



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**Advancing our Mission to every
corner of the world for children**



The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

ISPCAN established in 1977 as a global membership organization for everyone working or researching the protection of child rights. Wherever children live, learn and play under the care of adults are opportunities for intervention and prevention. We equip multidisciplinary professionals with tools and resources to build better systems of care, improving quality of life for children in every region of the world.

Child Protection advocates are not alone on the front line of practice and research.

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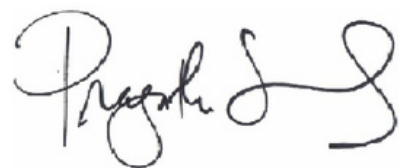
If we want to disrupt the status quo and change behavior, attitudes, and outcomes, then we cannot just keep doing what is comfortable. This uncomfortable place is where innovation is born. Dr. Henry Kempe started ISPCAN 45 years ago to blaze a new trail to create a multidisciplinary international group to tackle child abuse and neglect. He recognized that uniting all child protection professions is the only way this type of social problem could be child centered. Years later data has proven this to be true, and we know that to find innovative solutions, maximize resources, and not have burn out, we must find new ways to work together. Coming out of COVID-19 we have a new normal and learned some new ways of working.

Change takes courage, patience, having vision, and faith. So, we pushed the boundaries, tried to be more inclusive, and do more to elevate members in 2022. Our first congress with Universities of Laval and Montreal was forced to be virtual due to continued shutdowns, but we had over 550 people, tackled issues of racism, systemic bias, youth aging out of the system and much more. With our partners from the Ministry of Justice, we reconnected at our Estonia2022 congress with 350 members, creating a high caliber scientific program, and for the first time included a focus on wellness and the vicarious trauma many members endure in their daily work. Addressing in our congress a wider range of topics like substance abuse, racism and religion all pushed the boundaries of learning. We included more media, such as the films Rewind and Flow which included perspectives from individuals with lived experience and we allowed for more practice-based discussions and learning.

Translating data to practice and understanding outcomes, by evaluating what is working in practice, is a gap we are mindfully trying to impact. Around summertime, we began the dream and realization of a new practice-based journal, that would launch in 2023. We added 12 new country partners, eight from the global south, who are so passionate and dedicated. With the help and vision from one of our members, we implemented our first global public health awareness campaign, November 19th, for a full month with partners and members to raise awareness and share resources.

Ultimately, we strive to facilitate and promote the work of our members: to help our front-line workers access more practical tools & resources, and to improve data collection & analysis for researchers to create more effective outcomes for children and families no matter where they live. We are a global community of learning that is 100% committed to prevention and sustainable, data driven solutions, collaboration across sectors and child rights. Because together we are stronger. And because, ultimately, children matter and our professionals matter. We are excited for the future and are deeply grateful to our members and partners. ISPCAN continues to make bold new changes and as a sector make more noise so child protection is not the last priority for governments.

Best regards,



**Pragathi Tummala | Chief Executive
Officer**



**Kevin Lalor | Chairman of the
Board**



2022 Highlights



Q1

Implementation of new by laws, business model and new boards to meet member needs and comply with non profit best practice standards

ISPCAN QuebecCity2022 with 527 participants from 39 countries and legacy for children aging out of care



Q2

ISPCAN Estonia2022

- In person post COVID with 350 attendees from 52 countries
- Legacy: U of Tarte and Ministry of Justice local partners led Ukraine relief program for women & children



Q3

Launch of First Global ISPCAN November Public Health Prevention Campaign to End Child Abuse.

- Daily prevention messages through webinars infographics, videos, trainings & a conference.
- Weekly webinars from country partners



Q4

Final plans for creating our new Journal Child Protection & Practice advance. Goal is to innovate and focus more on outcomes. Bringing data to practice in a new format and compliment our sister Journal of Child Abuse & Neglect



Our Goals

Translate data and evidence into action for all communities

Provide Cutting Edge Continuing Education to enhance multidisciplinary response



Share Best Practices to maximize resources & Reduce Secondary Trauma

Harness Global Networks for Learning & Collaboration





ISPCAN MEMBERSHIP

84

Countries Represented

We have members from over 80 Countries who tirelessly work to impact the lived over vulnerable children in their regions

Professional Disciplines Represented

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

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The Value of international multidisciplinary MEMBERSHIP

Members connect with like-minded professionals, continue advanced training & learning to advance their careers on a global platform, while advancing child centered care for better outcomes

Access to a rich resource library to assist you in your daily work.

Free use of ICAST data collection tools available in multiple languages.

