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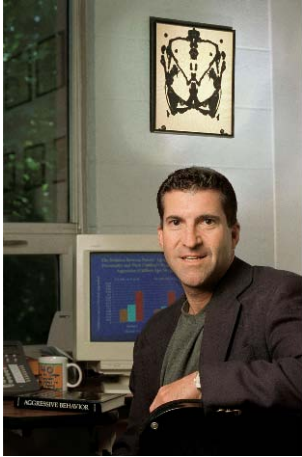
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## Editorial

Eric F. Dubow,  
North American *Bulletin* Editor



Welcome to the June 2011 edition of the *ISRA Bulletin*. In this edition, we present preliminary information about our XXth World Meeting in Luxembourg in July 2012. Many thanks to André Melzer and Georges Steffgen (both at the University of Luxembourg) for

organizing the meeting. The Organizing Committee and Scientific Program Committee are beginning to plan an exciting set of invited talks, symposia, and poster sessions. In addition, there will be a number of social opportunities to meet old (and young) friends and colleagues, and to maintain and begin new productive collaborations.

**But first, we lead this *Bulletin* with messages from our President, Craig Anderson; our President-Elect, John Knutson; and our Executive Secretary, Mike Potegal.** Craig discusses plans developed at our mid-year officers' meeting as well as his insightful perspectives on ISRA's connection to public policy. John, as President-Elect, describes details and our timeline for two very important tasks for which he is responsible: soliciting nominations for ISRA officers and council members and overseeing the development of the scientific program for the Luxembourg conference. Mike reports on our Young Investigators Program that he is chairing, and he discusses a few of his recent and current writing projects on aggression and anger.

**Next, you will find preliminary information about the XXth World Meeting in Luxembourg in July 2012.**

**Then, you will find some "Important ISRA Notices."** Here, we announce: 1) a call for nominations for the ISRA officer election for two positions (President-Elect and Treasurer) as well as 5 Council Members; 2) a call for proposals to organize upcoming ISRA World Meetings in 2014 and 2016; 3) a reminder to send information for the website to Yvon Delville; and 4) a link to a copy of the ISRA Constitution and By-Laws.

**Next, I included announcements about upcoming conferences and journal paper calls** that may be of interest to our members.

**A regular feature of our *Bulletin* is our "Books by ISRA Members," which is included in the next section.** Several members have co-edited texts: Daniel Antonius and Martin Ramirez; Jackie White; and Mike Potegal.

**Then, I have included the titles of paper symposia on aggression** from the 2011 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development that I attended in Montreal. The papers included a nice mix of research on biological, cultural, gender, and developmental issues in child and adolescent aggression.

**Finally, I have included our ISRA Flyer** 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, I want to remind everyone that our goal for the *Bulletins* is to keep our members informed of scholarship in the area of aggression and to share each other's work.** By now, you know that Ingrid Möller (University of Potsdam) is our new European Editor; Ingrid produced the December 2010 *Bulletin*. So, please email me ([edubow@bgsu.edu](mailto:edubow@bgsu.edu)) or Ingrid ([Ingrid.Moeller@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:Ingrid.Moeller@uni-potsdam.de)) any materials you would like us to include in future *Bulletins*.

I wish you a happy and productive Summer 2011!

Eric

## A Message from Our President, Craig Anderson



Hello fellow aggressionistas!

### ISRA Officers' Meeting

I just got back from the ISRA mid-year officers' meeting in Minneapolis, hosted by Executive Secretary Michael Potegal. Also present were President-elect John Knutson, Treasurer and *ISRA Bulletin* North American Editor Eric Dubow, Archivist Roger Johnson, and Past President Deborah Richardson. André Melzer, co-organizer of the 2012 World Meeting in Luxembourg also joined our merry group in Minneapolis. As you can see in the photo to the right, we saved on accommodation costs by staying in Mike's daughter's Princess Tower. ISRA founding member and long-time *Aggressive Behavior* editor Ron Baenninger and his wife MaryAnn joined us for dinner at Mike's place.

There are two main functions of this meeting between our biennial World Meetings. One is to be sure that the operations and operational changes for the Society that were instituted at the most recent World Meeting are moving ahead. The other is to work with the organizers of the upcoming World Meeting, providing guidance and assistance, getting the program committee organized, and in general preparing for that meeting. We met for two days at a hotel

at the Minneapolis airport, and got a lot of work done in a very short time.



