President Bernard Gerbaka and Executive Director Pragathi Tummala

ISPCAN is a unique organization, founded in 1977, with a broad range of global talents—pediatricians, social workers, psychologists, lawyers, policy makers, mental health professionals, governmental agencies, public health professionals, and many others. It is an organization with as much global heart and cross-cultural embrace as there is expertise and history.

In 2016, we began a rebirth for ISPCAN, starting with strategic planning in Sion to take a hard look at what we do well, where we have opportunities for growth and acknowledging our weaknesses. We brought together more than 60 partners, our councilors and our past presidents and went through an honest 360 degree review of our efforts to date in order to plan for an even brighter future for ISPCAN. With the precious expertise of a continuum of past presidents and a new plan, a new executive director, Pragathi Tummala and a new president, Bernard Gerbaka, ISPCAN completed house cleaning activities and the forging of new paths took place, including Leadership articulated emerging challenges for children on one side and opportunities, such as the Global Partnership to End Violence and the WHO INSPIRE Strategy.

A new website emerged with updated technology, better customer service and a mindfulness to take our membership service to the next level. We have formulated new partnerships, including an increasing critical role in the Global Partnership to End Violence and the WHO INSPIRE Strategy. ISPCAN's bridging efforts created an inclusive approach and common statements on violence against children, with the International Pediatric Association and the International Society for Social Pediatrics. We therefore thrive to empower this momentum, in difficult times when needs for children are increasing and professional expertise is developing, in regions and countries, as well as at global level. ISPCAN also plans to develop a series of memorandum of understanding with other international organizations, such as Plan International, ECPAT, Child Helpline International and others, in order to increase the outreach, empower the impact, increase the diversity of services to children and widen the breadth of potential interventions. Indeed ISPCAN accomplishes now even more in our joint mission while we work together. Furthermore, we have made concerted efforts to fill the gaps in member services, established new advanced educational opportunities such as a monthly webinar series, and a highly organized online resource library that allows members to better access to the latest data and practical tools for training.

During ISPCAN scientific congresses and conferences, we invite professionals to connect and exchange, and researchers globally to create an active community of learning, in many languages and with the feedback from many cultures, thus improving the chances of appropriation and the opportunities for parenthood of programs for children across cultures. New inclusive measures invited youth forums to every single conference, creating a Young people’s advisory Council. New advances in conference technology have also been a priority and achievement. Through this new multifaceted strategy, ISPCAN is able to streamline our processes to bring forth greater savings, lower prices and more membership value. Professional globally are at the forefront of our minds.

ISPCAN is aware that emergent challenges and plights on children become overwhelming in many areas of the world; ISPCAN is also aware that professionals have never been so connected. That is also why we decided to address child protection in flexible ways, applying adaptive expertise. We thank our members, our funders and our partners for all they do entrusting us to prevent and treat child abuse with the highest standards and in all circumstances, and to protect all children more efficiently, everywhere.

Warmly,

**LETTER FROM ISPCAN LEADERSHIP:**

**President, Bernard Gerbaka**

**Executive Director, Pragathi Tummala**
In October 1975, Dr. C. Henry Kempe and eighteen other professionals met in Bellagio, Italy and formed an international working group focused on the problem of child abuse. The group consisted of child psychiatrists, a surgeon, pediatricians, psychologists, criminologists, social workers, and specialists in juvenile law. This meeting created the synergy to hold the first international conference on child abuse and neglect, which took place in 1976. It also served as the catalyst for the formation of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) in 1977 and the creation of Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal, which has since become a highly respected source of information with a global readership. The field of child abuse and neglect has changed and evolved considerably since that first meeting in 1975, when Henry Kempe and colleagues explored the possibilities for an international, multidisciplinary membership organization.
Our community includes 1,000+ members in more than 100 countries, representing all regions of the world. Membership rates have remained consistent since 2015. Our members come from a variety of disciplines, including: medicine, education, psychology, social work, education, government, nursing, and psychiatry.
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL

Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal, rated #1 on Google Scholar for Social Work, is a monthly peer-reviewed journal of multi-disciplinary, international information on all aspects of child abuse and neglect. Members receive a free subscription, including online access through 1977. Notably, the Journal has gone through a recent update to be more valuable to readers, including the addition of more articles and special issues, while maintaining high-quality content. The Journal is downloaded about a million times annually.

GLOBAL CHILD ABUSE DATA

The highly-regarded World Perspectives on Child Abuse has been published every two years since 1982. In 2016, the 12th edition's publication coincided with the 21st Congress, in Calgary. While it is difficult to cover the entire world and to capture what is happening related to child abuse and neglect in all countries in any depth, World Perspectives offers valuable glimpses of this problem in many countries and an opportunity to track trends and progress. Appendices include contact information for many of the respondents who completed the survey, the survey itself, and a list of major international agencies and ISPCAN Country partners involved in addressing child abuse and neglect.