ISPCAN Member Logo to feature on your website, business cards, and email signature

Connection to multidisciplinary people regionally and internationally

Journal of Child Abuse & Neglect access

Congress Discounts

Free Webinars and Master classes

Circles of learning

-Arabic and French groups on Abusive head trauma

-Spanish circle with Reinserta country partner to share current data on incarcerated children

Working groups:

- Child Maltreatment Data Collection & Icast Data
- Child Death Review
- Street & Working Children



World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse Campaign

NOV. 1-20

IMPACT:
8000+ engaged on
social media

600 attended 2
webinars



Campaign highlights:

Daily prevention messages, resources, video recordings, training sessions, webinars, infographics, and an International Conference on Child Sexual Abuse.

ISPCAN Country Partners and members from around the world coming together to prevent child abuse and neglect and actively participating by sharing innovative, unique and educational resources and tools that are helpful to all CAN professionals.

Global partners and experts raising awareness on a sensitive topic with engaging conversation, caring presence, real resolutions and new ways to share their creativity, ingenuity, passion, humanity, and hope.

16 Country Partner leaders





ISPCAN International Congresses typically attract multidisciplinary professionals from over 50 countries who have the opportunity to share their latest research, treatments, prevention tools, raise challenges, and share best practices in the form of oral presentations, workshops, symposia, multimedia presentations, and ignite/poster presentations.

Connect research with practice

Collaborate with professionals across the globe

Link local efforts to global initiatives

Create a legacy of support

Share best practice and evidence based programs

Highlight cutting-edge research

Break down silos of knowledge

Spark Innovation



527 attendees from 39 countries

- Special performance by the Painchaud family, an art gift for all delegates, special networking sessions
- All congress content available on demand.
- Pre-Congress workshops on Child Maltreatment Data Collection, Child Death Review, and Countries in Transition on Families in Migration.
- 3 Full Days of Virtual Programs on a range of topics and themes affecting Canada
- Special presentations on indigenous health, the impact of COVID-19, master classes, and much more. We also live streamed sessions in French

Keynoters

- Elizabeth Gershoff /UT Austin on Corporal Punishment
- Michele Taina/ Laval U. on FNations and child protection
- Michael MacKenzie/McGill U on Transactional perspectives and hard truths on CPS systems
- Tara Leach /Human Trafficking alliance Canada on Child Trafficking,
- Miriam Wagaro/ U of Nairobi on Ethical considerations in CP
- Delphine C-Vezina/ McGill U on Revisiting compliance oriented programs for traumatized youth

Local Partners: University of Laval and the University of Quebec--Montreal

Master Classes

- Inspiring Avenues to Shift Child- and Youth-Serving Sector Towards Trauma-Informed and Strengths-Based Interventions - Dr. Delphine Collin-Vézina
- The Safe Environment for Every Kid (SEEK) Model: Promoting Children's Health, Development, Wellbeing and Safety - Dr. Howard Dubowitz
- Medical Evaluation of the Child Alleged to Have Been Sexually Abused: Meeting the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Needs of Victims - Dr. Martin Finkel
- Ending Corporal Punishment Against Children: A Public Health Approach To Child Physical Abuse Prevention - Dr. Catherine A. Taylor
- Online Abuse Dynamics and Prevention - Dr. David Finkelhor

SCIENTIFIC THEMES

- **Context, manifestations, and epidemiology of child maltreatment**
- **Systemic racism, bias/discrimination, and marginalized communities**
- **The intersection of technology and child maltreatment**
- **Child protection systems: Protection services, policy and legislation**
- **Innovative practices for specific frontline professionals, challenges, collaborative principles and inter-sectoral practices**
- **Evidence-based and promising practices within the field of child maltreatment**
- **Child protection in an era of COVID-19 and climate change**

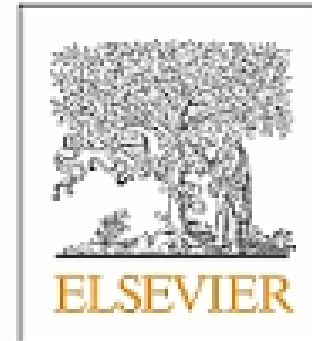


**ISPCAN
CONGRESS**

2022

MARCH 28-30, 2022

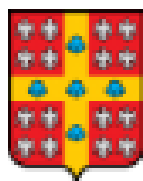
Québec city



**CERCLE DES
AMBASSEDEURS
DE QUÉBEC**

RAIV

Recherches Appliquées et
Interdisciplinaires sur les Violences
Intrimes, familiales et structurelles



**UNIVERSITÉ
LAVAL**



**CENTRE
DES CONGRÈS
DE QUÉBEC**

Québec

Fonds de recherche – Nature et technologies
Fonds de recherche – Santé
Fonds de recherche – Société et culture

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**UNIVERSITÉ
DU QUÉBEC
EN OUTAOUAIS**

THE LEGACY OF QUEBEC CITY

THE ART OF HELPING: This online art auction featuring 50 artworks donated by professional artists and youth raised \$7,220 for three charities that support the well-being and development of maltreated children and children receiving welfare services: Fondation Ancrage jeunesse, Fondation du Centre Jeunesse de Québec, and Fondation Le Petit Blanchon.