Some of the fruits of this meeting are apparent in other articles in this issue of the *Bulletin*. Rather than repeating what is in the other articles, I will mention some of the highlights. First, ISRA is in good shape financially. This is a difficult task for a relatively small organization such as ours, especially during economic downturns. Kudos to previous leaders of ISRA for their insight and hard work in this domain. The two main elements of this success are the success of our journal, *Aggressive Behavior*, and the fiscal restraint shown in our use of funds.

Second, planning for the 2012 meeting in Luxembourg is going extremely well. André Melzer and Georges Steffgen are making excellent progress. I have severed in various roles in organizing a number of academic meetings. I must say that our Luxembourg colleagues are better organized and prepared than I ever have been. Also, I visited Luxembourg a couple of years ago, and can tell

you this is a wonderful venue for our meeting. It is a beautiful city with lots of fascinating things to see and do. And the University is a great place for our meeting.

Third, we affirmed the judgment made in Storrs (and in prior meetings) that bringing young talent into ISRA and getting our younger colleagues involved in the Society is very important to the future health of ISRA. To this end, we will be continuing the Young Investigator Program, and are trying to keep previous Young Investigators (YIPees?) active in ISRA.

Fourth, we affirmed that we need to continue to seek to broaden our membership, both geographically and academically. Many of us older members can recall when our membership included more biologically oriented scholars, more animal researchers, and more aggression scholars from fields such as political science, sociology, and economics.

This leads me to a request to all current members. 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 our World Meeting, to submit papers to *Aggressive Behavior*. With all of the current armed conflicts and acts of terrorism, and with all of the funds and studies being devoted to understanding issues of aggression and violence, the world has seen a great increase in scholars from a wide range of disciplines focusing their considerable talents on issues of interest to ISRA. And don't forget about your own graduate students. Student memberships are extremely inexpensive and very valuable.

### **ISRA and Policy Issues**

I'd also like to share a few thoughts with you about the role of scientific research and the scholars who do such research, and public

policy. It is a bit ironic that I have been dragged into this domain, an irony not lost on my friend and University of Missouri colleague (during my 11 years there) Russ Geen, or on my friend and former graduate school office mate David Funder. Both have commented in recent years that I was the last person they ever thought would be involved in public policy issues. But as we social psychologists like to point out (ad nauseum, some would say), variables in the social environment sometimes are so powerful that they override individual differences in traits, preferences, and attitudes.

In my case, I've been repeatedly drawn into public policy debates concerning media violence effects, most recently the debate about the effects of violent video games on aggression and other aggression-related variables. The forces that led into this quagmire are of two types. First, I agree with the numerous leaders of APA and other professional and academic health organizations that scientists have an obligation to give away our knowledge to the general public. At a minimum, this means being willing to talk at least occasionally to news reporters about research within one's area of expertise, and being willing to consult (usually for free) with various health, government, and public policy groups, again within one's area of scientific expertise. It does not necessarily mean seeking out such opportunities to educate various groups (including the general public), but to at least be willing to share your expertise when asked. As you might guess, I get asked a lot (several hundred times a year). You might not know that I usually decline, primarily because of time constraints. We all have to pick and choose our battles, so to speak.

Second, there are several hugely powerful groups who continue to mislead the general public, parents, parent groups, and public policy makers about the research on media violence effects. A number of years ago, at the 1996 APS convention in San Francisco I believe, I chaired a symposium on media violence that included



long-time ISRA member Len Eron as a speaker. In my introductory comments for the symposium I noted that the time had come to stop debating about whether media violence exposure could increase aggressive tendencies, because the evidence was so overwhelmingly clear. I urged scholars in the field to instead focus more on the underlying mechanisms that led to such effects, in the hope that we eventually could find ways to reduce the harmful aspects of media violence. And this was the focus of the symposium. I'll never forget what happened after the symposium was over. Len came up to me and said that he truly appreciated my opening remarks because he had been waiting for years to hear someone outside of his research group to say those words, that the debate over whether there are harmful effects should be over, so that all can move on to the next stage of research. Of course, although I was correct in that the debate among true media violence experts was over, I was completely wrong to think that public debate would soon be over, as soon as a few leading scholars pointed out the soundness of the research (as has since been done repeatedly, not only by the media violence scholars themselves but by numerous scientific review panels).

