



# THE BULLETIN OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON AGGRESSION

Vol 34, No 1 June 2012

*President:* Craig A. Anderson, [caa@iastate.edu](mailto:caa@iastate.edu)  
*President-Elect:* John F. Knutson, [john-knutson@uiowa.edu](mailto:john-knutson@uiowa.edu)  
*Past President:* Deborah Richardson, [drichardson@aug.edu](mailto:drichardson@aug.edu)

*Executive Secretary:* Michael Potegal, [poteg001@umn.edu](mailto:poteg001@umn.edu)  
*Treasurer:* Eric F. Dubow, [edubow@bgsu.edu](mailto:edubow@bgsu.edu)  
*Archivist:* Roger Johnson, [r66nj@yahoo.com](mailto:r66nj@yahoo.com)

*North American Editor of the ISRA Bulletin:* Eric F. Dubow, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH USA 43403, [edubow@bgsu.edu](mailto:edubow@bgsu.edu)  
*European Editor of the ISRA Bulletin:* Ingrid Möller, Potsdam University, Potsdam, Germany, [ingrid.moeller@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:ingrid.moeller@uni-potsdam.de)

*ISRA home page:* <http://www.israsociety.com>, webmaster: [Delville@psy.utexas.edu](mailto:Delville@psy.utexas.edu)

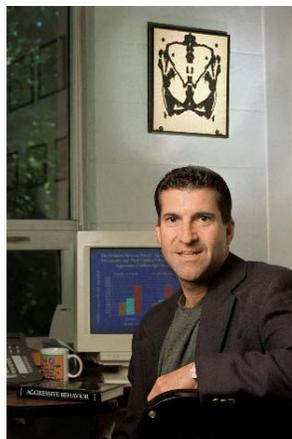
*The North American Editor produced this issue*

## Contents of this Issue

<b>Pgs 2-3</b>	Editorial	<b>Pg 11</b>	Information on <i>Aggressive Behavior</i> online
<b>Pgs 3-4</b>	A Message from Our President, Craig Anderson	<b>Pgs 12-16</b>	Book Reviews
<b>Pgs 5-6</b>	A Message from Our President-Elect, John Knutson	<b>Pgs 17-19</b>	Recent Adolescent Aggression Research from the Society for Research on Adolescence
<b>Pgs 6-7</b>	A Message from Our Executive Secretary, Michael Potegal	<b>Pgs 20-23</b>	Conference Announcements/ Call for Papers
<b>Pgs 8-9</b>	2012 World Meeting: Program Overview	<b>Pgs 24-25</b>	ISRA Flyer
<b>Pg 10</b>	Important ISRA Notices		

## Editorial

Eric Dubow,  
North American *Bulletin* Editor



Welcome to the June 2012 edition of the *ISRA Bulletin*. It's exciting to write this editorial because in just a few short weeks, we will be convening for our XXth World Meeting in Luxembourg. This promises to be an engaging meeting of the highest scholarly quality, thanks in large part to our local **Organizing Committee** in Luxembourg (Christian Happ, André Melzer, and Georges Steffgen). I want to make a special note of thanks to those who worked hard to put this meeting together, including the **Scientific Program Committee** (Daniel Antonius, Katja Bertsch, Yvon Delville, Nicola Graham-Kevan, Jozsef Haller, Jane Ireland, John Knutson (Chair), André Melzer, Georges Steffgen, and Tracy Vaillancourt), and several special award committees: the **J. P. Scott Award Committee** (Nathan DeWall, Sergio Pellis, Adrian Raine, and Deborah Richardson (Chair)); the **Kirsti Lagerspetz Award Committee** (Kaj Björkqvist (Chair)); and the **Young Investigators Committee** (Michael Potegal (Chair), Sarah Coyne, Dominic Parrott, Wayne Warburton).

Later in the *Bulletin* you can read about some highlights of the upcoming Luxembourg

meeting. But I do want to note that we are very fortunate to have three keynote speakers: **James Blair**, a cognitive neuroscientist at the National Institute of Mental Health; **Miles Hewstone**, an experimental social psychologist at the University of Oxford; and **Randy Nelson**, a behavioral neuroscientist at the Ohio State University.

*I* start this *Bulletin* with words from our President, Craig Anderson, our President-Elect, John Knutson, and our Executive Secretary, Mike Potegal. Then, I present the Program Overview for our XXth World Meeting in Luxembourg (July 17-21). You will be impressed by the range of cutting edge research being conducted by ISRA members in the areas of genetic, hormonal, and neurophysiological influences; animal models of conflict; media violence and cyberbullying; ethnic-political violence, terrorism, and prejudice; sexual victimization and relationship violence; family and parental violence; and alcohol and personality factors in aggression and violence. Next, I present some Important ISRA Notices, including information from our Archivist, Roger Johnson, who has been working to archive ISRA Conference Proceedings online through the American Psychological Association's PsycEXTRA. Next, I present reviews of recently published books on antisocial behavior and crime, and children and media violence, that I think you'll find interesting. Then, for our members who are interested in adolescent aggression, I included a listing of presentations on the most recent adolescent aggression research from the March 2012 meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence. Finally, I present announcements of upcoming conferences and a journal call for

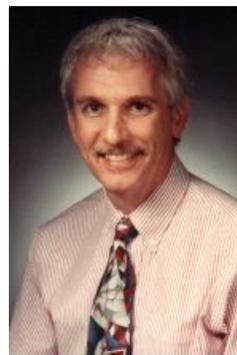
papers that may be of interest to ISRA members.

*As* always, we end the *Bulletin* with the ISRA Flyer that is designed to describe our society, increase our exposure, and attract new members; **be sure to share this flyer with your colleagues and students.**

*In* closing, please remember that our goal for the *Bulletin* is to keep our members informed of scholarship in the area of aggression and to share each other's work. So, please email Ingrid ([ingrid.moeller@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:ingrid.moeller@uni-potsdam.de)) any materials you would like us to include in the next issue of the *Bulletin* in December 2012.

Hoping to see you in Luxembourg!!! Eric

## A Message from Our President, Craig Anderson



Dear ISRA colleagues,

Hello again. As you all know, the 20<sup>th</sup> ISRA World Meeting in Luxembourg is nearly upon us. The program committee, chaired by President-elect John Knutson, and the organization committee (Christian Happ, André Melzer, Georges Steffgen) have put together a fascinating set of talks, posters, addresses, and activities. I would like to thank them and the two award committees (J.P. Scott Award, chaired by Past-President Deborah Richardson; Kirsti Lagerspetz Award, chaired by Kaj Björkqvist) for their efforts.