YOUTH FORUM: A group of young people in Quebec have been working together for a year on projects aimed at giving children in protective services a voice. They have participated in research projects and created a podcast and will continue to raise awareness at the Forum Phénix on June 11 at Université du Québec en Outaouais, an event open to all youth receiving protection services, social workers, educators, school psychologists, and students.

PODCASTS: In their own voices talking about their experiences Facebook :

<https://www.facebook.com/confessionptitcriss/> Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaZZONZeTdet1_YvgCtYoSA Feed RSS :

<https://anchor.fm/confession-ptit-criss> See the Youth Forum Art Exhibition

2 JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES: Congress themes will be further explored in upcoming special issues of a French journal, Revue de psychoéducation, and ISPCAN's Child Abuse & Neglect. Stay tuned for information on a call for manuscripts for Child Abuse & Neglect on the topic of Indigenous Children's Wellbeing: Risk and Resilience.



ISPCAN 2022 Estonia from June 13-16

After two years of lockdown, we met in person in the beautiful city of Tallinn for our annual congress. With COVID protocols in place, and a war nearby, we moved forward with a fully live streamed HYBRID event with rigorous scientific program.

We introduced for the first time special programs focusing on wellness and self care for our hard working front line practitioners and researchers who experience Secondary trauma. We also get to celebrate ISPCAN's 45th anniversary! Six amazing keynoters, Skill-building master classes, core courses, and workshops

Awards for Child Abuse & Neglect Article of the Year and a special guest lecture by the 50th Anniversary Kempe Lecture Award winner Dr. Laura Schwab Reese. The Social program included a FREE Cultural Dinner at the Interactive Seaplane Harbor Museum, a walking tour of the city, morning yoga, refreshing dip in the Baltic Sea, and singing by the sea.



TRAILBLAZING KEYNOTERS

President Kersti Kaljulaid
Former President of Estonia

Elisabeth Dahlin
Ombudsman, Children in Sweden
“The Rights of Children and Young People Based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child”

Ritva Halila
Ministry of Social Affairs and Health Unit on Children and Young People, Finland
“Rights of a Child in Healthcare”

Lucie Cluver
University of Oxford, Professor of Child and Family Social Work
“Parenting in Emergencies: Preventing Violence through Pandemics and Conflict”

Owen W. Lewis
Columbia University, Department of Psychiatry
“How Closing Reading of the Poetry and Fiction of Child Abuse Promotes Clinical Engagement”

Liz Ayre
Children of Prisoners Europe (COPE) Executive Director
“Children Whose Parents Are in Conflict with the Law”

Absent parents and out of home care

- Children in public (institutional) care
- Support to care leavers
- Children of incarcerated parents
- Children left behind as a result of parental migration

Mental health for families and children

- Parental mental health
- Parental ill health
- Parents with traumatic childhood experiences
- Substance abuse & child neglect
- Child mental health and suicides

Lessons (un)learned in times of crisis and isolation

- Domestic abuse
- Vulnerabilities
- Sexual abuse
- COVID-19
- Natural disasters
- Humanitarian settings
- Climate change

Protection, policy and legislation in country and across borders

- Cross-border collaboration
- Legal systems
- Policies to protect children

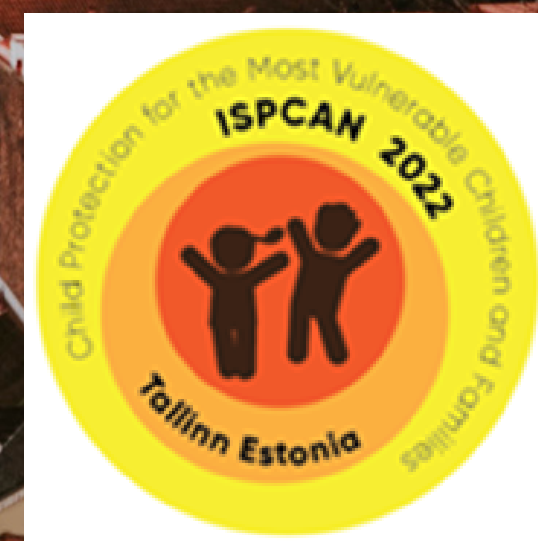
The epidemiology of violence against children

- Domestic violence
- Sexual abuse
- Systems of reporting and referral
- Risk factors
- Prevalence studies
- Data collection

Evidence-based interventions protecting children

- Parenting and family interventions
- School-based interventions
- Welfare systems and social determinants of health
- The role of health care in preventing and acting on child abuse