In short, I continue to do the occasional interview with news reporters around the world on this issue, and continue to consult with various parent groups, child advocacy groups, and government groups. I do so because I feel obligated to give away the scientific knowledge accrued over the last 60 years by hundreds of scholars from around the world, and because the media industries and their apologists continue to distort and outright mislead the world about the harmful effects of many of their most profitable products. Indeed, their campaigns to discredit and isolate leading scholars and to promote pseudo-scientific contradictory research is essentially the same as those used by the tobacco industry and the lead industry, among others.

So, how does this relate to ISRA? Well, in the June 2010 issue of the *Bulletin* there was a nice article by Roger Johnson on this very topic, focused specifically on a recent California law that would require parental permission for youngsters to purchase certain types of violent video games. That was followed by a very thoughtful letter from Rowell Huesmann, a former ISRA president and the leading media violence researcher in the world (in my humble opinion). That law has ended up in the U.S. Supreme Court, and is being watched very carefully by groups worldwide. In fact, by the time this goes to print the decision will likely have been announced.

Roger took the important steps of working with the legal team representing California Senator Yee (who is the primary author of the law) and of getting aggression researchers (mainly ISRA members) involved. As many of you know, a small group of us drafted a statement that focused solely on the scientific research. Roger distributed that statement to a large number of aggression scholars (especially ISRA members), asking them to sign it. That statement became an appendix to the amicus brief filed by State Senator Yee. You can download a copy of the entire brief (including the appended statement) from my home page: [www.CraigAnderson.org](http://www.CraigAnderson.org).

It is important to note that this statement neither endorsed the California law, nor argued against it. This is important to me and many others who drafted and signed the statement because we believe that our role as scientific experts does not include making legal or public policy judgments. In fact, several of the signers of the statement personally do not support the California law, and hope that the Supreme Court overturns it.

The ISRA Constitution and By-laws (see the last issue for the current version) allow the Society to comment on such issues, but has a specific procedure. Here is the relevant section.

Statements on public policy concerning problems of aggression shall be handled by the Society in the following manner: The President, with the advice and approval of the Council, shall appoint a special Commission to review the specific problem. After suitable study, the Commission may issue a public statement. The Commission shall bear sole responsibility for any statement issued.

Although the procedure is fairly specific, the domains to which it applies are somewhat vague. Should we endorse political or public policy statements that seem reasonable but that are not entirely based on solid empirical and theoretical research? Or should we generate reports or statements that are limited in scope to what the science has clearly demonstrated? Or should we avoid any statements that might annoy any group, outside or within ISRA? Based on conversations with current ISRA officers as well as several past ISRA leaders, I have chosen to adopt the middle ground. That is, I would be quite willing to appoint an expert Commission on any aggression topic with goal of creating a statement that focuses on what the scientific research says. I believe that ISRA should be more active in educating the general public on topics for which we have sufficient expertise. I believe that such Commission-based statements would benefit ISRA and society at large.

If you have such a topic that you would like ISRA to address, please let me know. Please keep in mind that the time involved in following our By-laws means that issues that demand a short turn-around time simply cannot be done. That is why ISRA could not do so in time for the specific U.S. Supreme Court case described earlier. And that is why the statement appended to the Gruel-Yee amicus was not an ISRA statement. However, we could appoint a Commission to issue a report on the state of the science on media violence effects, or on other

aggression-related topics for which ISRA has sufficient scientific expertise.

By the way, for those of you who are interested in the current U.S. Supreme Court case, note that the video game industry funded and filed an additional amicus brief written and signed by a group claiming to be experts in the area, and who essentially claimed that there is no evidence of harm. ISRA Fellow Brad Bushman and I were contacted by a law professor who was interested in the case, and we recently published a paper on the relevant expertise of the two sides. You can download a copy of that article by clicking on the following link: <http://www.psychology.iastate.edu/faculty/caa/abstracts/2010-2014/11SBA.pdf>

Also, you can download a somewhat more detailed account of our methods and results here:

<http://www.psychology.iastate.edu/faculty/caa/abstracts/2010-2014/11BA.pdf>

Finally, I again urge you to help recruit members for ISRA, to consider putting together a symposium, a talk, or a poster for the 2012 meeting, and to plan on attending the meeting in Luxembourg.