Also, it appears that we have another stellar group of Young Investigators coming to participate in our Young Investigators Program. Many thanks to Michael Potegal for once again chairing this program, in addition to serving as ISRA's Executive Secretary. I look forward to meeting this year's YIPees.

While on the topic of recognizing various key ISRA contributors, I also would like to thank Eric Dubow for his service as ISRA's treasurer and North American editor of the *ISRA Bulletin*, Roger Johnson for his service as ISRA's archivist, and Ingrid Möller for her service as the European editor of the *ISRA Bulletin*. My job as President has been made

much easier because of the contributions of these individuals, and of various members of the society who have served on various committees and the Council.

### **ISRA Violent Media Effects Commission**

As you may recall from the last *ISRA Bulletin*, I appointed a Commission charged with creating a statement on the scientific evidence regarding the effects of media violence. The Commission has been hard at work on this task. I have seen multiple drafts, and am looking forward to receiving the completed statement.

### **Giving Away Our Science**

In my June 2011 President's Letter to the *ISRA Bulletin*, I discussed in some detail the importance (and difficulties) of giving away the fruits of our scientific endeavors.

Unfortunately, some groups don't want to hear what science has to say, particularly when scientific findings seem to threaten corporate profits, personal beliefs, or political ideologies. Nonetheless, I believe that we have an obligation to inform the general public and public policy makers of our discoveries, both as individual scientists as well as groups of scholars such as ISRA.

Of course, one has to balance this obligation against other personal and professional obligations, costs and realities. For example, if I were to personally respond to each request I get to give interviews (often to elementary, middle, and high school students), I would not get much else done. Furthermore, the personal costs incurred by dealing with the press and the general public can be very high. In other words, each of us needs to choose where to spend our limited time and energy in giving away our expertise.

One way that ISRA can contribute to educating others about aggression and violence is through creating consensus statements on key topics. The Violent Media Effects Commission is one

such attempt. Another way might be to get involved in creating and/or correcting entries in Wikipedia. A brief review of some of the entries in this widely used web resource reveals a wide range of accuracy. Some of the entries concerning media violence, for instance, clearly were written by media industry supporters, rather than by true experts. Indeed, someone apparently has created a biography of me on Wikipedia, without ever contacting me or checking various "facts." There are established procedures for submitting new entries and editing or challenging existing entries, though I confess to not having done any of this myself.

One idea we might consider during the Luxembourg meetings is the possibility of identifying and appointing an ISRA Wikipedia expert or a committee of experts, whose main role is to provide support and advice to any ISRA member who wishes to create, edit, or challenge a Wikipedia entry concerning our areas of expertise. Just a thought for all to consider for the future.

### **Promote ISRA**

Once again, I ask all ISRA members to please look around your own university, your own scholarly "back yard," for people whose research interests intersect with aggression in an important way. Encourage them to join ISRA, to put together symposia for future World Meetings, to submit papers to *Aggressive Behavior*. And don't forget about your own graduate students. Student memberships are inexpensive and very valuable.

It has been an honor to serve as your President. I hope to see very many of you Luxembourg!

Regards,

Craig

**A Message from Our President-Elect,  
John Knutson**



Dear ISRA colleagues,

Firstly, I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the members of the Nominations Committee and the Program Committee. Both committees functioned effectively and they met their respective charges with great efficiency and effectiveness. Their efforts are reflected in a very strong ISRA program and an outstanding slate of nominees for President-Elect, Treasurer, and Council. I would also like to add a word of thanks to the nominees for their willingness to serve. ISRA members are active scholars, and most active scholars are short on time. Thus, being willing to devote some of that precious time to the function of the organization, if elected, is certainly appreciated.

I am really looking forward to the 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial World Meeting in Luxembourg this July. It will be my fifteenth ISRA World Meeting (I also attended a few “off year” regional meetings) and it is causing me to reflect on the benefits that I have received from ISRA membership and the benefits of

my attendance at all those meetings. I can think of many ways my research has been influenced by presentations by researchers whose work was close to mine. Importantly, I can think of many instances where my work was influenced by ISRA scholars whose work was more distant from mine. I can also think of the personal and scholarly connections with aggression researchers from Europe and the US. Those personal connections had a great impact on my scholarly work over almost four decades since my first ISRA meeting. It is improbable that I would have established those relationships and those friendships without the ISRA World Meetings. Thus, for me, it is the international and interdisciplinary nature of ISRA that has afforded me great benefit.

Because ISRA has been very beneficial to me, I have been surprised that our membership waxes and wanes over time, and never seems to increase in a manner that I believe would be desirable. Over the years, I have served as a member of Council and an ISRA officer. During that time, ISRA has formulated a variety of strategies to reach potential new members and to increase our membership roles. While I believe those membership initiatives have been thoughtful and appropriate, to date they have not paid dividends in increasing ISRA membership significantly. Although there are true benefits associated with being part of a relatively small professional society, I still believe that ISRA would be enhanced by increasing the breadth of scholarship that is represented. Thus, I, like other current and former officers, would like to see ISRA grow.

A few years ago, when he was President of ISRA, Menno Kruk provided some illuminating data regarding the World

Meeting attendance rates of ISRA members and nonmembers over an extended period of time. Surprisingly, there are relatively few ISRA members who can be characterized as “chronic attenders,” like me. There was a large group of members who attend regularly, but intermittently, and there was a sizeable number of attendees who only attended a single meeting. I recognize that there are many factors that can contribute to attendance at meetings, but I believe that the perfect mechanism for increasing ISRA membership is assuring those in attendance have such a positive experience that they start planning for the next ISRA meeting as soon as the current meeting has ended. I believe the forthcoming meeting is in a great venue and it has a strong program. I know there will be many new faces at the meeting in Luxembourg. I hope we old ISRA members can help make the ISRA experience so positive that this meeting yields many new members who become chronic attenders like me.

I look forward to seeing old friends and new members in Luxembourg. If you are not attending ISRA this year, please start planning to attend the next Biennial Meeting in 2014. I am sure it will be worth your time.

Regards,

John

**A Message from Our Executive  
Secretary,  
Michael Potegal**



Dear ISRA Colleagues:

I have two very important pieces of information to share.

**The 2012 ISRA Young Investigators Program at the World Meeting**

The 2012 YI Program was announced in a broad emailing to junior authors on publications on aggression between 2010-2012 in journals across many fields; Andre Melzer and his staff contributed to this major effort. We received 42 applications (the highest number yet) which were winnowed down to 12 excellent candidates by the YI Program selection committee (Sarah Coyne, Dominic Parrott, & Wayne Warburton, with final decisions by YI Chair Mike Potegal). The invitation to join this year’s program was accepted by all 12 (8 grad students, 2 postdocs, 1 forensic psychologist, & 1 assistant professor). ISRA covers almost full expenses for YIs, including travel, so for budgetary reasons this group is tilted towards Europeans (N=7), but with some geographic outreach in keeping with ISRA’s frequently expressed desire for broader international inclusion/representation (2 N. Americans and 1 YI each from S. America, Africa, and Australia). (For the same budgetary reasons,

the 2010 Storrs YI group was tilted toward N. Americans.)

