A Letter from Leadership:

ISPCAN is a society for professionals working in the fields of medicine, social work, psychology, law, policy, mental health, government, and public health. We are global, with a goal that education does not end with graduation, and that careers in the field of child abuse prevention need support. It is a highly traumatic and difficult field in which our professionals practice. Resources are scarce, and awareness, data, and priority are not embraced by most governments. ISPCAN members are an elite group of trailblazers in their respective countries who are united by a shared mission to protect children’s rights. We have over 1000 members in more than 80 countries, but we have much to do to build on our existing programs to use technology and research to further advance the field and continue to provide value to our members.

In the third year of our five-year strategic plan adopted in 2016, we have looked at what we do well, where we have opportunities for growth, and how we can address the challenges on child protection. Along with our new website, we are still developing better ways to engage and retain members, and connect across regions and topics to develop online communities of learning. 2018 also brought reform for our congress programs to institute legacy programs, community events and training for parents, youth and allied professions such as police and teachers. Our new congress model and schedule of rotations have allowed sister agencies to partner with us to go deeper within each region to impact public health system changes.

There is always more to be done, and while we take pride in the strides we have made, we know we have a long way to go to reach our vision of a world free from violence, child abuse and neglect. We thank our members, our funders, and our partners for all they do to raise the bar on treatment, research, policy and prevention.

Together we will move one step closer to a world free from violence. On behalf of our entire board and secretariat, we thank you for your support. Warmly,

ISPCAN 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 most represented by pediatricians, social workers, psychologists, lawyers, policy makers, mental health professionals, governmental agencies, and public health professionals. Both in research and practice, ISPCAN members are an elite group of trailblazers in their respective countries united by a shared mission to protect children’s rights.

While we have a strong foundation of members, in late 2017-early 2018, we began looking closer at our membership development and professional engagement. With over 1,000 members in more than 80 countries, we have pushed to improve our outreach and connections, taking a broader look at what we do well, where we have opportunities for growth, and how we can address the challenges of child protection. An improved website emerged, with updated technology, plus better customer service, staffing, and program structures – all with a mindfulness to take our membership connectivity, consultation availability, congress organizing, and training services to the next level.
In October 1975, Dr. C. Henry Kempe and 18 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.

ISPCAN supports individuals and organizations working to protect children from abuse and neglect worldwide by:

- Raising awareness of the extent, causes, and possible solutions for all forms of child abuse and neglect
- Disseminating academic and clinical research to those in positions to enhance practice and policy
- Promoting and protecting the Rights of the Child
- Connecting professionals around the world and across disciplines through our Congresses, trainings, Working Groups, Country Partner program, and online communities of learning
Our Members

- North America 41% Members
- Europe 25% Members
- Asia 14% Members
- Pacific 8% Members
- Middle East 6% Members
- Central America & The Caribbean 5% Members
- Africa 4% Members
- South America 3% Members

The ISPCAN community includes 1,154 ISPCAN members in 90 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: medicine, education, psychology, social work, education, government, nursing, and psychiatry.
Forty years after the initial meeting of the International Working group that lead 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.

Each year, at our annual council meeting, we review our progress, and make adjustments to our program activities always with the goal of improving efficiencies, quality of products and services, and return on investment.
International Journal

Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal, rated #1 on Google Scholar for Social Work, is a monthly peer-reviewed journal of multidisciplinary, international information 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.

Global child abuse data

The highly-regarded World Perspectives on Child Abuse has been published every two years since 1982. The 2018 edition was more comprehensive than ever, including data on child maltreatment policies, laws, and practices in 88 countries across all world regions, as well as papers highlighting corporal punishment in 36 countries and case studies of innovative interventions to improve child protection in three countries.

Appendices include country income levels, indicator data, the survey and respondents, and key national and international agencies. Looking ahead to 2020, the publication of the 14th edition will coincide with ISPCAN’s International Congress in Adelaide, Australia, November 15-18, 2020.
We work with our Country Partners, Councilors, 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. Below are the webinars and presenters we featured in 2018.

**February**—“Child Safeguarding in Faith-Based Settings” with Maryam Ehsani of Keeping Children Safe

**March**—“High-Conflict Divorce as a Form of Child Abuse” with Esmah Lahlah, ISPCAN Councilor

**April**—“Psychological Maltreatment: A Central Issue in Violence Against Children” with Stuart Hall, Marla Brassard, and Amy Baker of APSAC

**May**—“The Vulnerability and Protection of Child Rights Professionals” with Dusica Popadic, Incest Trauma Center, Belgrade, Serbia (Country Partner)

**June**—“The Role of the Health Sector in the Identification of Referral of Child Abuse Cases” with Figen Sahin Dagli, ISPCAN Councilor

**July**—“Positive Parenting” with Jenny Gray, ISPCAN Councilor

**October**—“It’s Not Just About Sex: Child Trafficking Around the World” with Jordan Greenbaum, ISPCAN Councilor

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**JOURNAL CLUB**

We started offering a monthly Journal Club webinar series, which provides members an opportunity to listen to discussions about select research articles, presented by academics and practitioners.

Looking ahead to 2019, we are taking this idea a step farther by offering a similar series based on articles exclusively from *Child Abuse and Neglect*. 
Bold New Directions

REVISED CONGRESS MODEL

In 2018, ISPCAN reimagined 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:

- Three international congresses each year, with 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 focused on 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

ISPCAN Congress Youth Forums are a critical part of ISPCAN’s legacy of building better safety nets for children that are sustainable after the conclusion of a congress. Youth plan the entire event as their own vision to address issues in their regions and create a project or action steps around a topic related to child abuse and neglect.