Regards,

Craig

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



**Preparing for ISRA 2012: Scientific Program and Elections**

I would like to focus my comments to the membership on the two critical matters in which the President-Elect has primary responsibilities: chairing the Nominations Committee and chairing or co-chairing the Scientific Program Committee for the next Biennial World Meeting. The former responsibility is established in our Constitution and By-Laws and the latter responsibility has become a tradition established by the actions of recent Presidents of the Society.

First to the matter of the 2012 elections. In the spring of 2012 we will be electing a Treasurer, a President-Elect, and new members of Council. I would like to remind the membership that there are two mechanisms within ISRA to develop a slate of candidates for these positions. The first is by the Nominating Committee that I will be appointing soon. The second is by direct nominations from the membership. That is, five active ISRA Fellows can nominate candidates for the open officer positions, as well as for Council. To be sure that we develop a slate of candidates in a timely fashion so that the election can be completed well before the

Constitutionally-established deadline of June 1, 2012, the recent off-year meeting of the officers concluded that nominations from the membership should be submitted to me by November 1. Thus, if you would like to engage in the process of direct nomination, you need to join with 4 other ISRA members to submit the name of a candidate to me. Any active (i.e. dues-paying) ISRA Fellow is eligible for nomination. Associates and student members are not eligible for nomination.

Now to the matter of the 2012 Biennial World Meeting in Luxembourg July 17-21, 2012. At the off-year meeting of ISRA Officers held earlier in June in Minneapolis we were joined by André Melzer, one of the two local organizers of the meeting. Based on our discussions and Professor Melzer's presentations, Luxembourg promises to be an excellent venue for the ISRA World Meeting. More importantly, it was clear to the officers that the local team has done an outstanding job getting everything in place that will facilitate the effective exchange of information among scholars and the sort of participatory engagement that we have come to expect from ISRA meetings. All of the officers were impressed by the organizers' attention to detail and how far along they were in the planning process. In short, the structure is in place for a great meeting.

The next critical step in having a truly memorable meeting is the development of a strong scientific program. Although the Program Committee plays a role in the development of a strong meeting, it is essential that members actively participate and present their research. Importantly, much of our discussion at the Officers' Meeting focused on how to ensure the meeting is consistent with the ISRA goals of interdisciplinary exchanges. Several members have observed that there are many areas of aggression research that have not been well-represented at ISRA World Meetings and it would enhance the experience of all members in

attendance if greater breadth of discipline were on the program. Although invitations of plenary speakers can contribute to broadening the scope of the scholarship represented on a program, the officers felt that plenary speakers alone are not sufficient to truly yield an interdisciplinary meeting. Thus, we explored a number of options that might be used to increase the interdisciplinary nature of the next World Meeting. From those discussions, two concrete suggestions emerged that directly involve the membership of the Society.

First, it was suggested that members identify colleagues and scholars who are doing aggression research from *outside* their own discipline and to approach those researchers and encourage them to submit symposia to the meeting. That is, it was thought that members might be in an excellent position to identify active scholars who might be doing research on aggression using methodologies and subject samples (e.g. nonhuman primates, neuroscience, neuroimaging, genetics, political science, criminology) or pursuing topics (e.g. religion and war, torture) that are less represented at ISRA meetings. Thus, I would like to encourage the membership to think broadly about the area of aggression research, to try to identify scholars who would contribute to the scholarly breadth

of ISRA, and to encourage those scholars to develop a symposium for submission to the Scientific Program Committee (February 1, 2012 deadline).

The second suggestion was to encourage members who are intending to organize a symposium for the meeting to try to make those symposia interdisciplinary. In this context, we recognize that some of the scholars from outside your own area might not be readily persuaded to develop a whole symposium, but they might be willing to join you in a symposium on a topic of mutual interest. Thus, as you formulate a plan for your own symposium, I would like to encourage you to make that symposium as interdisciplinary as possible.

I am really looking forward to the next Biennial World Meeting. I hope you will be joining me, your friends, and your colleagues in Luxembourg, and I hope you will accept my charge to increase the interdisciplinary nature of the meeting as well.

