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ISIPAR Nominees for Office

PRESIDENT-ELECT:

Farah Malik, PhD

Professor, Institute of Applied Psychology,
University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan.



Farah did her PhD in Psychology from Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan. She completed two postdoctoral research trainings, one of which was at the Rohner Center for the Study of Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, US.

She has been affiliated with the Rohner Center since 1996. Farah served as ISIPAR's Regional Representative for South Asia from 2014 through 2018. She organized an International Conference of Applied Psychology (ICAP-2019) where IPARTheory researchers delivered keynote addresses. Her research interests include clinical psychology, family violence, child abuse and neglect, cognitive and forensic psychology, and parental and teachers' acceptance rejection. Farah has worked on many internationally collaborative projects on IPARTheory and has over 100 publications. She has

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE for North Africa and Middle East:

Nour Zaki, PhD

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology,
American University in Cairo.



Nour's research focuses on lifespan human development, specifically the effects of childhood attachment on adult development. She is particularly interested in perinatal psychology, maternal mental health, and how mother's childhood memories of interpersonal acceptance and rejection may affect her transition to motherhood.

Nour is a registered facilitator of the Circle of Security Parenting program (COSP) from Circle of Security International and Bringing Baby Home Program (BBH) from the Gottman Institute. She is a member of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association for Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health (APPPAH). She is also a participating research member of the Rohner Center at the University of Connecticut.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE for SOUTH AMERICA:



Tatiana Melendez-Rhodes, PhD

Associated Professor, Counselor Education and Family Therapy
Central Connecticut State University, CT, USA.

Tatiana is an Associate Professor and the Program Coordinator of the Marriage and Family Therapy Program at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU). She is also a licensed marriage and family therapist in Connecticut, a Clinical Fellow of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), an AAMFT Approved Supervisor, and a former Fulbright Scholar. She received her masters and doctoral degrees in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Connecticut. She has collaborated in projects related to issues of acceptance-rejection and has presented in international conferences on interpersonal acceptance and rejection (ICIAR).

Nominations and Self-nominations for open for:

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE for Central and South Africa

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE for Insular Pacific & Australia

ISIPAR Officers and Regional Representatives Voting Instructions

Voting will be carried out electronically via a GoogleForm, which all paid-up members of ISIPAR will receive via email. You will have 2 weeks to vote once the Form goes out, and the results will be reported in the January 2024 issue of *Interpersonal Acceptance*.

For questions about the election or voting process, please contact Sumbleen Ali at rohner.isipar@gmail.com. If you have not paid your dues for 2023, please do so immediately as **only paid-up members of ISIPAR will have their votes counted.**





10th CIAR, Sofia, Bulgaria, 2023

It is my great pleasure and honor to welcome you on behalf of the International Society for Interpersonal Acceptance-Rejection (ISIPAR) to the 10th International Congress on Interpersonal Acceptance-Rejection, to be held from the 26th through 29th of June 2024 at the New Bulgarian University in Sofia, Bulgaria. As the President of ISIPAR, I am excited to host this prestigious event that brings together scholars, researchers, and practitioners from all over the world. Your knowledge, expertise, and passion for this field are the driving force behind the success of the congress.

The congress promises to be a stimulating platform for exchanging cutting-edge research, engaging in thought-provoking discussions, and fostering collaborations. It is an opportunity to learn from renowned experts, share innovative ideas, and engage in intellectual discourse in shaping the future of the field of interpersonal acceptance and rejection. I encourage you to actively participate, share your insights, and contribute. It is a great opportunity to meet, exchange ideas and knowledge, collaborate toward developing new perspectives and solutions, as well as to network and build relationships with other like-minded professionals.

We are confident that the warm and welcoming environment of Sofia, a city renowned for its rich cultural heritage and hospitable atmosphere, will create an unforgettable experience for all of you. Apart from the enriching academic program, the congress also offers ample opportunities for networking, social interactions, and cultural exchanges, providing a unique platform for building connections, friendships, and collaborations that can last a lifetime.