Scientific Theme: Child Protection for the most Vulnerable Children and Families



ISPCAN Tallin 2022 Legacy

Youth Forum: “Involving children in Policy Making Panel Discussion at the Energy Discovery Center with Live Broadcast on the YouTube channel of Estonian Union for Child Protection

3 Educational tours of regional centers:

- Childrens House (Barnahus) in Tallinn is a child friendly and multi-disciplinary service provided to help sexually abused children
- New Tallinn Prison houses 1200 inmates and includes an open prison for 100 mothers with children up to age 3
- Maarjamaa Education College Valgejoe is a primary school managed by the Ministry of Education and Research for children with mental and behavioral problems. It is a closed childcare facility for children ages 12-17, remanded by court order



10 Special Issues Produced:

Adoption and Trauma
CAN in Covid-19
Fourth Covid SI
Indigenous Youth Resilience
Inequality
Learning & Adversity
POCLS Australian study
Street Children
The Epidemiology of ACEs
Sexual Exploitation of Boys

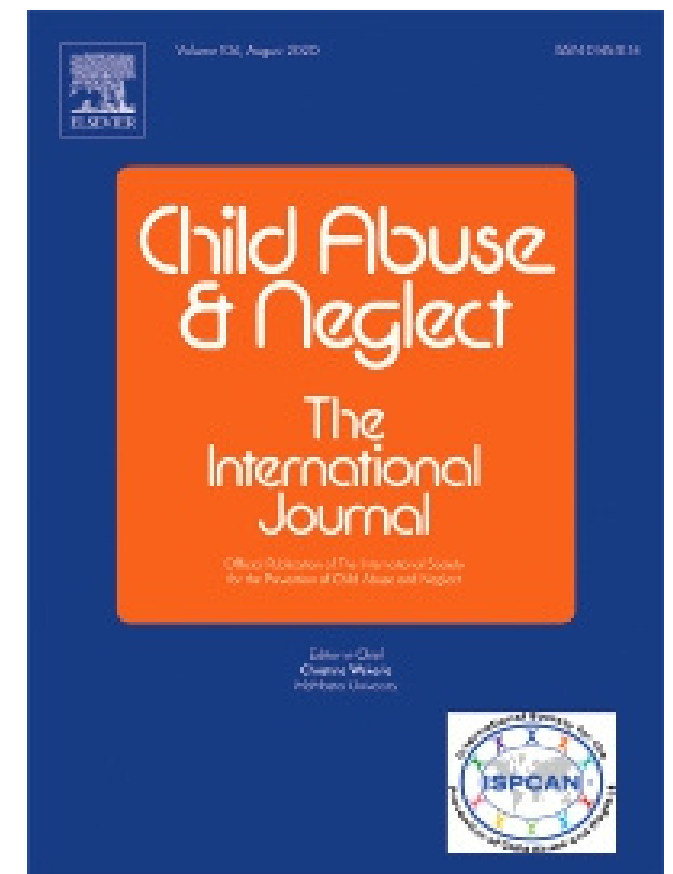
ISPCAN'S SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL

Our peer-reviewed monthly journal *Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal* is a member benefit and provides an international, multidisciplinary forum on all aspects of child abuse and neglect, with special emphasis on prevention and treatment. Impact Factor of makes it noteworthy in the field.

Through Journal Clubs and Special issues we bring together authors sharing their articles with thousands of CAN professionals around the world on a monthly basis and make the articles open access for the month.

6.7 CiteScore

4.8 Impact Factor





TRAINING AND EDUCATION

6000

**Professionals
Reached**

PROFESSIONALS REACHED

More than 6,000 people registered for our trainings, Journal Clubs and webinars in 2022

COUNTRIES REACHED

On average, 50 countries were represented by attendees at our trainings, Journal Clubs and webinars.

50

**Countries
Reached**

ONLINE RESOURCE LIBRARY

ISPCAN is continually working to provide evidence-based resources and tools for professionals in the child maltreatment community to help them better serve children and their families and improve outcomes for all.

Making professional education affordable and accessible, offering extensive master classes, cutting edge topics and curricula and opportunities to receive advanced training all over the world.

Each year more than 6000 professional participate in our activities. Systems of care improve when people have access to high quality data and practice.

Master Classes, On Demand Webinars,
Infographics, Data tools, Articles & Reports and
Regional Contacts



Tools and resources in multiple
languages

ICAST DATA TOOL: Our most downloaded resource and a gold standard industry tool for child maltreatment data collection



ISPCAN's goal with ICAST is to provide a method to make reported incidence of all forms of violence against children more accurate and more representative of the true scope of the problem. Research instruments that measure child maltreatment are significant tools in preventing child abuse and neglect globally. It is our hope that the use of these tools will result in policies and programs that promote child protection and in curricula adaptation for general and continuing professional education. Most child abuse research to date has been conducted in affluent, western countries.

