ISPCAN

2013 Annual Report
Our Mission:

To support individuals and organizations working to protect children from abuse and neglect worldwide.

Our Objectives:

- To increase awareness of the extent, the causes and possible solutions for all forms of child abuse
- To disseminate academic and clinical research to those in positions to enhance practice and improve policy
- To support international efforts to promote and protect the Rights of the Child
- To improve the quality of current efforts to detect, treat and prevent child abuse
- To facilitate the exchange of best practice standards being developed by ISPCAN members throughout the world
- To design and deliver comprehensive training programs to professionals and concerned volunteers engaged in efforts to treat and prevent child abuse

Our Members by Region:

North America: 34%
Europe: 29%
Middle East: 3%
Africa: 4%
Asia: 11%
Pacific: 12%
South/Central America: 7%
Dear Members, Colleagues and Friends,

I am very pleased to present this annual report for 2013 - an extremely busy and productive year for ISPCAN.

I extend my grateful thanks to all who have contributed to achieving ISPCAN’s mission – our members, volunteers, staff, and Councillors as well as those who were involved in the many successful events ISPCAN organized or participated in, in particular: the second Denver Thinking Space on prevention of child sexual abuse by working with men and boys and the ISPCAN 8th Latin American and 13th European regional child abuse and neglect conferences held in Vina del Mar and Dublin respectively, together with the 13th Australasian Conference in Melbourne.

In addition, I was fortunate to have the opportunity along with other ISPCAN Past Presidents, Councillors and members to speak at a number of other major conferences such as those held at Pondicherry University, India in January, which attracted professionals from across India and included many post graduate students; in Tbilisi, Georgia in April to mark the end of an OAK grant that focused on working in multi-disciplinary teams when intervening, particularly in child sexual abuse cases; and in Riyadh in December to launch the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Child Helpline.

These events provide ISPCAN members and other participants with important opportunities to both present their current work and to keep up to date with developments in our field. As well as the formal academic programme, they enable professionals to network informally, which as we all know, is equally important. At ISPCAN conferences, I am always struck by how many people one is able to communicate with in a short space of time and therefore, be able to keep up to date with their developments. The conferences also allow young people to take part and contribute their wisdom on how to prevent child maltreatment. We hope that these early experiences will result in them continuing to be involved in our field.

ISPCAN intends that these events will result in a lasting legacy in the host country. We were delighted, therefore, to learn that, following the Dublin conference, colleagues were able to launch the Republic of Ireland Branch of BASPCAN.

ISPCAN is extremely grateful to the OAK Foundation for a new grant that provides us with a valuable opportunity to consolidate and build for our future. Multi-disciplinary training has always been a cornerstone of ISPCAN’s activities. A major challenge is enabling large numbers of professionals to access training, especially in areas with limited resources. We are, therefore, very excited about the potential offered by the new e-learning modules on child sexual abuse being developed with the Augeo Foundation. These, together with the Medical Curriculum, a collaborative project with the Ray Helfer Society, provide ISPCAN with two important and inter-related resources to support our training and consultancy work.

The prevention of violence to children is a huge task internationally, requiring all available resources to work together in order to maximize our collective impact. Thus, we are very pleased to be in active discussions with the World Health Organization (WHO), Childline International and other key organisations about how best to achieve our respective missions through collaborative work on specific projects to ensure a world where children grow up free from violence.

Please support ISPCAN to enable us to do more to ensure this basic right is a reality for all children across the world.

Jenny Gray  BSc, Dip SW, Dip Family Therapy
ISPCAN President
Advancing Child Abuse and Neglect Knowledge Globally

Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal

ISPCAN’s flagship publication, *Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal*, is a monthly peer-reviewed journal, providing high quality, international, multidisciplinary information on all aspects of child abuse and neglect. One of the most highly cited and influential journals in the field, it is a consistently strong resource, publishing over 120 papers each year. ISPCAN membership includes a subscription to the Journal, as well as online access to articles dating back to 1977.

LINK Newsletter

The LINK provides topical reports on specific child abuse and neglect issues and offers an exchange of information on challenges and best practices around the world, as well as information on ISPCAN programs, activities and upcoming events. Published triannually, the LINK helps members remain connected to the Society and to their international, professional colleagues. The LINK is produced in English, with key articles available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, and Spanish.