Mentor panels for informal, mealtime discussions with the YIs will be organized in the next few weeks. In keeping with feedback from the 2010 YIs, this year's pre-meeting workshop will focus on the writing & getting of grants for the study of aggression. I will lead this discussion because I know something about how to get such grants and a great deal more about how not to get them. We look forward to a great experience with YIs getting to know each other and sharing their interests with current ISRA members and our members getting to know them.

### **ISRA Elections**

The ballots for the 2012 election of ISRA officers/Council members have been mailed

out. There are two nominees for President (Kaj Björkqvist and Jozsef Haller), two nominees for Treasurer (Eric F. Dubow and Jennifer Lansford), and 8 nominees for 5 positions on the ISRA Council (Marina Butovskaya, Tom Denson, Karen Dill, Doug Gentile, Jane L. Ireland, Simha Landau, Larry Owens, and Tracy Vaillancourt). Please mark your ballot and mail it back in the envelope that was enclosed to Executive Secretary Mike Potegal as quickly as possible so votes can be tallied well in advance of the July meeting when election results will be announced. If you have not received your ballot by June 15, please contact me at: [poteg001@umn.edu](mailto:poteg001@umn.edu)

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Luxembourg!

Mike

## ISRA WORLD MEETING: PROGRAM OVERVIEW



XX<sup>th</sup> ISRA World Meeting  
Luxembourg, July 17 - 21, 2012



### Tuesday, 17/Jul/2012

12:00pm - 1:30pm	<b>Young Investigators' (YI) Welcome Reception and Lunch</b>
1:30pm - 3:30pm	<b>YI Program</b>
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Coffee Break
4:00pm - 6:00pm	<b>YI Program (cont'd)</b>
4:00pm - 8:00pm	Conference Desk will be open

### Wednesday, 18/Jul/2012

8:00am - 6:30pm	Conference Desk will be open			
9:00am - 9:30am	Conference Welcome and Orientation			
9:30am - 10:30am	<b>Keynote: Intergroup Contact and the Reduction of Intergroup Conflict (M. Hewstone)</b>			
10:30am - 11:00am	Coffee Break			
11:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Media Violence I Symposium</b>	<b>Neurophysiology of Aggression Symposium</b>	<b>Bullying Symposium</b>	<b>Victimization Paper Session</b>
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch Break			
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<b>Media Violence II Symposium</b>	<b>Translational Research on Aggression I Symposium</b>	<b>Bullying and Violence in Schools I Paper Session</b>	<b>Measuring Aggression I Paper Session</b>
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<b>Poster Session I (and Coffee Break)</b>			
5:00pm - 6:30pm	<b>Animal Contests Symposium</b>	<b>Translational Research on Aggression II Symposium</b>	<b>Bullying and Violence in Schools II Paper Session</b>	<b>Measuring Aggression II Paper Session</b>
7:00pm	Guided City Tour			

### Thursday, 19/Jul/2012

8:00am - 1:30pm	Conference Desk will be open			
9:00am - 9:45am	<b>ISRA President's Address (Craig A. Anderson)</b>			
9:45am - 10:30am	<b>Scott Award Address (Kenneth Dodge)</b>			
10:30am - 11:00am	Coffee Break			
11:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Video Game Violence: The Supreme Court Case Symposium</b>	<b>Hormonal Influences on Aggression Symposium</b>	<b>Exposure to Ethnic Political Violence Symposium</b>	<b>Fatal Aggression Against Children Symposium</b>

1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch Break			
2:00pm - ...	Excursion			
<b>Friday, 20/Jul/2012</b>				
8:00am - 6:00pm	Conference Desk will be open			
9:00am - 10:00am	<b>Keynote: Gene-Environment Interactions in the Neuroendocrine Regulation of Aggression (R. J. Nelson)</b>			
10:00am - 10:30am	Coffee Break			
10:30am - 12:30pm	<b>Family Violence Symposium</b>	<b>Men's Aggression Toward Women Symposium</b>	<b>Terrorism and Threat Paper Session</b>	<b>Hormones and Aggression Paper Session</b>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch Break			
1:30pm - 3:00pm	<b>Intrafamilial Aggression Symposium</b>	<b>Alcohol-related Aggression Symposium</b>	<b>Relationship Violence I Paper Session</b>	<b>Personality Factors Paper Session</b>
3:00pm - 4:00pm	<b>Poster Sesssion II (and Coffee Break)</b>			
4:00pm - 6:00pm	<b>Trends on Cyberbullying Symposium</b>	<b>Family Factors Symposium</b>	<b>Relationship Violence II Paper Session</b>	<b>Gender Differences Paper Session</b>
7:30pm - ...	Gala Banquet at the Orangerie (Mondorf Spa) – incl. Prize Award Ceremony			
<b>Saturday, 21/Jul/2012</b>				
8:00am - 4:30pm	Conference Desk will be open			
9:00am - 10:00am	<b>Keynote: Neuro-cognitive Bases of Reactive and Instrumental Aggression (J. Blair)</b>			
10:00am - 10:30am	Coffee Break			
10:30am - 12:30pm	<b>Sexual Victimization I Symposium</b>	<b>Neural Basis of Aggressive Behavior Symposium</b>	<b>Parental Discipline Paper Session</b>	<b>Current Research on Aggression Paper Session</b>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch Break			
1:30pm - 3:30pm	<b>Sexual Victimization II Symposium</b>	<b>Personality Disorders and Aggression Symposium</b>	<b>Genetic Factors and Aggression Paper Session</b>	<b>Prejudice and Exclusion Paper Session</b>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	<b>Business Meeting</b>			
3:30pm - ...	Farewell Reception			

For an overview of the program of the ISRA World Meeting, please go to:  
<https://www.conftool.pro/isra2012/sessions.php>

For more information, see the conference website: <http://isra.uni.lu/index.php>

## Important ISRA Notices

### ISRA Conference Proceedings to be Archived in PsycEXTRA

**The American Psychological Association has offered to archive all ISRA conference proceedings into its database without charge.** Anyone using PsycEXTRA could search by author, key words, topics, or particular conferences. Much of this information is currently unavailable, especially with reference to World Meetings held before 1998. APA members will have access to this database but others will have to pay. Many institutions will also have access to PsycEXTRA. Hopefully PsycEXTRA will allow many researchers quick access to papers presented throughout the full history of ISRA. This service should bring added professional exposure for ISRA members and for the society.

