emergency Program for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), Together for Girls, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the World Bank (agencies with a long history of galvanizing a consistent, evidence-based approach to preventing violence against children). ISPCAN is a member of the INSPIRE global implementation working group.







**IGNITE  
PHILANTHROPY**  
inspiring the end to violence  
against girls and boys

IGNITE Philanthropy donor fund sparks progress toward building a robust Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, fueled by powerful grassroots voices with a strong resource base. ISPCAN benefits from the philanthropy's unique role, flexibility, and ability to act quickly to empower partners and allies.



**End Violence  
Against Children**  
THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

ISPCAN supports the GPeV to spread best practices and policies in child protection globally. ISPCAN sits on the board of directors for the Global Partnership to End Violence and is an active member of the Civil Society Organization (CSO) Forum. GPeV is also a scientific partner in our congresses.



World Health Organization is a scientific sponsor of ISPCAN Congresses providing keynote speakers for our International Congresses. In 2019, ISPCAN partnered with WHO and the GPeV to add workshops on the INSPIRE Strategies for ending violence against children in Oman with the help of Unicef.

## POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS

Targets to end violence against children are meaningless unless they are matched by a strong commitment to action. We have a legal and moral obligation to act, and a growing body of evidence from around the world that shows us how we can make societies safer for children. With implementation of the right laws, systems, policies and investments, as well as adequate monitoring and evaluation, along with robust public education and campaigning, we can achieve significant, sustained and measurable reductions in violence, while doing more to respond to the needs of child victims.





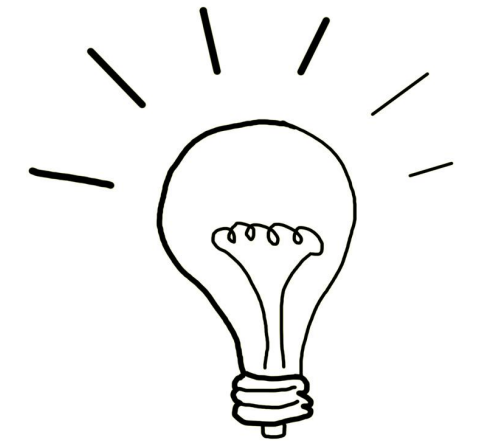
# WORKING GROUPS

ISPCAN's working groups address a wide spectrum of child abuse and neglect topics.

- Join
- Connect
- Learn
- Share

Each group is an opportunity for professionals to gather to address specific case challenges, policy questions, data collection or evaluation issues, bring together articles, best practices and resources. Both members and nonmembers can share anything that child protection workers around the globe are interested in talking about around these major themes.

ISPCAN has created another way for members to get involved and share their knowledge to help create a community of learning.



CHILD SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION, EXPLOITATION & TRAFFICKING



REFUGEE & MIGRANT CHILDREN



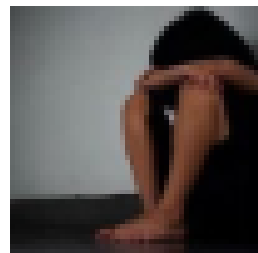
DATA COLLECTION & ICAST



CHILD DEATH REVIEW



CHILD PROTECTION IN SPORTS



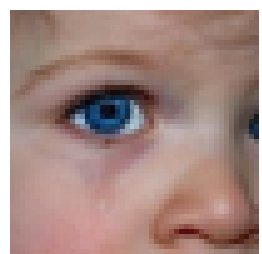
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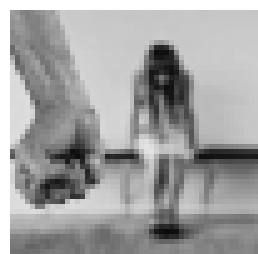
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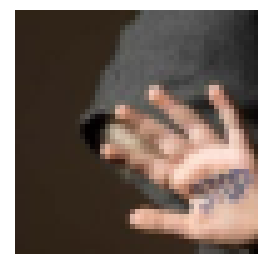
INTERNET SAFETY



CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE SETTINGS



CORPORAL PUNISHMENT & POSITIVE PARENTING



BULLYING & CYBERBULLYING



YOUTH PARTICIPATION



# GLOBAL PRESENCE AND COLLABORATION



Child abuse and neglect is a worldwide problem which has gained recognition in recent years, and this is evident at our ISPCAN international congresses and conferences. We help address the thirst for knowledge in how best to meet the needs of maltreated children; some of the most vulnerable populations are even more susceptible to violence. Most at risk are refugee and migrant populations, disabled and children in out of home care, and where parents are not able to provide a safe and healthy home. As a result, children are trafficked, abused, forced into child marriage, bullied, and put in a myriad of unhealthy situations with life long consequences.

ISPCAN international Congresses convene leaders, clinicians, and researchers from across disciplines to share the latest scientific research in prevention, clinical practice, and advocacy around child rights issues. We create communities of learning, networking and shared practice to improve entire systems of care.

Over the last three years, over 4,000 delegates have attended our events in Kenya, Calgary, The Hague, Dubai, Prague, Oman and Qatar. Approximately 25% of conference delegates are from low/middle-income countries and some presenting authors have been financially subsidized to attend these valuable ISPCAN events.



INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES



Ispean  
members are  
champions for  
children .....  
and child  
rights  
everywhere





# BRINGING THE WORLD TOGETHER IN OMAN

SEPTEMBER 15- 17. 2019

## CHILD PROTECTION FOR A BETTER FUTURE

The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), in partnership with the Oman Ministry of Social Development, Children First Association, Sultan Qaboos University, United Nation's Children's Fund (UNICEF), the ARAB-CAN Society, End Violence Against Children, WHO, Oak and Elsevier International colleagues from the varied fields of psychiatry, psychology, medicine, nursing, social work, education, law, public health and government

### Congress Objectives:

- Advocate for the rights of the child and the further prevention of child abuse at a national level.
- Identify community efforts to enhance child abuse prevention and child protection programs.
- Share practices and innovations on the prevention of child abuse.
- Recognize areas of improvement in existing child protection services.
- Transfer knowledge, skills and interest to the next generation of young experts in the field.
- Stimulate collaboration and creation of new projects in the field.

### Scientific Themes:

- Legislation and Policy: Child Protection and Child Rights
- Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect: Risks and Protective Factors
- Domestic Violence and Children
- Sexual Abuse & Exploitation
- Outcome of Child Protection Services: Best Practices and the Role of the Community and Children
- Multi-Disciplinary Teams: Best Practices and Challenges
- Bullying
- Epidemiological Data and Research
- Special Topics



ISPCAN brings awareness, unity, and value to its events. A new survey following our recent congress shows 94% of participants found it to be a valuable experience.

411 attended

32 countries

217 abstracts



# IMPROVED CONGRESS PROGRAM

ISPCAN listened to our members and re-imagined the way we reach and connect people in the field of child abuse and neglect through our conferences and congresses. Our new, improved Congress model and bidding process includes:

- 5 Regions (Americas, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia/Australia)
- Three international congresses per year to cover our globe more equitably and consistently
- Partner with ISPCAN country partners and other regional child protection organizations
- A rotating schedule that ensures we are in each world region once every two years, including an annual congress in Europe
- A new Request for Proposals (RFP) and accompanying Conference Manual
- Strong legacy, presence in all regions, partnership and fiscal stability, and the proactive management of a full conference planning cycle
- Online forms and documents to make the process smoother, including an Expression of Interest Form, a budget template, a planning timeline, site visit guidance, and more





# INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES



We work with our Country Partners, Councilors, members, sister agencies and other CAN experts to offer the ISPCAN International Webinar Series to our members each month on a wide variety of topics related to child abuse and neglect.