A significant barrier to research worldwide has been a lack of suitable tools to use in local surveys with children and young people. It is hoped that these tools will remove this barrier. It is also envisioned that the availability of a common tool will enable systematic comparison of data across cultures, time or between research groups even when such groups operate within the same country or use the same language.

With the support of the Oak Foundation, ISPCAN collaborated with UNICEF, the UN Secretary General's Study on Violence against Children, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, and the World Health Organization (WHO) to create the ICAST. The tools were designed by international experts, reviewed by more than 100 professionals from different countries using a Delphi process, field tested in 8 countries, and refined. Since then, ICAST has been translated and tested in at least 20 languages. The first parent and young adult questionnaires were field tested in Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, India, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, and Russia. The children's questionnaire was field tested in Colombia, India, Russia, and Iceland. The questionnaires were translated into multiple languages and incorporate refinements based on feedback from translators and back-translators.

REAL TIME PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ON CUTTING EDGE TOPICS

ISPCAN's Monthly International Webinars cover diverse topics and programs which are presented by subject-matter experts from around the globe.

These 90-minute webinars are designed to help our members and partners in the ISPCAN community gain access to knowledge and expertise to; inform care, improve practice and make connections to support members in every profession – all this is critical to help improve outcomes for children.

Journal Clubs highlight key topics presented directly by the authors who are able to share their methodology, the research, and future developments as the audience engages and asks real time questions. Articles are made open access to promote readership and opportunities to learn. Typically our live sessions average about 480 attendees with about 32 countries represented.



GLOBAL WEBINARS

**Primary Prevention
Education in School Settings**

**Young People as the Key to
Preventing Violence**

**Multidisciplinary Collaboration
in Child Protection: Comparing
Trauma-Informed Systems in
Hungary & the U.S.**

**Balancing ACEs
with HOPE**

**The Harm of Child Removal
and How to Reduce It**

**Protecting Children from
Maltreatment Across All Ages
in Challenging Times**

**Safe Places, Thriving Children –
Embedding Trauma-Informed
Practices into Alternative Care
Settings**

**Agents of Change: The
Frontline Response to Child
Sexual Exploitation**

JOURNAL CLUBS

Special Issue: Promoting a
Healthy & Resilient Child
Abuse & Neglect Workforce

Article of the Year: Child
Maltreatment & Depression: A
Meta-Analysis of Studies
Using the Childhood Trauma
Questionnaire

Special Issue on The Rise of
Economic Inequality & Its
Consequences for Child
Protection

In 2022, we offered more in-depth virtual trainings than ever before, increasing the knowledge and skills of hundreds of child protection professionals in dozens of countries from the safety of our homes throughout the pandemic to keep members informed.

A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO ABUSIVE HEAD TRAUMA

A four-module, 10-hour training for healthcare professionals and others interested in better understanding and responding to this severe and often misunderstood form of child abuse. *277 registrants from 21 countries, average rating of 4.7 out of 5.*

CHILD MALTREATMENT DATA COLLECTION

Designed for aspiring child maltreatment researchers, this 9-hour, four-module short course gave a comprehensive overview of the key aspects of planning a successful self-report study. *322 registrants from 27 countries, average rating 4.5 out of 5.*

VOICE OF THE CHILD IN PRACTICE

A two-part training shared practical guidelines for talking with children and capturing their voices; ways to engage with children in various contexts; and ways to incorporate best practices in your daily practice as a frontline practitioner. *149 registrants from 22 countries, average rating 4.7 out of 5.*

SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS

This two-part training focused on the very real toll that child protection work has on professionals and organizations and strategies and guidance to identify and manage it. *149 registrants from 26 countries, average rating 4.6 out of 5.*

ISPCAN's Working Groups brought together experts from around the world in Quebec City and Estonia at our congresses to improve a specific aspect of child abuse and neglect and achieve the goals set forth by the group. The groups include members from across disciplines who meet regularly and can share resources, data, reports, and build new tools together to address a gap.

Data Collection & Icast Data Tool

The goal for this group is to identify and share the key methodological approaches and findings and to explore areas of difference and comparability. The secondary objective is to develop a network of professional researchers who are involved in developing systematic national data collection programs. A further objective is to analyze data trends at national and international levels to inform policy development. The group seeks to include participants from a range of countries in order to represent a broad diversity of cultures, approaches to service delivery, languages, methodologies, and comparative data.

Child Death Review

There is an increasing recognition of the benefits of studying child fatalities to ascertain why children die and whether some of these deaths might be preventable. This group assesses the public health response and systems in place regarding the examination of unexpected child death in order to uncover abuse and neglect and establish better prevention measures within a country's child protection system. This Group frequently meets at ISPCAN Congresses and these sessions are open to anyone and is typically run in a workshop format, using case examples to share approaches to the review of child deaths.