Some of the conference proceedings from the 1970s, 80s, and 90s may be hard to find. The ISRA archivist (Roger Johnson, [r66nj@yahoo.com](mailto:r66nj@yahoo.com)) asks anyone with old copies to please contact him. This material will be returned after it has been scanned into the database.

### POSTDOC EXCHANGE

**The Association for Psychological Science (APS) offers a resource that may be of interest to ISRA members.** This resource will be helpful to new Ph.D.s seeking postdocs, and for faculty who have postdoctoral positions to offer!!! READ ON!!!



From: Brian Weaver, APS, Director of Marketing

I am writing to introduce you to the APS Postdoc Exchange and ask that you distribute the following announcement about it to the members of the International Society for Research on Aggression through the organization's listserv. The Exchange is a free and searchable service created to better connect postdoctoral programs with candidates. It has been a wonderful success in its first few months of operation with over 140 postdoc positions from around the world posted since its launch. Currently, the Exchange features more than 100 exciting opportunities for postdoctoral placement. To search those postings or place a free listing, click [here](http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/post-doc-exchange). (<http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/post-doc-exchange>)

The Exchange is an excellent resource for our field and a great opportunity to advertise postdoc, fellowship, and internship positions. It is a tremendous benefit for students seeking opportunities in our field and related disciplines around the world.

### ISRA WEBMASTER

Our ISRA webmaster is Yvon Delville, Dept. of Psychology, The University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712. Please contact Yvon at [Delville@psy.utexas.edu](mailto:Delville@psy.utexas.edu) if there is information you would like to see on the website: [www.ISRASociety.com](http://www.ISRASociety.com)

# How Do You Know when the Next Issue of *Aggressive Behavior* Is Available On-Line?

Wiley makes it possible to receive an email alert when a new issue is available. It requires that you create a Wiley log-in which can be done from Wiley's *Aggressive Behavior* home page. The link to receive "new content alerts" is located in the upper left section on the home page under "Journal Tools".

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%291098-2337>

The screenshot shows the Wiley Online Library interface for the journal *Aggressive Behavior*. Annotations include:

- A yellow box at the top center with the text "Login here or create account" and an arrow pointing to the "LOGIN" button.
- A yellow box on the left with the text "Link to request email alert when new issue is available" and an arrow pointing to the "Get New Content Alerts" link in the "JOURNAL TOOLS" section.
- A yellow box on the right with the text "Link to this page" and a dashed arrow pointing to the journal title "AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR".

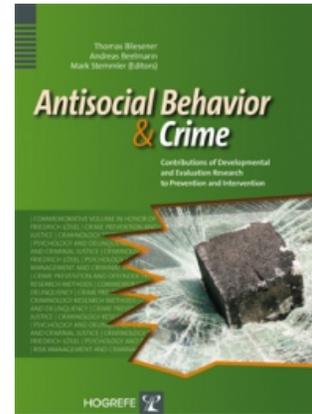
The page content includes:

- WILEY ONLINE LIBRARY logo and navigation menu (PUBLICATIONS, BROWSE BY SUBJECT, RESOURCES, ABOUT US).
- Journal title: **AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR**
- Editor: Edited By: L. Rowell Huesmann
- Online ISSN: 1098-2337
- Journal Tools: Get New Content Alerts, Get RSS feed, Save to My Profile, Get Sample Copy, Recommend to Your Librarian.
- Journal Menu: Journal Home.
- Find Issues: Current Issue, All Issues.
- Find Articles: Early View.
- Get Access: Subscribe / Renew.
- For Contributors: OnlineOpen, Author Guidelines, Submit an Article.
- About This Journal: Society Information, News, Overview, Editorial Board, Permissions, Advertise, Contact.
- Special Features: Wiley Job Network.
- Recently Published Issues: **Current Issue: September/October 2011** (Volume 37, Issue 5), July/August 2011 (Volume 37, Issue 4), May/June 2011 (Volume 37, Issue 3), March/April 2011 (Volume 37, Issue 2), January/February 2011 (Volume 37, Issue 1).
- Featured Articles: Access *Aggressive Behavior's* top downloaded articles for FREE online: Exposure to violent video games and aggression in German adolescents: a longitudinal analysis; Effects of realism on extended violent and nonviolent video game play on aggressive thoughts, feelings, and physiological arousal; Desensitization to media violence over a short period of time; Social status and shaming experiences related to adolescent overt aggression at schoolmate; Aggressive and prosocial children's emotion attributions and moral reasoning.
- Search bar and International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA) logo.

## Book Reviews

Bliesener, T., Beelmann, A., & Stemmler, M. (2012). *Antisocial Behaviour & Crime: Contributions of Developmental and Evaluation Research to Prevention and Intervention*. Germany: Hogrefe. (<http://www.hogrefe.com/program/antisocial-behavior-and-crime.html>)

**Review #1 by:** Jane L. Ireland  
School of Psychology  
University of Central Lancashire  
Preston, UK  
Ashworth Research Centre, Mersey Care NHS Trust, UK



This is a well researched and comprehensive text. The forward dedicated to Friedrich Lösel was a much appreciated inclusion as it provided opportunity to highlight the work of a key academic who has completed so much to address this field. It very much gave a sense of a collegial approach to this area.

What is immediately evident from the text is its accessibility and likely interest to a range of individuals, including students, academics, and practitioners. This is due to the range of topics discussed which include, but are not restricted to, the development of delinquency and aggression, risk and protective factors, social elements, prevention, intervention and assessment, and topics relevant to research. This makes the text of considerable value since it is not over-focused on a narrow selection of topics.

There were particularly welcome chapters from some key researchers that do need more attention in the delinquency area. Their usual home is in aggression texts. Thus it was positive to see a cross-over. I would have liked to see more discussion of this particular issue, namely the association between aggression and delinquency, but nonetheless it was clearly evidenced to those already familiar with this research area. Connected to this, the chapters on aggression in the *Developmental Courses of Antisocial Behaviour* section were particularly well presented. The inclusion of chapters by Richard E. Tremblay, and Frank Vitaro and Maria Brendgen were both welcome and excellent inclusions. Each of these chapters was comprehensive and considered the full range of developmental factors pertinent to aggression. They impressed as well researched and accessible.