World Perspectives on Child Abuse

Since 1992, ISPCAN has produced *World Perspectives on Child Abuse*, a biennial report on the status of child protection efforts worldwide. The report offers a unique view of the child safety policies and practices currently in place in dozens of countries around the world. The current edition focuses on prevention and neglect, while the next edition will focus on child sexual abuse.

Notice something different? We got a makeover!

With the help of our members, we chose new colors for our logo. From there, we redesigned our print materials and website. We hope you like our new look as much as we do!
Website

ISPCAN’s website serves as a central resource for publications, tools, resources, information on upcoming events, recommended training materials, as well as links to other key resources. The public area of the website serves as a resource for all individuals interested in child abuse and neglect prevention worldwide. In addition, members receive access to a special members-only area, including increased access to ISPCAN publications, a searchable membership directory, professional position papers, and fact sheets.

Providing Professional Development

In 2013, we had over 1,200 members, living in 100 countries, in our community. Our members come from a range of professional backgrounds including: social work, nursing, pediatrics, education, law, and many others. Membership increased significantly from previous years, thanks to the benefits of membership. Members can look forward to networking opportunities, the ability to connect with other child maltreatment professionals across the globe, leadership opportunities, discounts on events and publications, and the opportunity to publish their work in our publications. We continue to work everyday to bring professionals and students together to prevent child abuse and neglect from all regions of the world. We offer the ability to connect with and learn from others working in the field of child abuse and neglect around the globe. No other organization does what we do.

Honorary Memberships

Thanks to our sponsor, Elsevier, Ltd., and individual donors, each year, we’re able to award honorary memberships to child maltreatment professionals working in developing countries. This year, we awarded 71 such memberships. Each Honorary Member received all the benefits of a full membership for two years at no cost.

Three New Membership Categories

We now have even more opportunity for those in the field of child protection to join our community and take advantage of all our benefits. This year, we started offering three additional categories of membership: student, young professional, and emeritus. We’re excited to be able to expand our community both to those just getting into the field and those retiring from it.

In just one year, through all of our programs, we reached over 3,000 child protection professionals around the world!
13th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

This year’s ISPCAN European Regional Conference took place September 15th-18th in Dublin, Ireland and was a resounding success. ISPCAN would like to thank the conference’s co-chairs, Kevin Lalor and Vicky Lidchi, for a job well done. Our thanks also go out to the many people who served on committees and helped review abstracts that were submitted for presentation. We know that it takes many people who are willing to share their time and talents to create a successful conference.

Highlights of the event:

• The delegate participation was amazing. The conference attracted 700 delegates from 58 countries. It was truly international in its focus, and its participants enjoyed an opportunity to network with colleagues from not only Europe but also Africa, the Middle East, Australia, North and South America and Asia.

• The conference received an incredible amount of coverage from the local media. On every day of the conference, the Irish Times highlighted child welfare and our work. There is no doubt, the community knew we were there and what we do!

How many conferences do we get to attend where the country’s Prime Minister comes out to welcome us? Congratulations to the local organizing committee for arranging to have not only An Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny, there but also the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Frances Fitzgerald. Let us not forget our keynoter, Gordon Jeyes, who is the National Director for the HSE Children and Family Services in Ireland.

The keynote addresses were videotaped and are being shared with everyone on the ISPCAN website.

8th ISPCAN Latin American International Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

The ISPCAN Latin American International Conference was held in Viña del Mar, Chile on October 6th-9th, and the delegate participation for that event was also amazing. The conference attracted over 800 delegates, and it truly represented Latin America in its participation and presentations. This was a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues who are confronting similar challenges in their work, and our keynoters inspired delegates to bring new ideas to their practices. PAICABI staff and its director, Ivan Zamora, along with ISPCAN Past President Irene Intebi, did a wonderful job planning an event that
was Latin American in feel and yet international in its scope. Our Scientific Co-Chairs, Maria Ignacia Arruabarrena and Soledad Larrain, worked many, many long hours to ensure the program was of the highest quality, and our thanks go out to them and their reviewers. Their efforts were monumental and very successful.

The conference included a very lively Youth Participation, attended by almost 50 youth and young adults. As part of their participation, they chose to make signs protesting violence against children and held a “peaceful demonstration,” walking around the park to show the importance of protecting children from violence.

