Dear Members, Colleagues, and Friends,

Greetings. We began the year with the appointment of a new Executive Director, Mr Steve Werner, who unfortunately was only able to remain with ISPCAN for the year, having to resign as a result of poor health. I thank him for his contribution during this period.

The year began with the Global Institute, which focused on positive parenting. Participants at the Institute assisted the initiation of the ISPCAN Thinking Space research on Positive Parenting: Preventing Violence Against Children. The ISPCAN Thinking Space targets a theme of global interest and collects information about that theme throughout the year, culminating in a report that provides information, recommendations on the theme, and possibilities for further research. The most recent report will be published in 2016.

Three regional conferences were held during the year: Toluca, Mexico; Bucharest, Romania; and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Each was notable, not only for their scientific programmes, but also for an active and vibrant youth consultation process and connections made among ISPCAN members around the world. I thank our partners in these regions who formed the Local Organising Committees – conference organisation is hard work and taking on this task, usually on top of one’s usual workload, is indeed a taxing challenge.

This year, we began to use webinars as an international educational tool, which proved very successful. ISPCAN will continue to use this medium of education, and further webinars are planned for the year ahead.

Planning for the ISPCAN Summit, to be held in May 2016, celebrating ISPCAN’s 40 years of service to children, began this year. This Summit will result in a strategic plan for ISPCAN, which will provide direction for our work from 2016 to 2020. We shall invite member and partner comment on our strategic direction and plan in 2016.

ISPCAN noted the global trend by like-minded organizations to focus more intensively on the prevention of violence against children. We therefore focused on strengthening our partnerships with the World Health Organisation (WHO), UNICEF, the International Paediatric Association (IPA), ECPAT and others to work together and add knowledge, capacity and strength to this movement. We look forward to 2016 during which ISPCAN activities will continue to focus on increasing our effectiveness and optimizing potential for development in this area.

I want to thank the Executive Director and the team at the ISPCAN headquarters in Denver. They have worked consistently through the year to enable the many activities that have been completed during the year and planned for 2016. I would also like to thank all of our members, donors, and volunteers, without whom much of our programming would not be possible.

Joan van Niekerk
ISPCAN President 2014-2016
MISSION
To support individuals and organizations working to protect children from abuse and neglect worldwide.

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
• To disseminate academic and clinical research to those in positions to enhance practice and improve policy
International Journal

ISPCAN's Child Abuse & Neglect Journal is rated #1 on Google Scholar for Social Work, is a monthly peer-reviewed journal, providing high-quality, multi-disciplinary, international information on all aspects of child abuse and neglect. Members receive a free subscription, including online access through 1977. Recent updates include the addition of more articles and special issues.

The Journal had nearly 1.1 million downloads in 2015.

Our Newsletter

The LINK provides topical reports and offers an exchange of information on challenges and best practices, programming in the field, current events, as well as updates on ISPCAN programs, events, and activities. It is published in six languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. Members are invited to publish their work and are granted exclusive access. Some of the topics this year were the Tapping Technique, corporal punishment in India, child protection systems in Pakistan, and many more.

Country Profiles on Child Abuse Data

The highly-regarded World Perspectives on Child Abuse is published every two years, beginning in 1992. The 11th edition was released at the Congress in Japan and provided an added look at child sexual abuse. Seventy-three countries participated in the survey, representing all regions of the world. In 2015, the survey was modified slightly with additional questions added. One hundred and three respondents were identified to complete the survey for the 12th edition, which will be provided to attendees of the 21st Congress in Calgary, Canada in 2016.

Information Highway

Our website serves as a central resource for publications, tools, upcoming events, training materials and other key information. Members receive special access to all resources on our website, and can register for an upcoming webinar, search for a job in our Career Center, or access training materials to finding a colleague in another region of the world. Discussion forums are hosted via listservs and we are always looking for new ways to provide tools and the latest CAN information to our members.
RESOURCES, TRAINING AND TOOLS

ISPCAN Child Abuse Assessment Survey Tools (ICAST)

The ICAST has successfully enabled the systematic collection and comparison of data on the extent of child abuse. ISPCAN provided the tools to approximately 120 research projects. In 2015, each ICAST tool underwent significant revisions, and previous versions are available in 20 languages. In 2015, we provided ICAST tools to 132 individuals.

Child Trafficking Database

We are proud to support a global, inter-disciplinary scoping study to mobilize an international coalition of child protection experts working on child trafficking and to collect, evaluate, and develop an online database of resources, while identifying gaps in available resources and knowledge. In partnership with Jordan Greenbaum, RISE Learning Network, Global Impact, ECPAT, Free the Slaves and UNICEF, the International Network to Prevent Child Trafficking works to collaborate and assist in providing frontline services to child trafficking victims across the globe.

ISPCAN Thinking Space

The 2015 topic was Positive Parenting: Preventing Violence Against Children. The survey launched at the Global Institute in January 2015, followed by four sold-out webinars with expert presenters on the topic. Responses from a questionnaire and related discussions are being compiled into a special report, to be available in 2016.

Special Reports We partnered with Augeo Foundation to publish a special edition online-only magazine focused on preventing child sexual abuse by Working with Men and Boys. The publication came out of discussions and surveys results analyzed after our 2013 Denver Thinking Space.