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**INTERNATIONAL
PARTNERS**

35

**INTERNATIONAL
CONGRESS PARTNER
LEGACIES TO DATE**

Sustainable Child Abuse treatment and prevention can only be achieved through education and professional cooperation with global like-minded organizations and people. When we work together we will reach our common goals faster by leveraging each others strengths.

EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

14

**BOARD
MEMBERS**

46

**COUNTRY
PARTNERS**

15

**YOUTH
FORUMS TO
DATE**

15,679

**PEOPLE STRONG
NETWORK**

3

**WORKING
GROUPS**

4

**DISTINGUISHED
ADVISORY
COUNCIL
EXPERTS**

3

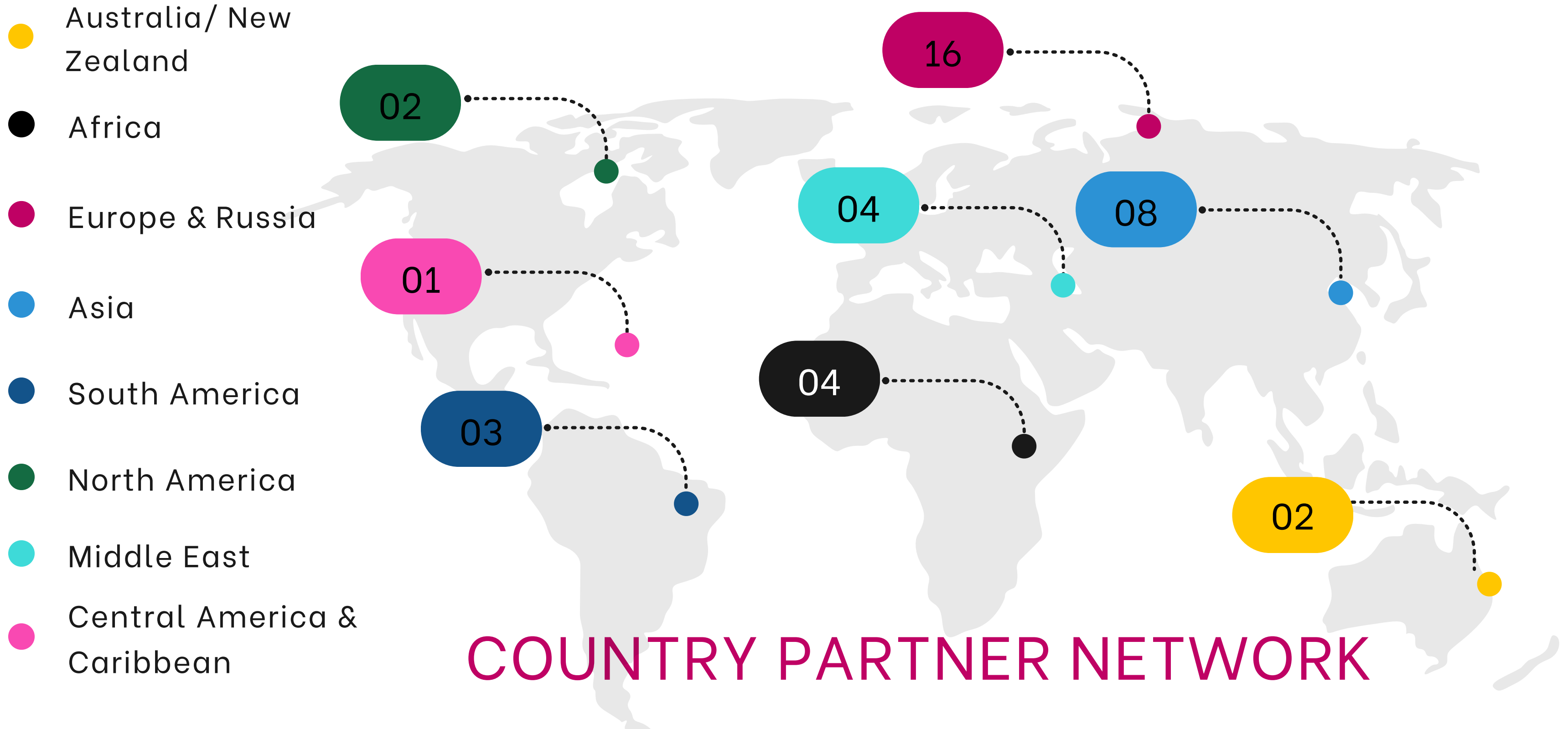
**COLLABORATIVE
NETWORKS**

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Collaborating with like minded global organizations on various projects each year, we transform how child abuse and neglect is prevented and treated worldwide. No one institution, organization or government can tackle these issues in isolation; it is only through working in partnership that we can work towards lasting solutions.