Within the section on *Risk and Protective Factors*, the chapter by David P. Farrington and Maria M. Ttofi on protective factors is worthy of specific mention. This was a novel and well composed chapter outlining the results from the Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development. It reflects an area that has not received enough attention in the literature. Indeed, there has been an over-focus on risk factors, leading to attention narrowing to risk assessment and management as opposed to prevention. The inclusion of a chapter on protective factors is therefore a timely one that should encourage more research and reflection on how to increase our knowledge of these factors. In fact, I would state that the entire section on 'Risk and Protective Factors' was perhaps my favourite element of this text. Lea Pulkkinen's chapter on Family Factors in the development

of antisocial behaviour is also worthy of a specific mention. This outlined a thought provoking series of developmental pathways which could clearly influence treatment and prevention provision. Thus, it was a chapter with both academic and practical utility.

If I were to offer any criticism of this text I would suggest more content on prevention and rehabilitation. These are such core areas that readers could be left with a very developed understanding concerning the factors underpinning and promoting aggression and delinquency, but wanting to know more about how we could address it, or where the gaps in our knowledge currently lie. There was some content on this but my suggestion is simply to have expanded on the depth and range of issues discussed. It is a constructive point which, if anything, is also positive since my recommendation is simply to have more of the excellent content that was already evidenced.

Overall I felt this was an important text that will prove invaluable to academics, students, and practitioners who are trying to develop an up-to-date understanding of this very complex topic. It will also be of assistance to practitioners in the field who are trying to manage the complexities of delinquency and aggression in challenging circumstances.

**Review #2 by:** Michael Lewis  
School of Psychology  
University of Central Lancashire  
Preston, UK

A contemporary text on the development, prevention, treatment, and management of antisocial behaviours, covering a range of eclectic chapters authored by leading researchers within the area. Given the diverse nature of the subjects discussed, the text should prove useful to students, academics, and those in practice. The text also offers an insight into a number of specialised techniques used in developmental criminology research.

The chapters within the *Risk Management and Criminal Justice* section were my favourite part of the text and provided an interesting read. David Cooke's chapter on Violence Risk Assessment is worthy of a specific mention, as it emphasises the need to understand the impact of situational factors when assessing the risk posed by those residing in forensic settings. At present, risk assessments somewhat overlook the importance of these factors and place more emphasis on the characteristics of the individual. Thus the chapter encourages more reflection on this matter. Another novel chapter in this section authored by Raymond Corrado focuses on the risk management instruments for serious and violent young offenders. It is a thought-provoking chapter that highlights the need for a cost-effective and theoretically sound instrument to assist case planning for those children and adolescents likely to fall on the serious and violent offending trajectory. Furthermore, the chapter also draws our attention to the lack of expert agreement on the array of risk and protective factors associated with serious and violent young offenders; again promoting the need for further research in this area, which can only have a positive outcome.

In terms of the *Research Methods in Developmental Criminology* section, I found this part of the text to be useful at outlining specific techniques when conducting applied research. However I

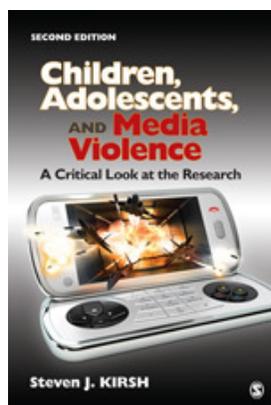
would have liked to see this section include more depth and focus on the actual methods adopted. Whilst this is only a minor point, there are many strengths to this chapter in particular its accessibility and value to postgraduate research students and academics conducting research in the area of antisocial behaviour.

If this review were to offer any critique to the text, I would suggest that some of the chapters provide more of a review of the academic literature in the area rather than over-focussing on one individual study. The title of the text could have been better suited to reflect this. I would have also liked to see the inclusion of a chapter that focused solely on the importance of psychopathy as a risk factor for antisocial behaviour, violent offending, and aggression. Again this is more of a constructive point rather than a criticism, as the content of the book welcomes some excellent chapters.

On the whole the text provides a well researched contribution to the field of antisocial behaviour and crime. It provides the reader with an up-to-date knowledge of the latest findings and presents a number of specialised research methods that can be used when exploring the topic. I feel that the text would benefit all those working with individuals presenting with complex forensic histories. Overall I warmly recommend this text.

\*\*\*\*\*

Kirsh, S. J. (2012). *Children, Adolescents, and Media Violence: A Critical Look at the Research (Second Edition)*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. (<http://www.sagepub.com/books/Book235705>)



**Reviewed by:** Robert Busching  
University of Potsdam  
Department of Psychology

Steven Kirsh updated his textbook “Children, Adolescents and Media violence”, which is a comprehensive literature review regarding the link between media violence and aggressive behavior. As in the first edition Steven Kirsh divided the book into three parts. In the first part he gives an introduction to key theories and developmental aspects of aggressive behavior. Afterwards he devotes one chapter to each of the commonly used media of adolescents. The last part of the book links the media violence research to the overall context of aggressive behavior. Using this structure the book is an excellent written introduction to the media violence literature as well as an easily accessible reference for each of the topics.

The first part of the book starts with a short general introduction into media violence research. Afterwards the development of aggression during childhood and adolescence is described. General patterns of development as well as very extreme types of violence like school shootings are included. In the subsequent chapter the influential theories of aggression are explained and applied to the media violence context. The range of theories covers classic ones from the sixties and seventies but also the most recent theoretical approaches like the General Aggression Model. The last chapter of this part is devoted to a description of media violence habits of adolescents

and the reasons for their consumption. This very general introduction in this first part facilitates the process of linking the different aspects and studies of media violence described in the following chapters.

In the second part of this book studies are reviewed dealing with specific effects of different media, such as comics or violent television. A strong point of this part of the book is that not only media which are in the center of attention like video games are included, but also media like aggressive toys which are not discussed to that extent in the scientific literature. Also new trends and problems in the media usage of adolescents like internet violence were added to the book in this new edition. The chapters in this part of the book are not only very useful for courses focusing on media violence, but also for courses which deal specifically with the different types of media.

The last part of the book puts the media violence research in the context of other research on aggression. Since it is quite often discussed how important the unique contradiction of media violence is to aggressive behavior, Kirsh's reference to a risk and resilience approach seems a sensible and useful approach which is linked to a discussion of the most recent meta analyses. After reading his introduction even readers with a limited knowledge of statistics understand this concept. Therefore they can easily follow the second part of this chapter discussing the practical importance of effect sizes linking violent media exposure to aggressive behavior.

In the last chapter of the book the relevance of findings regarding media violence and aggressive behavior for public policy are discussed. While there is considerable space devoted to discuss the current situation and regulation in the United States some information regarding the situation and regulations in other countries would have been useful.