Online Learning

Our e-learning program, in partnership with Augeo Academy, continues to allow professionals online access to courses by top experts in the field. Topics include:

- Multi-disciplinary teams in the field of child abuse & neglect
- Prevention and early recognition of child sexual abuse
- The importance of medicine in evaluating child sexual abuse
- Communicating about violence
- Comunicación sobre violencia (Spanish)

Regional Resource Centers

The centers continue to monitor the child abuse and neglect field within their regions to ensure that they are providing culturally appropriate, evidence-based materials that enhance the capacity of those working within this field.

- The Latin America Resource Center launched in April 2015
- The Asia Resource Center launched in June 2015.
- The Arab States Resource Center is planning to launch in April 2016.
- The South African Resource Center launched in October 2015.
- The North American Resource Center is housed in ISPCAN’s headquarters in Denver, CO USA.
In 2015, our community included 1100 members in nearly 100 countries, representing all regions of the world. Membership rates in each region have remained about the same through the past few years, with North America having the largest representation. Our members come from many professional backgrounds, including: medicine, education, psychology, social work, education, government, nursing, and psychiatry.

Our members take pride in being part of a large, diverse network of child maltreatment professionals. They are able to communicate with, learn from, teach, and share their experiences with like-minded individuals around the world. The benefit of working together to create a better world for children is invaluable, but members can also expect more tangible benefits, including exclusive access to the latest research, resources and tools in the field.

Honorary Members

Thanks to our sponsor, Elsevier, Ltd., and the support of individual donors, we are able to award child protection professionals in developing countries free, two-year memberships. We awarded 96 honorary memberships this year, enabling more professionals than ever before to receive all the benefits of a standard membership at no cost.

In 1 year, through all of our programs, ISPCAN has directly reached over 3000 child protection professionals around the world........
AND IN YOUR REGIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Europe

Held at the JW Marriott in Bucharest, the theme of the 14th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect was “Children First! Collaborative and Inter-sectorial Responses to Child Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation”.

The conference drew 341 delegates from 51 countries, providing diverse networking opportunities for all attendees. Besides Romania, the largest collection of delegates came from the United States and Turkey. One of the highlights of the event was the Forum on the Refugee Crisis, resulting in a Conference Statement on Refugee Children and Children on the Move.

ISPCAN provided $4,590 in partial scholarships to 5 delegates who were members.

“I had the opportunity to attend the ISPCAN conference in Romania in 2015. It was good exposure to the work that is being done in the area of child abuse globally - a good learning experience, indeed.”
- Mercy M Nimal, India

Asia

The 10th ISPCAN Asia Pacific Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect was held 25-28 October in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. We partnered with the Malaysian Council for Child Welfare to co-host the educational event, and Raj Abdul Karim and Rajeev Seth co-chaired. Irene Cheah and Adam Tomison were the Scientific Committee co-chairs. Three hundred forty-one delegates from 38 countries had the opportunity to learn about child abuse issues in the region and network with peers. We are grateful to the Malaysian government for sponsoring 100 of the 158 Malaysian delegates. The largest non-Malaysian representations were Singapore, Japan and Australia. Our thanks to ISPCAN Councilor, Toshi Yanagawa, for his strong promotion of this event in Japan. Plenary speakers were drawn from the Ministry of Health Malaysia, Women Deliver, the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Plan International and WHO.

North America

MEXICO

Over 600 delegates attended The 9th ISPCAN Latin America Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. We partnered with the University Autonomous of Mexico State (UAEM) in Toluca, which headed up the local organizing committee. David Aarón Miranda and Irene Intebi acted as co-chairs for the conference; Vicky Lidchi was the scientific committee co-chair and Martin Finkel the finance committee co-chair from the ISPCAN side. The main theme of the conference was “Systems for Protecting Our Children”.

USA

At The Global Institute, a pre-conference event for the 29th San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, held in January, the focus was “Positive Parenting to Improve Outcomes for Children.” ISPCAN President Joan van Niekerk, Past President Jenny Gray, Councilor Rajeev Seth and member Jane Barlow discussed parenting programs with over a dozen attendees.
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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.

Revenues in 2015 decreased slightly from 2014, primarily as a result of a very successful 2014 Congress, held every other year. While membership revenues were slightly lower this year, member numbers remain steady and are expected to remain steady or increase in the coming years. Membership expenses remain low, without sacrificing member benefits.

Expenses remained steady during 2015; the increase in the area of operational support was due to the Executive Director transition, as well as increased in-kind professional support in operational areas. This expense is expected to return to normal levels, typically 15% of our total expenses. Conference & Congress expenses decreased due to the international Congress during 2014, which we host every other year. Publication costs also decreased in 2015, primarily due to the publication of the World Perspectives in 2014, which is published every other year.

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FINANCIAL AUDIT 2015

ISPCAN audited financial results for 2015: Current assets at the end of 2015 were $750,336, property and equipment at cost (less depreciation) was $5,124. Total assets were $755,460 and total liabilities were $66,181, bringing ISPCAN’s year-end net assets to $689,279. This is a net decrease in net assets of $71,837, and is primarily reflected in a decrease in current investment assets.

ISPCAN prepares its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the USA (GAAP); these statements are formally audited each year in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the USA.

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“As an educator who is responsible for shaping the fundamental early years of over 200 children between the ages of 18 months to 5 years, prevention of child abuse and neglect is very close to my heart and of paramount importance. Hence the very existence of a society like ISPCAN is inspirational to my work, and the wealth of knowledge I receive is invaluable.”

- Gillian Fernando, Sri Lanka

“[Being a member] has sharpened my perspective on prevention and has renewed my commitment to considering both program and community context in planning prevention strategies”

- Deb Daro, USA
Thank you to all of our donors!

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