January: Introducing ICAST for Mobile Devices

February: The Importance of Social Media in the Communications Strategies of NGOs

March: Burnout in the Child Welfare Profession (with Child Protection Hub of Southeast Europe)

April: The Institution: Child Sexual Abuse and Victim Blaming

May: Child Abuse and Children with Disabilities: Prevention Strategies and Protective Factors

June: Transporting a Parenting Program to Prevent Violence against Children

August: Human Trafficking: Shooting Our Wounded and How to Stop

November: Out of the Shadows Index: Digging Into the Data (with the Economist Intelligence Unit)





# JOURNAL CLUBS



In 2018, we started offering a Journal Club webinar series based in Australia, providing members an opportunity to listen to discussions about select research articles, presented by academics and practitioners. In 2019, we took this idea a step further by offering our own monthly series based on articles exclusively from *Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal*, presented by the authors themselves. As a service to child protection professionals worldwide, ISPCAN Journal Clubs are free and open to the public--and, as a result, we have seen attendance increase steadily. Overall, our Journal Clubs and webinars in 2019 were attended or viewed more than 1,800 times.



February: Social Media and Knowledge Mobilization: The Case of Twitter and Sexual Violence Prevention

March: Spanking and Adult Mental Health Impairment: The Case for Designating Spanking as an Adverse Childhood Experience

April: Special Issue on Education & Learning in the Context of Abuse, Neglect, & Related Stressors

May: A Meta-Analysis of the Prevalence of Child Sexual Abuse Disclosure in Forensic Settings

August: Child Sexual Abuse, Disclosure, and PTSD: Safer Responses to Disclosure

October: Innovative Methodological and Statistical Approaches to the Study of Child Maltreatment

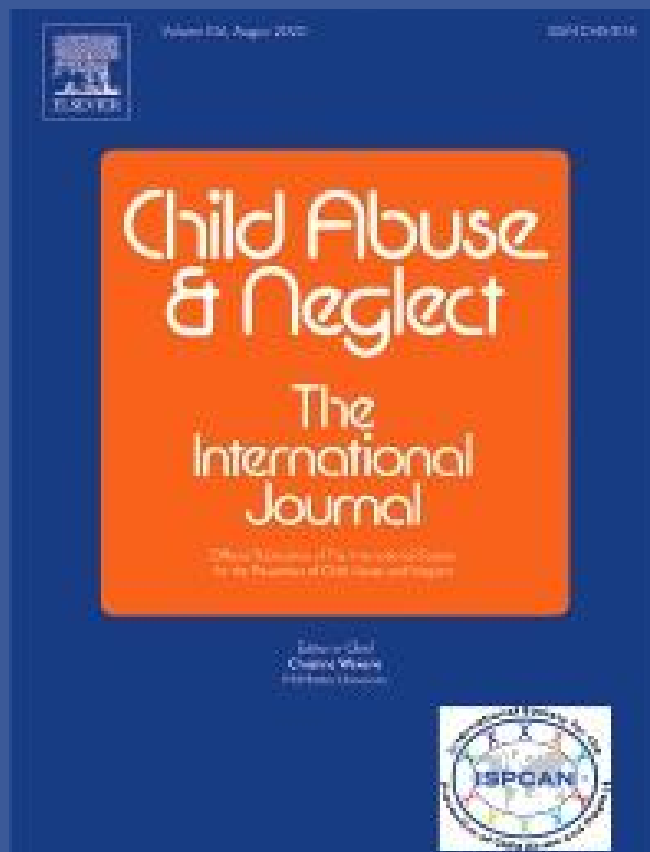
November: Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the UNCRC



# WORLD'S LEADING RESEARCH JOURNAL



## INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL



Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal, rated #1 on Google Scholar for Social Work, is a monthly peer-reviewed journal of multidisciplinary studies from all over the world on all aspects of child abuse and neglect.

Members receive a free subscription, including online access to current and archived issues going back to 1977, and the option to subscribe online only. Notably, the Journal has increased its value to readers by adding more articles and special issues, while maintaining high-quality content. The Journal is downloaded about a million times annually.

In 2019 we found more members requesting the online journal in an effort to reduce waste, be more environmentally conscious and have immediate access to monthly editions. The electronic table of contents is sent monthly to members and one article is chosen for journal club where the author is invited to present their work in a free webinar.