Although the book has still the same structure, Kirsh updated most of the text and included recent studies. Additionally to these careful additions, he also added two new sections in every chapter: A discussion of methodological issues as well as a discussion of aspects important for developmental psychology. Since media violence research has some very unique challenges in these areas this gives a starting point for discussions of these issues during class.

To sum it up, it is an excellent introduction into this field of research. Since Steven Kirsh pays attention to introduce all necessary methodological aspects as well as discuss the different aspects of media violence research in detail, this book can be used as textbook in undergraduate as well as graduate courses. However this book is not limited to the context of the university, but also a helpful resource for teachers and parents. They can easily understand the mechanism by which violent media influences children.

The extensive research around media violence is very hard to review. Steven Kirsh did a great and a comprehensive review, which allows the reader to get a fast track introduction into this area of research.

This space is reserved for YOU!

**Have you recently published a book?  
Are you about to launch a new book?**

Why not share this information with all other ISRA members who might be more than interested to read or recommend it to colleagues and students?

If you would like to see an advertisement for your book in the next *Bulletin* in December 2012, please contact Ingrid ([Ingrid.moeller@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:Ingrid.moeller@uni-potsdam.de))

**Recent Adolescent Aggression Research**  
from the Society for Research on Adolescence

The 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence was held in Vancouver, BC, Canada, from March 8-10, 2012. There were many presentations on the topics of adolescent aggression and violence. I searched the online program for the keywords “aggression” and “violence.” Below, I list the symposia papers on these topics. (The online program also lists poster presentations on these topics.) If you would like more information about specific presentations listed below, go to the SRA webpage where you can access a printable program of the biennial meeting, along with author contact information at the end of the program book:

[http://www.s-r-a.org/sites/default/files/2012%20Program%20Book\\_5.pdf](http://www.s-r-a.org/sites/default/files/2012%20Program%20Book_5.pdf)

**PATTERNS OF AGGRESSION AND VICTIMIZATION**

Patterns of Aggression and Victimization Among Low Income, African American Youth: Results From Three Person-Centered Analyses

*Amie Bettencourt; Amy Bellmore*

Latent Classes of Aggression and Victimization in Urban African American Preadolescents: Associations with Peer-Perceived Characteristics

*Katherine H. Clemans; Nicholas S. Ialongo*

Patterns of peer victimization and aggression and predictors of their change during adolescence

*Amie Bettencourt; Weiwei Liu; Albert D. Farrell; Terri N. Sullivan*

**COGNITIVE AND SOCIAL COGNITIVE FACTORS RELATED TO ADOLESCENT AGGRESSION**

Attentional Processes in Adolescent Peer Status and Aggression: New Evidence from Eye-Tracking Studies

*Antonius H. Cillessen*

Attention to Dynamic Scenes of Ambiguous Provocation and Aggression in Youth: It's Not Just What They Look at, It's When

*Wendy Troop-Gordon; Laura Vogel-Ciernia; Robert Gordon; Elisabeth Ewing Lee; Kari Visconti*

Attending to Bullying: A Psychophysical Approach to Understanding Peer Aggression and Victimization

*Wendy M. Craig; Chelsea Heaven; Catherine Jee; Monica Castelhana*

Developing Relationships, Being Cool, and Not Looking Like a Loser: Social Goal Orientation Predicts Responses to Peer Aggression

*Jamie Abaied; Karen Rudolph*

Prospective Associations Among Social Goals, Perceptions of Social Success, and Aggression During Early Adolescence

*Sarah Kiefer; Tiina Ojanen*

**PARENT, PEER, AND SCHOOL FACTORS RELATED TO ADOLESCENT AGGRESSION**

Physical and Relational Aggression in Adolescent Girls: Testing a Confluence Approach

*Angela Henneberger; Kate Keenan; Patrick H. Tolan; Alison Hipwell*

Parents Know Best: Differential Prediction of Aggression via Unique Perceptions of Preadolescent Intent Attributions and Emotional Distress

*David Nelson; Christine M. Cramer; Sarah M. Coyne*

Parent, Peer, and Individual Predictors of Change in Romantic Relational Aggression and Victimization

*Paweena Sukhawathanakul; Bonnie J. Leadbeater; Rachel Yeung Thompson*

Adolescent Friendship Networks: Associations with Popularity and Relational Aggression

*John J. Houser; Lara Mayeux*

Explaining the Status-Aggression Link: The Role of Status Hierarchy and Reproductive Hierarchy in the Class Context

*Jan Kornelis Dijkstra; Michiel Zwaan; Rene Veenstra*

A Dynamic Analysis of “Coercive Joining” in Adolescent Friendships in the Cascading Progression to Young Adult Serious Violence

*Thomas J. Dishion; Mark Van Ryzin*

Relational Aggression, School Belonging, and Psychological Outcomes among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Adolescents in School Settings

*Ryan Kull*

### **CYBER-AGGRESSION**

Cyber Aggression and Victimization: Peer, Family, Ethnic and Technological Risk Contexts

*Kevin Runions*

Cyber Victimization and Subsequent Cyber Aggression: The Moderating Influence of Peer Rejection

*Michelle Wright; Linda Camras; Yan Li*

Same Parenting Methods for the Same Medium? An Exploration of the Interaction between Ethnicity and Parenting on Electronic Aggression

*Danielle M. Law; Monique H. Gagne; Shereen Khan; Jennifer D. Shapka*

On-Line Media as Context: Affordances for Cyber Aggression and Victimization

*Kevin Runions; Jennifer D. Shapka; Julian Dooley; Kathryn Modecki*

### **DATING VIOLENCE**

Understanding Longitudinal Precursors of Adolescent and Young Adult Dating Violence Perpetration and Victimization

*Brenda J. Lohman*

Childhood and Adolescent Predictors of Dating Violence

*Kerry Makin-Byrd; Karen Bierman; John Coie; Ken Dodge; Mark T. Greenberg; John Lochman; Robert McMahon; Ellen Pinderhughes*

Physical Dating Violence Trajectories from Middle to High School: The Healthy Teens Study

*Pamela Orpinas; Heidi Ehrenreich; Hsien-Lin Hsieh; Summar Corley; Xiao Song; Patricia Reeves*

The Impact of Collective Efficacy on Risks for Adolescents’ Dating Violence Perpetration

*Melissa Schnurr; Brenda J. Lohman*

The Interplay between Stress and Psychological Intimate Partner Violence over Time for Young At-Risk Couples

Joann W. Shortt; Deborah M. Capaldi; Hyoun K. Kim; Stacey Tiberio

### **EXPOSURE TO COMMUNITY VIOLENCE**

Exposure to Violence Disrupts Adolescent Development of Psychosocial Maturity

Kathryn Monahan; Kevin M. King; Elizabeth Cauffman; Laurie Chassin

Community Violence Exposure and Aggressive Behavior Among a Sample of Maltreated and Non-maltreated Adolescents