13th Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

For more than two decades the biennial Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect (ACCAN) has been the primary venue for the sharing of research, policy and practice changes for those interested in preventing and responding to child maltreatment issues in the Australasian region (i.e. Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific). After the 12th ACCAN Conference was held in conjunction with the highly successful 8th ISPCAN Asia-Pacific Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Perth, Australia in 2009, with no explanation, ACCAN ceased, and no conference was held in 2011.

The Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) was able to resurrect the conference this year in Melbourne, with the support of ISPCAN, the Department of Human Services Victoria, the Australian Centre for Child Protection (University of South Australia), the National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN), and the Institute for Child Protection Studies (Australian Catholic University). The conference theme of Protecting children from harm: New solutions to old problems was chosen to reflect the need to innovate and to enhance responses to key policy and practice issues across the sectors involved in preventing and responding to child abuse and neglect.

An audience of over 300 persons attended a substantial and exciting Scientific Program of more than 30 concurrent sessions, 15 workshops and four Master Classes designed to meet the specific needs of the Australasian child protection sector. The resulting program incorporated a wealth of material covering a diverse range of areas including child protection service responses, policing and the courts, health and welfare therapeutic interventions, online child exploitation, emerging issues in child abuse and neglect, and child protection policy and practice reform.

The conference stimulated new ideas for the field and provided an excellent venue for the participants to re-energize, reconnect and extend their professional networks.
Providing Resources and Consultation

ICAST
With support from UNICEF and the Oak Foundation, and in conjunction with the UN Study on Violence Against Children, ISPCAN has developed three model questionnaires for collecting data on the extent and depth of child abuse from parents, young adults, and children over 11 years of age. These research tools are often reviewed regularly by leaders in the field for their effectiveness. Current versions are available on our website.

Denver Thinking Space, USA
The 2013 Denver Thinking Space brought together a cross-section of local, national, and international experts to discuss cross-cultural approaches to working with men and boys to prevent child sexual abuse. Taking place in the spring, at our homebase, Denver, Colorado, USA, the event created a space in which a topic that is often overlooked in the field took center stage. From the many discussions that took place, we developed a report that provides the international community with a ‘snap-shot’ of high-level clinical and policy advice around working with men and boys in the context of child sexual abuse. This report is now available on our website.

Hamad International Training Centre (HITC), Qatar
ISPCAN and HITC reached an agreement for a two day child abuse and neglect training of healthcare professionals in Qatar. This training occurred in November. The trainers were Dr. Randy Alexander, a current ISPCAN Councilor; Dr. Marcellina Mian, an ISPCAN Past President; and Dr. Lori Frasier, an ISPCAN member. The training was successful, and HITC is interested in discussing additional trainings.
National Family Safety Program Observership, Saudi Arabia and USA

ISPCAN continued its consultation project with the National Family Safety Program (NFSP), based in Saudi Arabia, which will continue until March 2015. In October 2013, two child maltreatment professionals, a pediatrician and a psychiatrist, came to Denver, USA to participate in an intensive observership program, which included meetings and trainings with hospital emergency room personnel, child protection teams, social workers, and family court, among others.

Child Maltreatment Data System Consultation, Saudi Arabia

ISPCAN initiated a consultation project with NFSP in Saudi Arabia. The project is led by John Fluke with the Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect and includes strategic planning on developing a center of excellence for child maltreatment research, review of the current data system, and enhancement of the ICAST instruments to address broader factors associated with risk of maltreatment in Saudi Arabia. This is an ongoing project that will continue over the next couple of years.

Online Resources

We’re working with Augeo Foundation in the Netherlands to bring e-learning modules to our members and supporters. These, together with the Medical Curriculum, a collaborative project with the Ray Helfer Society, provide ISPCAN with two important resources available to anyone in the world.
Linking with Organizations around the World

As part of our Country Partner program, we work to establish strong links among partner organizations to create a more effective and powerful voice for child protection worldwide and to encourage efforts to expand training, education and public awareness.