SPECIAL REPORT: POSITIVE PARENTING

A growing body of evidence suggests that positive parenting skills help protect children from violence and can help break the cycle of violence across generations. This 2016 report includes key findings related to best practices and prevention strategies, international policy, measuring outcomes, and effective interventions, as well as a number of key recommendations for professionals and policy makers.
Forty years after the initial meeting of the international working group that led to the founding of ISPCAN, our Council decided to organize a meeting to take stock of its history and achievements, review the global landscape and the role of the organization in a changing world, and set a strategy for the future. This Summit was held in Sion, Switzerland, in May 2016 with 60 participants, including current and past councilors and presidents, and a few major partners. The Summit was conducted in the form of a facilitated workshop; it focused on the ongoing need to prevent and address violence against children and how ISPCAN should align its future work, in collaboration with the global child protection sector. The Summit meeting made recommendations to the ISPCAN Council and Executive Director about ISPCAN’s future strategic directions.
BOLD NEW DIRECTIONS

VIRTUAL LEARNING: AN ISPCAN HALLMARK

In 2016, ISPCAN forged new ground in e-learning at the The Global Institute in San Diego with a Virtual Conference Attendance tool, which allowed professionals from around the world to join the conversation on strategies to help refugee children.

MONTLY WEBINAR SERIES

The ISPCAN monthly webinar series featured world renowned experts on various topics each month and in native languages as well as English:

- **July 2016**—Naeem Zafar and Tufail Muhammad on Protecting Children at the Time of Disasters: Psychosocial Effects
- **August 2016**—Sue Foley & Des Runyan on Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy
- **Sept 2016**—Martin Finkel on the Medical Evaluation of Children with Alleged Sexual Abuse
- **October 2016**—Nicole Sherren on The Effects of Early Adversity on Brain Development, Learning and Health
- **Nov 2016**—Howard Dubowitz on Preventing Child Abuse: A Role for Child Health Professionals
- **December 2016**—Lil Tomnyr and Carrie Smith on Ethical Considerations for Collection of CM Data

LISTSERV/FORUMS

Our listserv and online forums continue to allow child abuse and neglect professionals around the world to connect, share ideas and experiences, and stay informed on the latest research.

ISPCAN CHILD ABUSE ASSESSMENT TOOL

The ICAST successfully enables the systematic collection and comparison of data on the extent of child abuse wherever it occurs. In 2016, ISPCAN provided the tools, which are available in 20 languages, to approximately 120 research projects.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

We are excited to announce this new working group, devoted to helping guide the future of ISPCAN. The Council comprises students, young professionals, and youth. 2016 marks the start of our first ever Young People’s Advisory Council. ISPCAN is laser focused on building resources and fresh ideas with our new working group, determined to change the world!
In an October workshop with UNICEF, representatives from our Asian Regional Resource Center helped shape India’s first ever foster care system. A big step, in the region with more child brides and witnesses to violence than anywhere else in the world.

November brought a historic agreement between allies in the fight against child abuse and neglect. Our councilors signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Pediatric Association (IPA), and the International Society for Social Pediatrics, committing to work together for promoting rights of the child.

A BIG STEP, IN THE REGION WITH MORE CHILD BRIDES AND WITNESSES TO VIOLENCE THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD.
ISPCAN envisions a world where all boys and girls grow up free from violence. That is why ISPCAN is proud to be part of the Global Partnership to End Violence and the Violence Prevention Alliance. 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.
ISPCAN’S REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS IN FOUR MAJOR REGIONS OF THE WORLD HELP US BRING SUPPORT AND INFORMATION TO OUR MEMBERS IN THESE AREAS. THEY ARE INTEGRAL TO GROWING MEMBERSHIP AND EXPANDING ISPCAN’S GLOBAL REACH.

ISPCAN Asian online Resource Centre features culturally-sensitive and relevant resources in the form of digital modules, online training and E-learning facilities and organization of webinar. Stakeholders can also undergo basic and advanced child protection courses.

Ultimately, the goal of ISPCAN Asian online Resource Center is to pilot and refine effective approaches to prevent, identify and treat violence against and exploitation of children, develop and strengthen multidisciplinary stakeholder team work, improve public awareness and advance policy and legislation to protect the rights of the child.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS:

ONLINE DIRECTORY completed for helpline numbers for each country in the region

TRAININGS on positive discipline for creche workers in the state of Tamil Nadu, India

NETWORK OF RESOURCE SHARING created with 19 countries, making materials available on website

TWO WORKSHOPS conducted on child protection and non-intuitional services covering 24 districts
Through collaborative efforts with ISPCAN, Childline South Africa acts as an African regional resource center, providing resources, trainings, and a supportive network for all those involved in child abuse and neglect prevention in Africa.