ISPCAN Country Partners are child abuse and neglect dedicated organizations in every country that have missions that align with ISPCAN. We work together to share resources, collaborate and support children, families and professionals at a local level.



ISPCAN SOCIAL MEDIA REACH



FACEBOOK

Followers...

7.5 K followers

7.3 likes



Instagram

Followers.....

658 followers

234 following



LINKED In

Followers.....

2592 followers

500+ connections



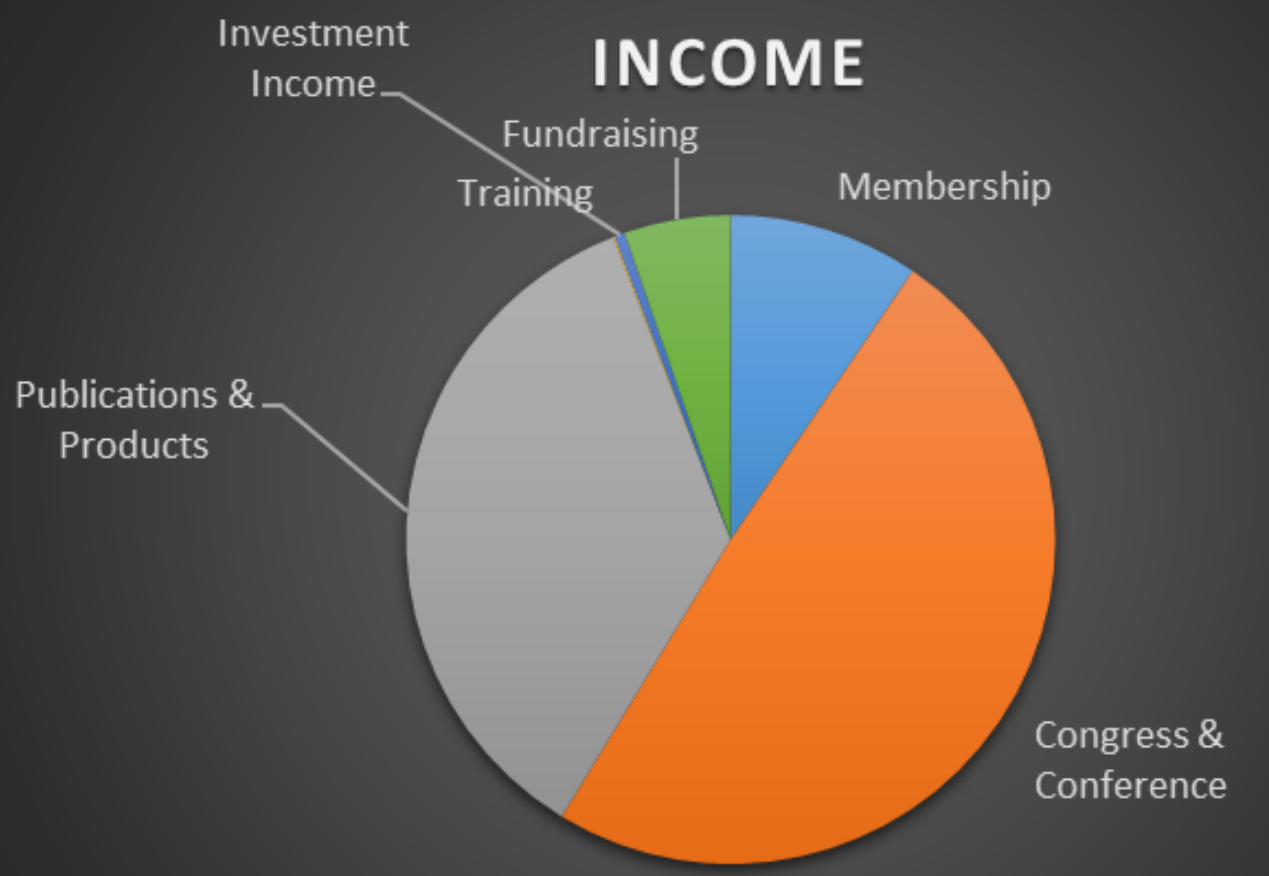
TWITTER

Followers.....