Kristopher Stevens; Penelope K. Trickett

Gender and Early Exposure to Violence as Determinants of Street Code Trajectories Among Adolescents Living in Impoverished Neighborhoods

John Bolland; Cassandra S. Coddington; Holli Drummond; Shannon Hitchcock; Nicole du Maine

Mediators and Moderators of Exposure to Community Violence

Maryse Richards; Cheryl Boyce

Urban Adolescents and Violence Exposure: Perils and Prospects to Predict Future Violence

Sarah Stoddard; Marc A. Zimmerman; Daniel E. Choe

Exposure to Community Violence and Social Adjustment Among Urban African American Youth: The Mediating Role of Emotion Regulation

Devin C. Carey; Maryse Richards

Prospective Linkages Among Violence Exposure, Erratic Sleep Patterns, and Academic Achievement in Middle School Youth

Wendy Kliewer; Stephen J. Lepore

### **PREVENTION OF ADOLESCENT AGGRESSION AND VIOLENCE**

Matching the prevention of interpersonal aggression to critical developmental and contextual transitions in middle school: The WITS LEADS Program

Bonnie J. Leadbeater; Rachel Yeung Thompson; Paweena Sukhawathanakul; Emilie J. Gladstone

The Intersectionality of Risk and Protective Factors for Adolescent Suicide and Youth Violence: The Case for Crossover Prevention

Sarah Bacon

Ecological Approach to Universal and Selective Violence Prevention in Sixth Grade: General Population Effects

David Henry; Michael Schoeny

Effects of Universal and Selective Violence on High-Risk Socially-Influential Students: Ecological Implications and Mediating Processes

Michael Schoeny; Patrick H. Tolan

## Conference Announcements/Call for Papers

— *Call for Participation* —  
**XVII. Workshop Aggression**  
**University of Luxembourg**  
**July 15 to 17, 2012**



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/lara604/763751384/sizes/o/in/photostream/>

Dear Colleagues,

We proudly announce the **XVII. Workshop Aggression** of German-speaking aggression researchers at the University of Luxembourg from **Sunday, July 15 to Tuesday, July 17, 2012**.

### **Scientific Program – Call for Papers**

This year's Workshop will be a pre-conference to the **XX<sup>th</sup> ISRA World Meeting** in Luxembourg (July, 17-21; <http://isra.uni.lu>; see this bulletin). The conference language will be English.

The Workshop aims at bringing together scholars from different disciplines involved in aggression research. Starting as an entirely German-speaking event, the Workshop has increasingly attracted international researchers in recent years.

Due to the workshop nature of the pre-conference, young researchers are given the unique opportunity to discuss their approaches with experts in the field. This includes presenting and discussing recent ideas and preliminary findings as well as work-in-progress.

### **Main Conference Topic**

The main topic of this year's Workshop Aggression will be "**Aggression and Violence in children and adolescents**". Papers related to the main topic of the workshop are especially welcome. However, we also encourage submissions from all other fields of aggression research.

There will be **special discount rates** for attendees of the Workshop Aggression, who also plan to attend the following ISRA World Meeting! (More information on discount rates coming soon.)

For further questions, please contact the organizing team: Prof. Dr. Georges Steffgen, Dr. André Melzer, Dr. Sophie Recchia, Dipl. Psych. Christian Happ: [workshop-aggression@uni.lu](mailto:workshop-aggression@uni.lu)

THE "ETORE MAJORANA" FOUNDATION AND CENTRE FOR SCIENTIFIC CULTURE

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ETHOLOGY

*The Evolution of Morality: The Biology and Philosophy of Human Conscience*

[www.evolutionofmorality.it](http://www.evolutionofmorality.it)

Erice, Sicily (IT) 17-22 June 2012

Directors of the workshop:

*FRANS DE WAAL, TELMO PIEVANI, STEFANO PARMIGIANI*

Debates about the origin of human morality have gone through many phases, but ever since Darwin's *The Descent of Man*, they have included evolutionary accounts or opposition to such accounts. One of the central issues has been the sharp line that some scholars draw between humans and other life forms using morality as principal demarcation. In this view human moral behavior is often defined in opposition to the natural "instincts," or as a tool to keep those instincts under control. In other words, morality is a purely cultural and uniquely human advance. New findings in neuroscience, psychology, primatology, behavioral economics, and anthropology have brought us back to the original Darwinian position that moral behavior is continuous with animals social instincts. This highly integrative interdisciplinary workshop is to debate the origin and working of human morality within the context of science. Evolutionary biologists, ethologists, neuroscientists, anthropologists, psychologists, developmental psychologists, philosophers and theologians will discuss the central question of what morality and conscience are. The contributions of science and religion to morality, currently hotly debated, will also figure in the discussions as well as the question of why and how humans may have evolved their moral sense.

**Speakers:** Frans de Waal (Emory University) ; Phillip Kitcher (Columbia University) ; Patricia Churchland (University of California San Diego) ; Pier Francesco Ferrari (University of Parma); Liane Young (Boston College); Richard Joyce (Victoria University); Oren Harman (Bar Ilan University); Darcia Narvaez (University of Notre Dame); Melanie Killen (University of Maryland); Jan Verplaetse (Ghent University) ; Christopher Boehm (University of Southern California) ; Telmo Pievani (University of Milano Bicocca) Giorgio Vallortigara (University of Trento); Ara Norenzayan (University of British Columbia); Jeffrey Schloss (Westmont College); Owen Flanagan (Duke University); Stephen Pope (Boston College); Simon Blackburn (University of Cambridge)

**Topics:** Evolutionary and philosophical perspectives on morality; Neuroscience and morality; Human psychology and morality; Violence, punishment and morality; Interaction between supernatural beliefs, religion, and morality; The evolution of moral and religious mind: facts, values and the origin of virtue

Patronized by: University of Parma

**The 6th CICA-STR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON AGGRESSION, VIOLENCE, AND TERRORISM**

will be held at **Burgas, Black Sea Cost (Bulgaria),**  
from **8 to 11 September 2012.**

see: <http://www.cicainternational.org/CICAinternational>

For more information contact the local organizer:

Prof. Tatyana Dronzina  
Political Science Department  
St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia  
125 Tsarigradsko shaussee str. bl. 4. office 322  
Office phone 0035920711002, ext. 351  
E-mail address: [dronzina@gmail.com](mailto:dronzina@gmail.com)

