Newsletter for the International Congress of Psychology 2016 (ICP2016) Yokohama, Japan

Congress Theme: Diversity in Harmony: Insights from Psychology
In today’s world, diversity in our world can be seen as both problematic and beneficial. Diversity is related to ethnicity and culture, as well as physical attributes and health. There is also diversity among the various domains of the field of psychology. The term ‘harmony’ is derived from Greek words meaning “joint, agreement, concord” and “to fit together, to join,” and is most often used in music to indicate different tones that make a pleasing or striking sound when played together. This concept of “living together,” i.e., of many diverse constituent parts coexisting in accord, forms the basis of ICP2016.

Important Notice: The deadline for all abstract submissions for oral and poster presentations, contributed and invited symposium speakers, and thematic session speakers has been extended to January 15, 2016.

Considering the great number of requests from participants, the Scientific Program Committee has decided to receive abstract submissions from Oral/Poster presenters, Symposium speakers, and Thematic Session speakers until January 15, 2016 (24:00, Japan Standard Time). Please note that feedback on the review results of abstracts submitted after December 1, 2015, will not be sent until mid-March, 2016. For more information please see http://www.icp2016.jp/abstract.html#guidelines.

Requests from the program committee
We eagerly hope that all of you will come to Yokohama in 2016 to present your new ideas and research findings and to have face-to-face discussions with fellow psychologists from throughout the world, making ICP2016 a success.

Introducing Several Keynote Speakers of the ICP2016
Twenty-nine keynote speakers will speak at ICP2016. Six keynote speakers are introduced here. For the latest list of speakers and more information, please visit http://www.icp2016.jp/program05.html

Josep Call
School of Psychology and Neuroscience, University of St Andrews, UK
Title: On space geckos and urban apes: thinking outside the box

Stevan E. Hobfoll
Department of Behavioral Sciences, Rush University Medical Center, USA
Title: Resilience and Vulnerability in the Stress Process: Our Trains Run on Both Tracks

Shinobu Kitayama
Department of Psychology, University of Michigan, USA
Title: Affective Foundations of Sociality: Co-evolution of Genes and Culture
The official Facebook and Twitter accounts of the events are now online.

**Congress Venue**

Pacifico Yokohama is one of Japan's most distinguished convention centers. It is located on the waterfront of Yokohama Bay, directly facing the water with a striking harbor view. The Pacifico consists of the National Convention Hall, the Conference Center, the Exhibition Hall, and hotels. All buildings are designed in marine and nature motifs, such as the shapes of waves and wind. Visitors can relax as fresh breezes blow in off the ocean.

**Yokohama City**

The conference will be held in Yokohama, the harbor city first introduced to the world as the gateway to Japan. Yokohama is located in the heart of Japan, very near Tokyo. Information on Yokohama is available from the website of the Yokohama Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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**Title of Presentations by Keynote Address**

The titles of presentation by twelve keynote addresses are introduced as follows. For the photographs of the speakers and more information, please visit [http://www.icp2016.jp/program05.html](http://www.icp2016.jp/program05.html).

- Colin F. Camerer (California Institute of Technology, USA): Game theory and the psychology of strategic thinking
- Wolfram Schultz (University of Cambridge, UK): Decision making and reward related activity in the prefrontal cortex, striatum and amygdala
- Reid Hastie (University of Chicago, USA): Going Beyond the Information Given: The Primary Role of Causal Thinking
- Diana Deutsch (University of California, San Diego, USA): Musical illusions, absolute pitch, and other mysteries
- Frans B. M. de Waal (Emory University, USA): Cognitive Continuity: A Kingdom Full of Special Mental Capacities
- Ralph Adolphs (California Institute of Technology, USA): Social cognition, the amygdala, and autism
- Carsten De Dreau (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands): Neurocognitive and Motivational Underpinnings of In-Group Bounded Cooperation
- Fanny M. Cheung (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong): Culturally-relevant Personality Assessment
- Ray Bull (University of Leicester, UK): Research on improving the interviewing of suspects

An upcoming newsletter will introduce other keynote speakers and provide more information about the congress, including details of the Emergent Psychologists Program, social events, etc.

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We look forward to welcoming you in Yokohama, Japan.

Best regards,

The ICP2016 Organizing Committee