Our 2013 Country Partners are:

- **Argentina**
  - Asociación Argentina de Prevención del Maltrato Infanto-Juvenil (ASAPMI)

- **Australia**
  - National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN)

- **Belgium**
  - INGO “Ponimanie” (“Understanding”) (NSPCAN)

- **Colombia**
  - Asociación Contra El Maltrato Infantil (AFECTO)

- **Danmark**
  - Danish Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (DASPCAN)

- **Germany**
  - German Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (GESPCAN)

- **Hong Kong**
  - Against Child Abuse (ACA)

- **Iceland**
  - Nordic Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NASPCAN)

- **Japan**
  - Japanese Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (JaSPCAN)

- **Saudi Arabia**
  - National Family Safety Program (NFSP)

- **Korea**
  - Romanian Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (SENECAN)

- **Singapore**
  - Singapore Children’s Society

- **Spain**
  - Federation of Associations for Prevention of Child Mistreatment (FAPMI)

- **Turkey**
  - Turkish Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (TSPCAN)

- **United Kingdom**
  - British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (BASPCAN)

- **United States**
  - American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)
Join Our Community...

As a Member.
Members receive a subscription to *Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal*, including online access back to 1977. You will also receive discounts on events and publications, along with numerous opportunities to network and speak with colleagues from around the world. Membership dues enable us to pay for the production of publications, online services, and other member benefits. You will also support our efforts to advance the rights of children around the world.

As a Partner.
You’ll be in good company with other non-profit organizations like National Family Safety Program in Saudi Arabia (NFSP), American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children in the United States (APSAC), and Asociación Contra El Maltrato Infantil (AFECTO), among others.

As a Volunteer.
As an international organization, we want to make our materials as widely available as possible. This means we often rely on volunteers to help translate our newsletters, executive summaries, and other publications. You will help us expand our reach, making resources available to professionals who may not otherwise have access to such information.

As a Donor.
Because of your support and the support of organizations and companies such as The Oak Foundation, Elsevier, Ltd., Child Aid USA, Inc., The Australian Institute of Criminology, and Partners for a Better World, we are able to provide resources and learning opportunities to child protection professionals in both developing and developed countries. Your financial support provides abused and at-risk children access to professionals and places to turn for help.
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Financial Information

Revenues derived from membership, grants, publications, trainings, international conferences, and in-kind contributions have provided the resources needed to deliver a wide array of direct services to our members, as well as support an increasing number of member-initiated projects targeting specific regions.

Revenues in 2013 were higher than 2012, largely due to a multi-year grant from Oak Foundation and increased membership, particularly those from developed countries*. We expect membership numbers to remain at the higher level in 2014. Revenue also increased due to the trainings in both Qatar and Saudi Arabia - contracts which will likely continue into future years.

ISPCAN membership rates stayed the same as 2012 rates, but three new categories were added at $100 annually: Student, Young Professional, and Emeritus. Royalties from Journal subscriptions remained about the same.

Many of our expenses decreased from 2012 to 2013, as well. A planned reduction in staffing reduced both administrative and fundraising costs, while a decreased use of in-kind legal services further reduced administrative costs, cutting them by over a third. Conference expenses decreased slightly from 2012 to 2013, as well as publication expenses, primarily due to the 2012 production of the World Perspectives - a biennial publication. Additionally, the proportion of travel expenses covered by Councilors themselves increased in 2013.

Expenses both for membership and training increased moderately in 2013, due to increased investment in programs, online communications, and member benefits.

These financial data do not capture the total value of our programs and services. Thanks to the significant volunteer contributions of our members and Country Partners, we are able to offer professionals worldwide more intensive support than we would be able to otherwise. These volunteer resources assisted the Secretariat in continuing to hold administrative and operational costs to 15% of our total expenses, a very modest level given the diversity and scope of our services.

ISPCAN is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization as designated by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Financial Audit 2013 (Selected Data)

ISPCAN audited financial results for 2013: Current assets at the end of 2013 were $673,906. Property and equipment at cost (less depreciation) was $4,491. Total assets were $678,397 and total liabilities were $149,281, bringing ISPCAN’s year-end net assets to $529,116. This is a net increase of $213,072, due primarily to an increase in investment assets.

ISPCAN is formally audited each year in accordance with General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) - the relevant auditing standards in the USA. For a copy of the 2013 audited financial statements, please contact the ISPCAN office.

*Developing Country status based on information from World Bank reports.
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All of our accomplishments over the year would not be possible if not for the following donors and volunteers:

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