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# 10<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection



## Sofia, Bulgaria, June, 26-29, 2024



### Welcome in 2024 to Sofia, Bulgaria for the 10th ICIAR!



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**More details will follow soon**

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# Not a Member of ISIPAR Yet?



## Join ISIPAR

All persons who are interested in issues of Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection are invited to join the Society. Complete the form from website [Membership Application](#)

## Purpose

The purpose of the Society is to support and encourage research and practice worldwide related to issues of interpersonal acceptance and rejection, including but not limited to parental acceptance-rejection, peer acceptance-rejection, acceptance-rejection in intimate adult relationships, and acceptance-rejection in other attachment relationships throughout the lifespan.

## Membership Fee

From the table of dues information below and the countries represented within each of the economic categories, please select the membership type, annual dues rate, number of years, and World Bank economic category that applies to your membership.

	1-Year rate (\$ US)	2-Year rate (\$ US)
<b>High Income Economies</b>		
Full Member	\$45	\$77
Emeritus/Retiree	\$34	\$58
Student*	\$22	\$37
<b>Upper Middle Income Economies</b>		
Full Member	\$35	\$60
Emeritus/Retiree	\$26	\$44
Student*	\$17	\$29
<b>Lower Middle Income Economies</b>		



# What would you like to see on ISIPAR website?

Dear readers, you are invited to send your valuable suggestions for additions or corrections to ISIPAR's Executive Director (Ronald P. Rohner, [r.rohner@uconn.edu](mailto:r.rohner@uconn.edu)).

## Dear ISIPAR community,

The Ronald and Nancy Rohner Center for the Study of Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection is devoted to understanding interpersonal relationships, especially parent-child relationships, and intimate adult relationships, and their long-term effects. Researchers associated with the Center coordinate national and international projects and consult with state and national agencies to assess and promote sound parenting, healthy social and emotional development, and healthy adult relationships.



**Current and Recent IPARTheory-Related Research and Applications in the USA and Internationally**

**Affective Coping**

**Fear of Intimacy (FOI)**

**Loneliness Project**

**Parental Alienation**

**Teacher Acceptance-Rejection Project (TARP)**

**Forgiveness Project**



# NATIONAL HUGGING DAY – January 21



**HUGGING**  
is....

**Healing**  
touch

**Caring**  
touch.

**CARING**  
touch is...



# HAVE YOU HUGGED A FRIEND TODAY?



Benefits of Affection Given and Affection Received



Improved mental health



Improved physical health



**Improved interpersonal relationships**



Improved cognitive performance



Buffer against depression and depressed affect



And many other benefits



# ISIPAR Executive Council – Officers and Regional representatives

## Officers (2022-2024)

President: .....Nadia Koltcheva, PhD  
 President-Elect:.....Vincenzo Paolo Senese, PhD  
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## Regional Representatives (2022-2026)

East Asia:..... Xuan Li, PhD  
 Europe:.....Miguel Carrasco, PhD  
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 South Asia:..... Sadiq Hussain, PhD  
 North Africa and the Middle East(2020-2024):..... Ebru Akun, PhD  
 South America (2020-2024):..... Tatiana Melendez-Rhodes, PhD  
 Southeast Asia (2020-2024):.....Maria (Kit) Diaz, MD

**Insular Pacific  
 and Australia  
 Vacant.  
 Nominations  
 (including self-  
 nominations)  
 are welcomed**