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DIVISION 8 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEW MEMBER

Diana Taut, Ph.D., researcher and lecturer at the Department of Psychology, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania, has joined The Executive Committee of Division 8 of IAAP. Welcome, Diana!

CALL FOR STUDY PARTICIPANTS

You are invited to check out and participate in the research on the topic of climate change and health. Please click [here](#) to enter a survey in German, English and Spanish. This topic is very important as it also relates to individual health, health behavior and self-regulation. Please also invite others to participate and support this initiative.

RECENT EVENTS



The “*Early Screening of Specific Learning Disabilities using AI/Machine Learning*” workshop was held on 26th and 27th of February 2024 at

Colombo engaging with Health Informatics research project activities where researchers, medical practitioners, special educators, and government officials of Sri Lanka participated in the event. The programme was attended by Prof. **Braj Bhushan**, IIT Kanpur, India, Professor Protheepan Yogaraja, Ulster University, UK, Professor Mamun, Bangladesh, and Dr. Asiri, Family Health Bureau, Govt. of Sri Lanka.

A two-day event, *UK LMIC Research Network for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ULMiRN-ASD)*, was organized by IIT Kanpur in association with Ulster University, UK. Ms. Archana from Tamana (NGO) and Mr. Ram Bhupal and Dr. Afroz from UDDAN (NGO) shared the lived experience of

autism from the perspective of NGOs & parents. Mr. Gyan Prakash and Mr. Manas Sinha, the directors of Cute Brains Pvt. Ltd., presented the story of a start-up sharing the experience of taking Autism related research from Lab to the field. On the second day Professor Girijesh Prasad and Dr. Ryan Beveridge of Ulster



University, UK, discussed ASD research at Ulster. Following this, Prof. **Braj Bhushan** spoke about Autism research at IIT Kanpur highlighting the developments towards early detection of Autism. Mr. Umer Jon Ganai, Ms. Riya Mishra and Mr. Rishabh Pandey showcased their respective work on early detection, social robotics, and intervention for Children with ASD. Professor Shefali Gulati, AIIMS New Delhi, discussed Autism research at AIIMS, New Delhi. The two days event ended with high hopes and promises towards early detection and timely intervention for children with autism.

RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Prof. **Braj Bhushan**, Pavitar Joneja Chair Professor of Psychology at the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, has been elected Fellow of the British Psychological Society.

Karolina Zarychta, Ph.D., an associate professor at the SWPS University, Wroclaw, Poland, became a project leader and principal investigator in [Men-specific model of Eating Disorders and its use in psychoeducation: longitudinal and experimental research](#) project (no. 2022/47/D/HS6/0030 9) funded by the National Science Center, Poland. The project started in February 2024 and will be completed in February 2027.

Congratulations on your achievements.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Ju, Q., Wu, X., Li, B., Peng, H., Lippke, S., & Gan, Y. (2024). Regulation of craving training to support healthy food choices under stress: A randomized control trial employing the hierarchical drift-diffusion model. *Applied Psychology: Health and Well-Being*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/aphw.12522>

Keller, F. M., Dahmen, A., Kötting, L., Derksen, C., & Lippke, S. (2024). Evaluation of Social-Cognitive Determinants of Patients' Hand Hygiene Decisions and the Role of Mental Health in a Cross-Sectional and a Longitudinal Study of German Patients. *Hygiene*, 4(1), 76-92. <https://doi.org/10.3390/hygiene4010005>

Kulis, E., Szczuka, Z., Banik, A., Siwa, M., Boberska, M., Zarychta, K., Zaleskiewicz, H., Knoll, N., Radtke, T., Scholz, U., Schenkel, K., & Luszczynska, A. (2023). Physical activity planning interventions, body fat and energy-dense food intake in dyads: ripple, spillover, or compensatory effects?. *Psychology & Health*, 1–21. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08870446.2023.2233001>

ANY NEWS TO SHARE?

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