## 2019 SPECIAL ISSUES

- January: The Construct of Child Maltreatment: Methods and Measurement to Advance the Science
- November: Child Sexual Abuse and Youth Sexual Assault: Environmental Impacts on Disclosure and Response





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most precious resources



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

ISPCAN receives revenues from a variety of sources, including membership dues, grants, publications, international conferences, trainings, and in-kind donations. These revenues have provided the resources necessary to deliver direct services to our members, support for member-initiated projects covering specific topics or regions, and provide additional services and support to child maltreatment professionals who are not yet members.

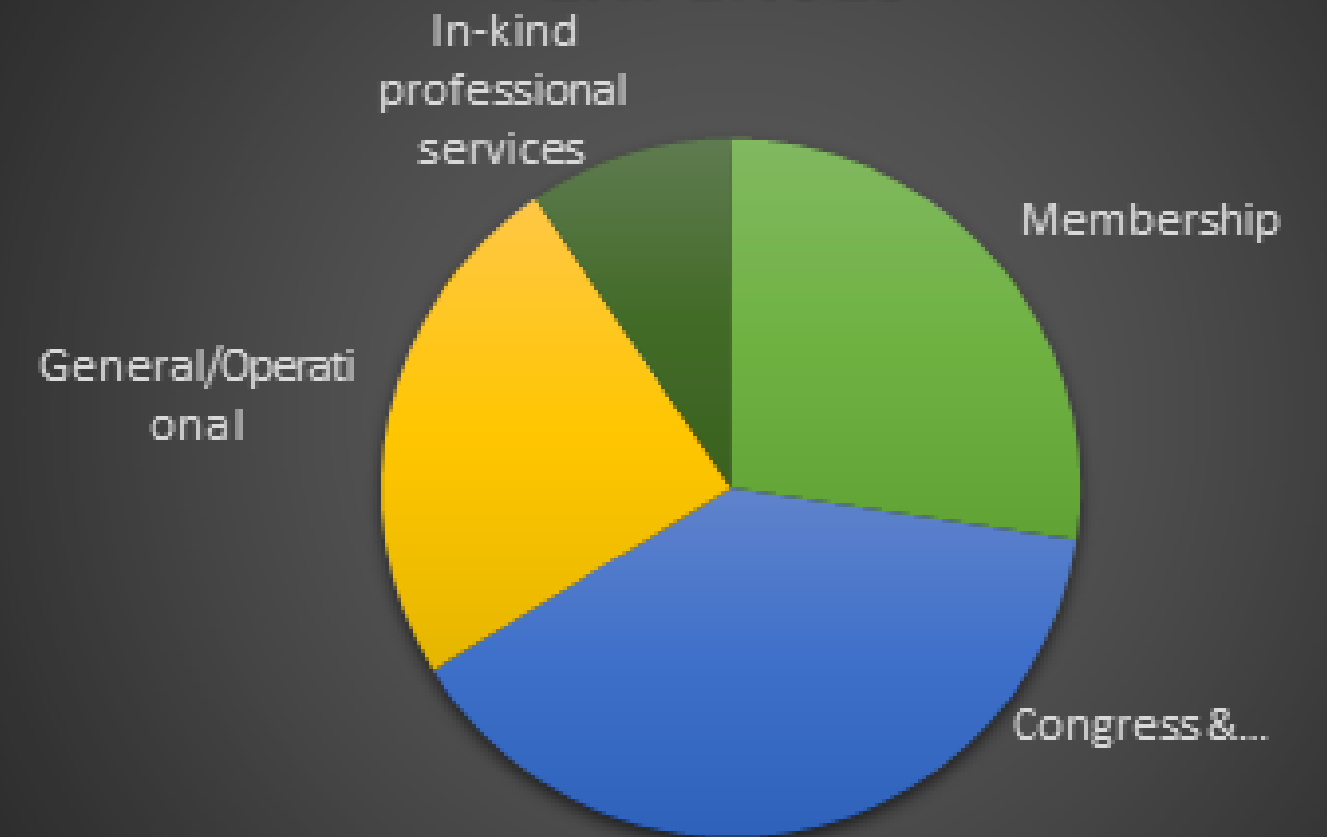
These financial data do not capture the total value of our programs and services. Thanks to the significant contributions of our volunteers and Country Partners, we are able to offer our members more comprehensive support than we would otherwise.