Please send emails with Cc to:  
[mramirez@med.ucm.es](mailto:mramirez@med.ucm.es)  
[malgorzata.kossowska@uj.edu.pl](mailto:malgorzata.kossowska@uj.edu.pl)

For more information and registration go to the conference website:

<http://www.conference2012-STR.eu/>

**Call for Papers: Focus Section on *Intimate Partner Violence as a Global Problem: International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives***

**Editors: Barbara Krahe (University of Potsdam, Germany) and Antonia Abbey (Wayne State University, USA)**

The *International Journal of Conflict and Violence* invites submissions to a Focus Section on “Intimate Partner Violence as a Global Problem: International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives”. Intimate partner violence, defined as the use or threat of physical or sexual violence, psychological aggression, or emotional abuse by one partner in a relationship against the other, is a serious problem worldwide. As the 2002 WHO Report on Violence and Health reports, intimate partner violence occurs in all countries and all social, economic, religious, and cultural groups. It places great burdens on individuals, communities, and social institutions, such as health care systems and the employment sector.

The Focus Section seeks to bring together papers from different parts of the world that address the social construction of intimate partner violence, the prevalence and risk factors of intimate partner violence, and its impact on victims as well as societies. A broad definition of “relationship” is adopted to include both marital and long-term relationships as well as more casual, short-term relationships. In addition to papers addressing violence within heterosexual relationships, analyses of same-sex relationships are also welcome. All papers should have a strong grounding in theory.

We welcome contributions from a range of scientific disciplines, including (but not limited to) psychology, sociology, family studies, women’s studies, psychiatry, and public health.

The focus section is scheduled to appear in the spring of 2013 and will be guest-edited by Professor Barbara Krahe (University of Potsdam/ [krahe@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:krahe@uni-potsdam.de)) and Professor Antonia Abbey (Wayne State University/ [aabbey@wayne.edu](mailto:aabbey@wayne.edu)).

**The deadline for the submission of manuscripts is September 1, 2012.**

We request all contributors to observe a limit of 55,000 characters (including all references). Papers should be submitted online. For submission/manuscript guidelines please visit <http://www.ijcv.org>.



# THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON AGGRESSION

*Founded in 1972*

## ISRA: an Interdisciplinary Society

*ISRA*, the International Society for Research on Aggression, founded in 1972, is an international interdisciplinary, organization dedicated to the study and dissemination of information on the causes and consequences of aggressive behavior and violence in all of its forms and contexts.

## The Social Burden of Violence

The human capacity for aggressiveness and violence inflicts a considerable burden on society. Obviously, it can lead to death and immediate physical injury, but it also creates long-term physical and emotional disabilities. In addition, violence has a profound effect on those who witness it, such as the families and communities of the victims. Moreover, it impairs the ability of communities to address important public health issues, such as infectious diseases, malnutrition, urban decay, and environmental hazards. Violence and aggression often prevents the delivery of critical public services, such as emergency management and education. Such effects on society tend to exacerbate the very adverse social conditions that promote aggression, facilitating a vicious circle, with violence as a crucial factor.

home page: <http://www.israsociety.com/>

## ISRA's Core Mission

Effectively addressing violence and aggression, whether it be child abuse, domestic violence, homicide, terrorism, sexual violence, or civil wars, requires a sustained focus by international scientists. *ISRA's principal mission* since 1972 is to show that aggression and violence, as well as alternative ways to resolve conflicts, can be successfully studied using scientific methods.

## Members, Meetings and Media

- *ISRA* members gather for *World Meetings* every other year on alternating continents.
- All members receive *Aggressive Behavior* the official journal of ISRA at a discount.
- Members receive the *ISRA E-Bulletin*.

## From Understanding to Solutions

Finding solutions to the pervasive consequences of aggression, requires a multidisciplinary approach. To understand the complex causes, our research addresses brain and other physical processes that underlie the human capacity for violence and the psychological processes that facilitate violent actions. Strategies providing alternatives to violence are studied together with the social factors that serve to promote or prevent violent behavior. Importantly, students of aggression studies are increasingly moving beyond the simple awareness of new results in other disciplines, to develop important research approaches that span multiple disciplines. As a result, novel areas of synergy and convergence between different disciplines and methodologies emerge. *ISRA meetings* and media provide the forum and the multidisciplinary audience.

Join ISRA & Turn page! ►

## A Multidisciplinary Society

**ISRA** is home to virtually all scientific disciplines interested in aggression and violence, such as psychology, neuroscience, anthropology, animal behavior, endocrinology, primatology, psychiatry, genetics, pharmacology, sociology, and criminology. Joining **ISRA** will help you to reach the right audience for your own research. Its meetings provide an optimal forum to learn about novel concepts and advances in other fields. Members enjoy reduced registration fees at **ISRA meetings**.

## Awards

- Each World Meeting the **John Paul Scott Award** is presented to a scientist with a distinguished lifetime contribution to aggression research.
- **Presentation Awards** are granted to young scientists for excellence in presentation of original research to a multidisciplinary audience.

## The ISRA Logo

The ISRA logo reflects our intention to advance the understanding of a deeply rooted behavior. The humanoid figure in the logo was modified from a petrograph called "the warrior" on the Minnesota-Ontario border<sup>1)</sup>. The figure seems to express the ambivalent human attitude towards aggression. The figure faces us, a spear in its left hand, reflecting potential to kill. The tip of the spear points downwards, so the weapon is not about to be thrown. The right hand is up and open, a stop-signal in many cultures, and often a signal of peaceful intent. The heart-shaped body expresses force and human's emotional nature.

<sup>1)</sup> M Furtman, *Magic on the rocks* (2000) ISBN: 0-916691-02-0

Home page: <http://www.israsociety.com/>

## Membership

ISRA has four kinds of members:

- **Fellows** are scientists working in any biological, psychological or social science on problems of aggression.
- **Associates** are scientists or professionals supportive of the Society's goals but who are not actively engaged in aggression research.
- **Student members** are graduate students nominated by a Fellow of the Society.
- **Life Fellows** are chosen on a significant lifetime record in aggression research.

## Joining ISRA

In order to join the society, please send a CV to:

Prof Michael Potegal  
Executive Secretary ISRA  
MMC 486  
420 Delaware St SE  
Minneapolis MN 55455

E-Mail: [poteg001@umn.edu](mailto:poteg001@umn.edu)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Office \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Home \_\_\_\_\_

Dues including *Aggressive Behavior* subscription

Fellow 60\$  Associate 60\$  Student 30\$

*These are 2010 rates*

Updated Information see *ISRA home page*.

**Official Journal: *Aggressive Behavior***

<http://www.interscience.wiley.com>