**2016 HIGHLIGHTS:**

**WEBSITE** was revamped and updated in June 2016 to enable a more attractive and more user-friendly appearance. Online materials are continuously being uploaded. The resource library remains in the top ten pages visited on the Childline SA website.

**WORKSHOP** was held by Childline SA in October 2016 on child exploitation through the internet. The workshop was organised jointly by Childline SA, and Joan van Niekerk (ISPCAN Councillor) and Jordan Greenbaum (ISPCAN Member). The workshop was attended by 75 delegates.

**NEW WEBSITE CONTAINS DOZENS OF RESOURCE CATEGORIES—FROM CHILD LABOUR TO HUMAN RIGHTS**

ISPCAN recognizes the need for a center to facilitate the search for study materials and training in Spanish and Portuguese for those working in this field. The Latin American Regional Resource Center’s mission is to contribute to the dissemination of resources evaluated by specialists and based on evidence to strengthen the prevention, detection and intervention in child protection issues in the region. The center aims to promote training, networking, contribute to the search for tools for professionals and the general public of the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking Latin American countries. The resource center can also host regional events or assist in organizing them.

**2016 HIGHLIGHTS:**

**TRAINING EVENT** co-hosted with Argentina Association for Mental Health (AASM)

**SPANISH RESOURCES** newly available on website

**NETWORKING** activities increased across Latin America

**LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER**

It’s first mini-conference and webinar
The Arab Regional Resource Center aims to assist organizations and service professionals in the Arab region in the field of child abuse and neglect through the inclusion of knowledge sources translated and written in Arabic. It aims to serve as a central point in the Arab region, working with governments and non-governmental organizations to increase capacity on the prevention of child abuse and neglect by providing multi-disciplinary materials to address gaps in knowledge in the field of prevention and treatment of violence against child abuse and neglect of children in the region.

The Arab Regional Resource Center is building data sources, creating a base for the development of policies and infrastructure to implement best practices and solutions that build strong and caring environments for children and families in Arab societies.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS:

**RESOURCE CENTER WEBSITE** created and developed

**REGIONAL CHILD HELPLINE DIRECTORY** created and posted to website for public use

**ONLINE RESOURCE LIBRARY** unveiled with over 130 publication and materials in Arabic and English
Regional conference on the impact of armed conflict on children

In many countries, children and their families have been killed, injured and displaced by armed conflicts, yet fighting and terrorism have been normalized in a number of countries of the world. ISPCAN is taking action. This successful conference meaningful brought together stakeholders, including ISCPAN, to find ways to protect children.

International congress

We came together from all corners of the world to consider how best to protect children from being maltreated and maximize their well-being. Our event also generated $1.6 million in tourism dollars.

Global institute

At The Global Institute, a pre-conference event for the 30th San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, held in January, the topic was, “Positive Parenting to Improve Outcomes for Children” and our top-notch experts offered evidence on how positive parenting can impact the future for children - and for all of us. Corporal punishment in India and children’s services best practices were of particular interest.

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.
Revenues in 2016 amounted to approximately $960,000, which represents an increase from 2015, primarily as a result of a successful 2016 Congress which is hosted every other year; in addition, membership revenues increased during 2016. Membership expenses remain low, without sacrificing member benefits.

2016 CONGRESS

Cash expenses increased during 2016, primarily as a result of the costs associated with the 2016 Congress and the Executive Director transition. However, operational costs were cut by 20% through close evaluation of staffing and efficiency measures. 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 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. 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.
ISPCAN HAS SEEN TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN ITS DIGITAL COMMUNITY. THIS IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF OUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL NETWORK.

Our digital footprint has nearly doubled, as we explore new ways to bring professionals together via our exclusive Listserv, social media platforms, and e-learning.
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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.
COUNTRY PARTNERS

The Country Partners program seeks out national, multidisciplinary organizations working in child abuse and neglect (CAN) prevention, with a special focus on groups in developing countries. We believe that effective and sustainable CAN prevention is achieved through education and professional cooperation. By sharing experiences, research, and resources, ISPCAN hopes to augment individual, regional, and national efforts to end child maltreatment.

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

AFRICA
African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN-UGANDA)

AUSTRALIA
National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN)

BELARUS
INGO “Ponimanie” ("Understanding")

COLUMBIA
Asociación Contra El Maltrato Infantil (AFECTO)

DENMARK
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)

ITALY
Italian Network of Services for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (CISMAI)

JAPAN
Japanese Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (JaSPCAN)

KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
National Family Safety Program and Neglect (SENECAN)

THE NETHERLANDS (Associate Partner)
Netherlands Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NeSPCAN)

MALAYSIA
Malaysian Association for the Protection of Children (MAPC)

SAUDI ARABIA
National Family Safety Program (NFSP)

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)
WE THANK THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL DONORS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AS WELL AS OUR MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

ANNUAL REPORT 2016