3529 followers

2061 following

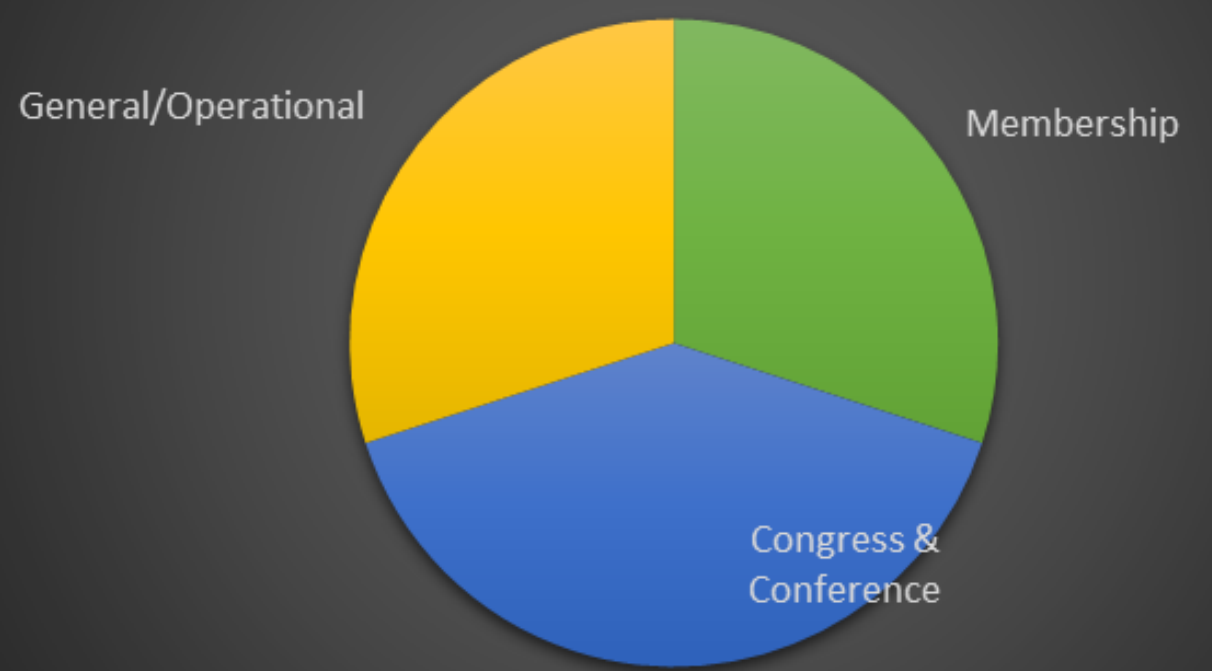
INCOME



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Membership	\$69,301	9.5%
Congress & Conference	360,022	49.2%
Publications & Products	258,723	35.4%
Training	590	0.1%
Investment Income	3,795	0.5%
Fundraising	38,779	5.3%
In-kind professional services	0.0%	0.0%
Total Income	\$731,209	100%

EXPENSES



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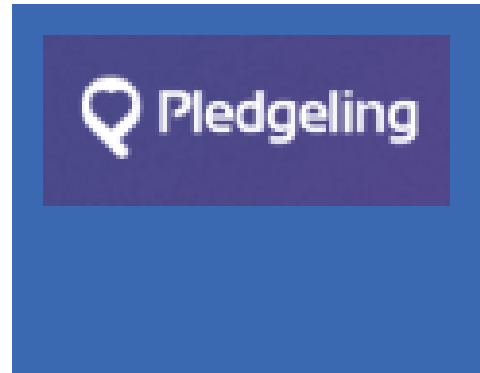
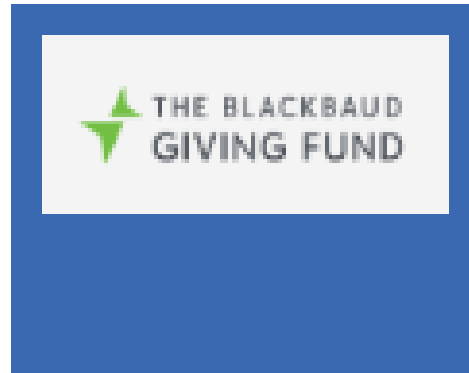
Membership	\$231,463	30.0%
Congress & Conference	308,618	40.0%
General/Operational	231,463	30.0%
Total Expenses	\$771,544	100.0%

*unaudited summary

2022 DONORS

With the support of caring, dedicated donors, ISPCAN members and professionals can help children build brighter futures. ISPCAN utilizes 100% of your donations to provide support to the front-line workers tirelessly dedicating their careers to eradicating all forms of child abuse and neglect worldwide.

[Visit our Donor Wall to meet some of the best humans on the planet.](#)



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ISPCAN.org



Pioneering global community of academic researchers and practitioners across sectors to ensure child centered care and better outcomes for children and families

Creating a stronger foundation for evidence-informed interventions and research for sustainable improvement for child protection systems of care

Facilitating a supportive dialogue for professionals with shared experience

ISPCAN's practitioners typically care for more than 1000 children annually so collectively about 30,0000 children. This front line is essential but high risk for burn out



Our members are unique and critical for raising the bar in child protection