ISPCAN audited financial results for 2019: Current assets at the end of 2019 were \$731,913, property and equipment at cost (less depreciation) was \$4,179. Total assets were \$738,498 and total liabilities were \$114,551, bringing ISPCAN's year-end net assets to \$623,947. This is a net decrease in net assets of \$36,454, and is primarily reflected in an decrease in cash.

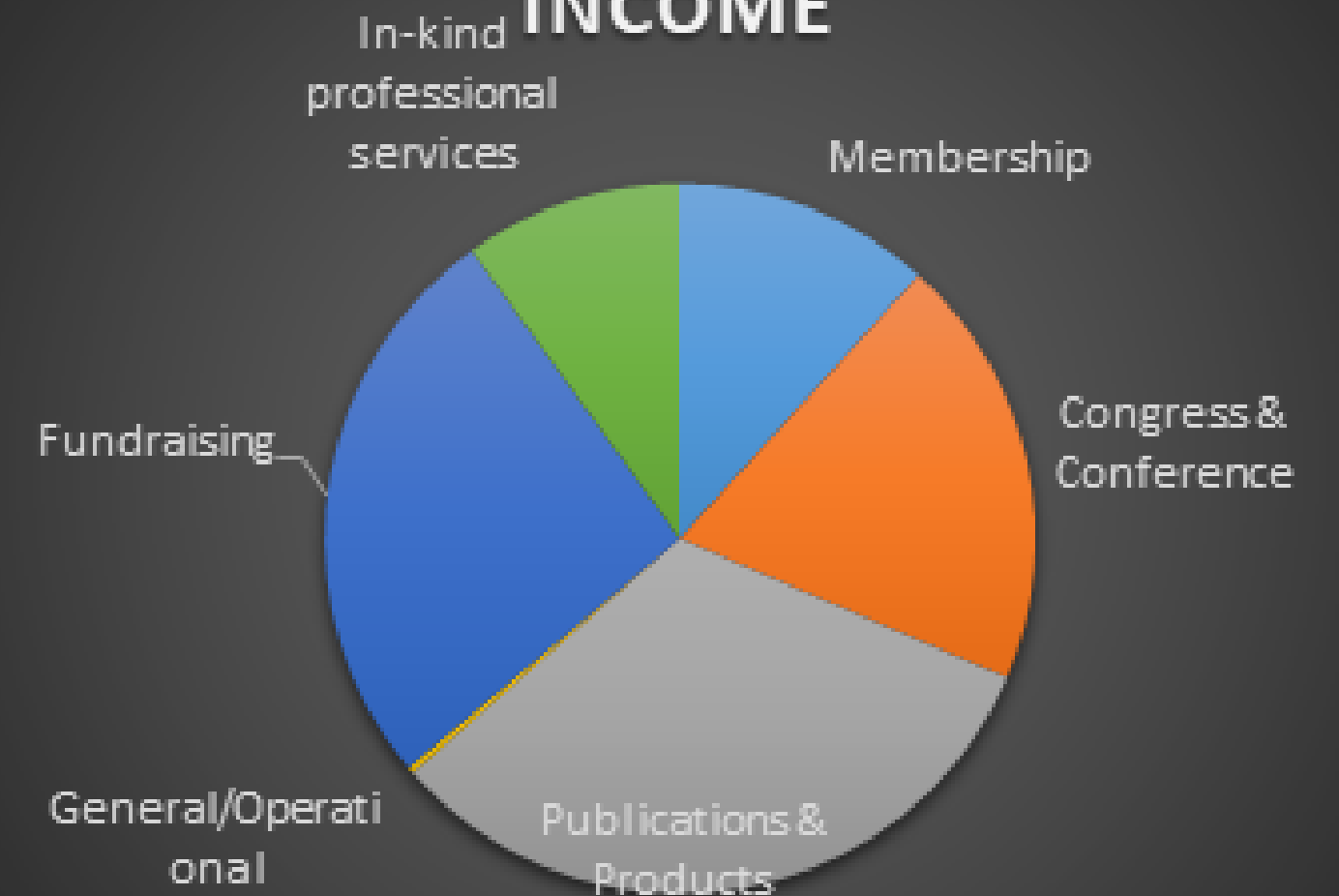


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## EXPENSES



## INCOME





# EXPANDING OUR REACH

Our digital footprint nearly doubled this year, as we explored new ways to bring professionals together via email campaigns, social media platforms, and e-learning.

In 2019, ISPCAN gained more than 200 new members, improved our journal distribution, impact factor and built more country partners, online tools and resources.

To engage new and existing members throughout the year, as well as those in the broader ISPCAN community, we rely on digital platforms including our website, social media, webinars, and direct emails—all of which expanded starting in 2018. Understanding that our new workforce has more technological needs, ISPCAN is committed to investing and growing our virtual platforms.



New followers: 164  
Tweet Impressions: 31,304  
Mentions: 1116  
Profile visits: 3203  
Tweets: 127  
Total followers: 2743

Total followers: 7318  
Likes: 7155  
Posts: 168



Total followers: 291  
Following: 156  
Posts: 127

Total subscribed: 5392  
Messages sent: 59  
Avg Click rate: 4%  
Avg Opens: 23%



Website views: 273,871  
Avg click rate 18%



# 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD



## ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT.....

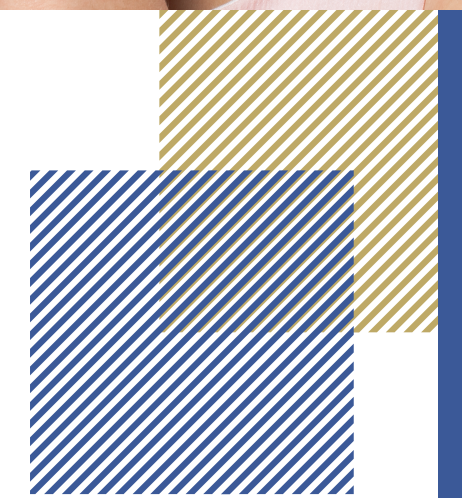