In 2018, we worked with our local partners in Prague, Czech Republic, to reflect on how the advancement of the CRC has impacted youth around the world to develop a video to capture their reflections. In Montego Bay, Jamaica, youth 16-25 years of age discussed sex tourism and vulnerability of youth to sexual abuse, and developed an action plan that will go hand in hand with their Jamaican National Action Plan to end violence against children.

ONLINE RESOURCES & TOOLS

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

- Multidisciplinary Training Materials—Modules that offer a comprehensive knowledge base for the development, evaluation, and delivering of training on child abuse and neglect, in six languages.
- Child Maltreatment Evaluation & Treatment Curriculum—An in-depth, 10-module introduction to skills that medical professionals need to diagnose, treat, and advocate for abused and neglected children; in 2018, we added updated modules on Neglect, Trafficking, and Physical Abuse, plus an entire Sexual Abuse module in Spanish.
- E-courses—Developed in partnership with Augeo Academy, these 11 online courses are presented by leading experts and cover CAN topics ranging from Burn Injuries to Providing Support for Refugee Children.

Strategic planning in 2016 set ISPCAN on a course to capitalize on our strengths but also to address some of our weaknesses. As work life has become more technology-dependent, our members and the way they need ISPCAN has also evolved. Our new agile thinking and willingness to adapt is setting the way for the future.
ISPCAN offers members the opportunity to bring a training on a specific topic for 50-100 people to their location. Members work with us to plan for the event and ISPCAN finds the expert willing to donate their time.
December 2-5, 2018

Professionals from 20 countries across the Caribbean and the world gathered in Montego Bay, Jamaica, to learn about Child Protection Realities within a Changing Caribbean and World at the ISPCAN Caribbean Conference, co-hosted by The Office of the Children’s Advocate. Attendees participated in pre-conference sessions on Corporal Punishment, Child Death Review, and Data Collection; a Youth Forum on trafficking and sex tourism; and presentations, workshops, and keynotes related to Juvenile Justice, Innovative Therapy and Support, Public Health Prevention Campaigns, Impact of Child Abuse and Violence on Development, and Systems of Professionalism and Accountability in the Child Protection Sector.

September 2-5, 2018

ISPCAN’s XXIII International Congress, held for the first time in Prague, Czech Republic, brought together more than 700 child abuse and neglect professionals from more than 80 countries to engage with each other and our robust scientific program on Child Protection in the Changing World. Co-hosted with the National Institute for Children and Family and Charles University, highlights included the addition of Core Competency sessions, a new Master Class on the INSPIRE strategies, a Youth Forum focused on bullying, more than 300 workshops, oral presentations, and symposia, more than 200 poster presentations, and 10 keynote presentations, including Kempe Lecturer Award winner Howard Dubowitz.

Bringing the World Together
ISPCAN Country Partners

ISPCAN’s 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 added partners in three new countries in 2017-2018: Serbia, UAE, and Lebanon.

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)

Colombia
Asociación Contra El Maltrato Infantil (AFECTO)

Denmark
Danish Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (DASPCAN)

Greece
ELIZA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

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)

Lebanon
Association de Foyer L’Enfant Libanais (AFEL)

Portugal
Caminhos da Infancia

Saudi Arabia
National Family Safety Program (NFSP)

Serbia
Incest Trauma Center – Belgrade (ITC)

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 Arab Emirates
Dubai Foundation for Women and Children (DFWAC)

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)
Regional Resource Centers

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.

**Latin American Regional Resource Center**
Located in Argentina, this RRC fulfills the need for evidence-based materials, training, and networking opportunities in Spanish and Portuguese for professionals across Latin America.

**Arab Regional Resource Center**
Based in Saudi Arabia 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.

**Asian Regional Resource Center**
Located in Chennai, India, 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**
In collaboration with Childline South Africa, this RRC provides resources, trainings, and a supportive network for those involved in child abuse and neglect prevention across Africa.
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.

World Health Organization is a scientific sponsor of ISPCAN Congresses providing keynote speakers from WHO and PAHO for our International Congresses. In 2018, ISPCAN partnered with WHO and the GPeV to add workshops on the INSPIRE Strategies for ending violence against children to both event programs.

Oak Foundation is family-led and reflects the vision and values of its founders. We have worked with Oak to pursue rights-based approaches, and sexual abuse prevention resources. ISPCAN builds region specific, culturally appropriate and multi-lingual resources with the support of Oak.

**Powerful New 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.

This is why ISPCAN has partnered with End Violence Against Children for “Agenda 2030” which calls for all countries and all stakeholders to come together in a collaborative partnership to deliver sustainable development to all, and especially to the poorest and most vulnerable.
ISPCAN Doing More

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 Civil Society (CSO) Forum to work 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. 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.

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 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 2018: Current assets at the end of 2017 were $809,928, property and equipment at cost (less depreciation) was $3,218. Total assets were $815,552 and total liabilities were $155,151, bringing ISPCAN’s year-end net assets to $660,401. This is a net decrease in net assets of $194,026, and is primarily reflected in a decrease in cash, receivables and other current assets.

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.
Expanding Our Reach

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

In 2018, ISPCAN gained more than 400 new members through our Congress and conference in Prague, Czech Republic, and Montego Bay, Jamaica.

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 in 2018.

ISPCAN has seen tremendous growth in its digital community. This is the lifeblood of our communications with our international network.
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.

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