Once again, a warm welcome to the 10th International Congress of Interpersonal Acceptance-Rejection at the New Bulgarian University in Sofia, Bulgaria. Be a part of this global gathering of scholars and practitioners! Let us come together to advance our understanding of interpersonal acceptance and rejection and collectively contribute to the betterment of our field.

I look forward to meeting you in person and to an intellectually stimulating and rewarding congress.

Sincerely,
Nadia Koltcheva
ISIPAR's President

ICIAR 2024

New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria
June 26-29, 2024



Abstract submissions:

NOW OPEN through October 31st, 2023

Submit via [ICIAR Website](#)

Early registration:

NOW OPEN through December 31st, 2023

Regular registration:

January 1st, 2024 through February 29th, 2024

****Note that ISIPAR members receive a significant discount on registration for the 2024 ICIAR congress.****

Abstract Submissions

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IPARTheory's Global Reach Continues to Expand



As of September, 2023, *Introduction to Interpersonal Acceptance-Rejection Theory (IPARTheory) and Evidence* has been downloaded 26,909 times by 1,775 institutions in 163 countries!

Data from ScholarWorks

Rohner, R. P. (2021). Introduction to Interpersonal Acceptance-Rejection Theory (IPARTheory) and Evidence. *Online Readings in Psychology and Culture*, 6(1). <https://doi.org/10.9707/2307-0919.1055>



International Psychology – Division 52 Of The American Psychological Association

APA's 2023 Jean Lau Chin Award for Outstanding Professional Psychologist in International Leadership Contributions

For more than six decades, Rohner has been studying the psychology of interpersonal relationships from international and cross-cultural perspectives. Although this body of research is extensive and multidisciplinary, his greatest scientific contributions to international psychology have been in the development and pancultural testing of Interpersonal Acceptance-Rejection Theory (IPARTheory), along with the development of 39 self-report measures in up to 76 languages worldwide to test the theory.

Rohner has helped shape the future of international and cross-cultural psychology by fostering multiple generations of talented trainees and faculty internationally through mentorship to enable them to attain their full scholarly potential. He serves as a mentor and supervisor for scores of researchers internationally who struggle to publish in English, and who don't command the same resources as researchers in higher income countries. As a mentor he is a didactic instructor, a passionate researcher, an upholder of impeccable standards, a compassionate listener, and above all a friend. Because of his mentoring efforts in his specialty area dealing with the effects, antecedents, and other correlates of interpersonal acceptance-rejection across culture he has huge archive of over 500 theses and dissertations completed by students internationally. Many of these individuals now hold senior leadership positions at academic institutions internationally, and many continue to emulate the superb mentoring they received by providing excellent mentoring to the next generation.



Rohner is author of interpersonal acceptance-rejection theory (IPARTheory). IPARTheory's focus on felt-acceptance has led to empirical evidence that the need to feel cared about (loved/accepted) by attachment figures is a human universal and that the failure to have this need satisfied appropriately leads to suboptimal developmental outcomes across all cultures. Recent metrics of [ScholarWorks on this topic](#) show that one of his publications has been downloaded 26,909 times by researchers from 163 countries from 1,775 academic institutions.

The international focus of Rohner's work has broadened the base of psychological research (which is plagued by representation from mostly "WEIRD" cultures). Importantly, his commitment to international research resulted in 1971 in helping to create the Society for Cross-Cultural Research (SCCR). He also organized its first conference in 1972. Later in 2006, he founded the International Society for Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection (ISIPAR). For his contributions to international and cross-cultural psychology, Rohner was given SCCR's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2020, and he received Division 52's Award for the Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology (2004); the Outstanding International Psychologist Award (2008, USA); and the Henry David International Mentoring Award (2017).

Rohner is a shining example of what the Jean Lau Chin Award represents. He has dedicated his lifelong career to studying conditions that promote well-being of children and youth across cultures. He is deserving of the Jean Lau Chin Award on every level. His international contributions to psychological theory and practice, to basic and applied research, and to capacity-building as a mentor make him uniquely worthy of this award.

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