to be protected from violence, exploitation and abuse. While some children are particularly vulnerable due to their gender, race or socio-economic status, higher levels of vulnerability are often associated with children with disabilities or those living in war zones, on the move or living in poverty. The focus on the prevention and response to violence, exploitation and abuse of the child cuts across all parts of social welfare, education, health and security sectors among government and civil society.

## THIS YEAR 2019 .....

the world commemorates the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Since 1989, when the CRC was first adopted, much has changed, especially for children – and in another 30 years, things will continue to change in unforeseeable ways. Global trends, like technological advancements, environmental change, protracted conflict and mass migration are changing childhood rapidly. Today’s children face new threats to their rights, but also have new opportunities to realize their rights. The 30th anniversary of the CRC provides an opportunity to advocate for the CRC, the realization of children’s rights and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030. Both are inextricably linked and critical to ensure that all children grow up in a safe and supportive environment.

## LONGITUDINAL STUDIES SHOW.....

children exposed to violence are more likely to be victims of violence later in life &/or become perpetrators. We must break the devastating cycle of violence - for children, the adults they become and society. Therefore, the development in every country is dependent on a comprehensive, well-coordinated and funded multidisciplinary national plan to prevent and address violence; the enactment and enforcement of legislation to ban all forms of violence and ensure the protection of children; and the consolidation of data and research to identify risks and children left behind, and This conference is therefore viewed as an essential opportunity to advocate for action and to provide additional impetus to this important priority for children and all.







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