

## DIVISION 15 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



### 1. New Division 15 Ambassadors elected

We are pleased to announce that we have 2 new ambassadors of Division 15 joining our board.

Please meet and welcome **Jennifer Ambassador for Africa and Karen Ambassador for North America!**



**Jennifer Namutebi** is a Ugandan Psychologist and Consultant whose main interest is in the field of work and organisational psychology. She holds a Master's Degree in Business Psychology from Makerere University and is pursuing doctoral studies in human flourishing at work. She also holds a Bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management and an Advanced Diploma in Social Psychology. She currently lectures at Nkumba University under the school of Business and Information Technology with special focus on organisational and people development disciplines. She's been involved in various research project in the field of

business psychology in the SME and NGO world and has a strong passion when it comes to promoting positive psychology at work and in everyday life. Jennifer has worked on various individual capacity development projects in Africa and is a Business Mentor for the Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship (TEF) program aimed at empowering young African entrepreneurs and catalyze Africa's development. She believes in the IAAP mission and works to promote and create awareness of the Division 15 Agenda among various stakeholders in Uganda and Africa as a whole.



**Karen R. MacDonald**, Yorkville University, Canada

Karen MacDonald is a Master's student in Counselling Psychology. She is a Student Representative for the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association, Canada's national professional organization. Before she returned to school as a mature student to obtain a Specialized Honours Bachelor of Arts in Psychology *summa cum laude*, her career included developing relationships with national and international clients. Her undergraduate research experience included a systematic review of literature according to PRISMA guidelines; a study that contributed to policy at a

community organization; and data management for a large longitudinal aging study. Her Honours thesis poster was awarded second place at the Neuropsychology Honours Thesis Research Conference, Toronto. She believes that an international perspective

enriches and empowers both the discipline of Psychology and its practitioners. Being a part of this community of like-minded professionals presents important opportunities to collaborate and to gain international experience and a global perspective on our profession's potential to contribute to the betterment of society

Thus, we have a **new open call for Ambassadors** in the following regions:  
**Oceania**

If you always wanted to work in an international environment and share your enthusiasm in applied psychology, we are waiting for you!

Tasks and responsibilities:

- Promotion of IAAP and an active role in the board of IAAP Division 15
- Be the person of reference in each global region who could serve as a linking bridge between the international and local level. Through you, Division 15 can be in more direct contact with its members in all countries.
- Suggest and help in organizing activities that may be of interest in their regions (such as Congresses, research projects, webinars, exchange programmes, etc.), to highlight the main challenges that psychology students may have in their area and also the strengths that psychology have in the region.
- Collaborate with the division board members on diverse IAAP projects

Are you a current IAAP full member and part of Division15, or are you willing to join IAAP if selected? Are you willing to show your enthusiasm for collaborating in an international teamwork dedicated to spread psychology knowledge around the world?

**Apply today by sending your CV and motivation letter max 250 words to (iaap.student@gmail.com).**

Looking forward to receiving your applications!

## 2. Division 15 Members Survey

As I mentioned in my keynote during the Early Career marathon , division 15 would like to get to know more about you and your needs as a member of the division in order to plan our activities accordingly and contribute to our networking and professional development.

**We want to hear your voice!**

Please take your time ( won't take more than 7 minutes) and respond to the survey by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/nQDeDJXKMMkgNpyKA>

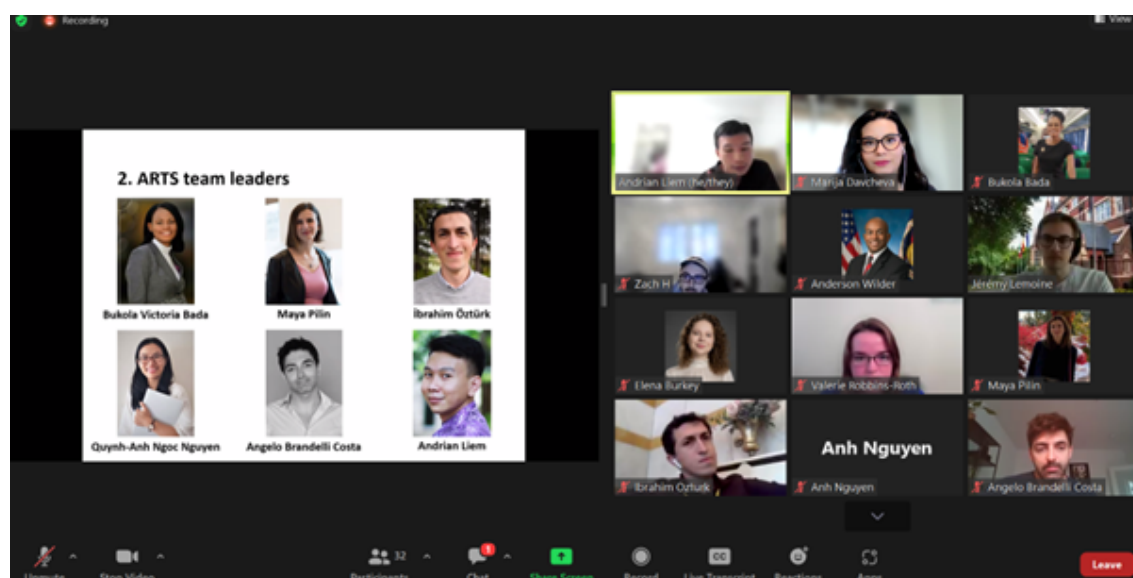
We thank you in advance for your time and dedication!

## 3. ARTS kick - off meeting

The ARTS project Advanced Research Training Seminar held its kick off meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November. During this meeting the team leaders and team members of the 6 international research teams had the pleasure to meet and start planning their participation in the project. The organizing committee lead by prof. Richard Griffith and prof. Jeremy Lemoine introduced the project and welcomed the participants.

We hope that this will be a very fruitful experience for everyone involved in ARTS!

Good luck with the start of you research projects!



Best regards,

**Marija Davcheva**

IAAP Division 15 President