Best wishes,

John



## A Message from Our Executive Secretary, Mike Potegal

Greetings!

I am very happy to accept the Chairmanship of the 2012 Young Investigators Program. The 2010 Program in Storrs was a great success



and, like the first, 2008 Program in Budapest, has encouraged bright young people to pursue careers in aggression research by paying their way to present their work at our Biennial meeting. The pre-meeting YI workshop we added in 2010 was also a hit. And, YIs have come back to our meeting. I think the YI program is among the best things ISRA has done for itself and for the field(s) of aggression research. We will be sending out a call for YI applications in the fall, and will ask ISRA members to pass the news along.

If you are interested in catching up on recent research on anger, I recommend “The International Handbook of Anger” (Springer 2010), which I co-edited with Gerhard Stemmler & Charles Spielberger. (See the review in the “Books by ISRA Members” section of this *Bulletin*.) Thirty-two chapters by internationally known authors are grouped into 8 sections: Biology of anger, Cross cultural expressions and experience of anger, Anger in child development, Appraisal and information processing in anger, Lifespan changes and gender differences in anger, Time course of anger: State, trait and the persistence of vengefulness, Clinical Aspects of Anger, and Conflict and anger in family, workplace, and community. The book has received at least one nice review (Dunn, D. A Contemporary Tour of a Familiar Emotion:

Anger PsychCritiques Contemporary Psychology: APA Review of Books  
[http://psqtest.typepad.com/blogPostPDFs/20100925\\_psq\\_55-39\\_AContemporaryTourOfAFamiliarEmotionOnAnger.pdf](http://psqtest.typepad.com/blogPostPDFs/20100925_psq_55-39_AContemporaryTourOfAFamiliarEmotionOnAnger.pdf)

One of my next writing projects is an advanced undergrad-grad student level textbook on aggression that I will be working on during a fall 2011 sabbatical. The book will cover an extensive range of thought and experimental traditions in aggression research. Information on relevant biological, behavioral, and social phenomena and processes will be drawn from individual and group level domains of research in anthropology, behavior genetics, criminology, economics, ethology, experimental psychology, game theory, neuroscience, psychiatry, psychophysiology, social psychology, and sociology. The many parallels between human aggression and that of other animals will be described as will the major differences that arise at the level of organized aggression. I will be asking ISRA members for advice and help in critiquing individual chapters.

Best wishes,

Mike

— *Preliminary Information* —  
**XX<sup>th</sup> ISRA World Meeting**  
**at the**  
**University of Luxembourg**  
**July 17 to 21, 2012**



**Meeting Dates**

The **XX<sup>th</sup> ISRA World Meeting** will be held at **Campus Walferdange** of the University of Luxembourg in July 17 to 21, 2012.

**Meeting Venue**

Campus Walferdange has a large lecture hall (Audimax) and several conference rooms. The venue is close to Luxembourg City (10 min by car). A **train station** is right next to the Campus (8-min ride, 2 stops from/to Lux City). Luxembourg's Findel International Airport (15 min by car) has scheduled flights to numerous European cities.

Luxembourg City offers hotels of different price categories. There will be a **shuttle bus service** (free of charge) from/to Luxembourg main station for all conference attendees (4 times per day).

**Scientific Program**

The scientific program of the World Meeting will reflect the dynamics and great diversity of current worldwide research on aggression. An extensive list of topics is currently under development. Suggestions should be sent to local organizers:

**André Melzer** ([André.melzer@uni.lu](mailto:André.melzer@uni.lu))  
**Georges Steffgen** ([georges.steffgen@uni.lu](mailto:georges.steffgen@uni.lu))

There will be oral paper presentations, poster sessions, four invited talks, a public lecture, a pre-conference workshop for young investigators from all around the world, a meeting of members, and a special meeting for investigators outside ISRA.

**Call for Abstracts and Symposia**

- **February 1, 2012:** submission of **symposia** due
- **March 1, 2012:** submission of **abstracts** due
- Submission information will be presented in the December 2011 *Bulletin*, which will be posted on the ISRA website, and will be sent to members by email.

**Social Program**

“Non-scientific” activities will be an integral part of the Meeting and will be included in the registration fee. These activities comprise a **welcome reception** (Tuesday, July 17), a **guided city tour** (Wednesday, July 18), the **gala banquet** (Friday, July 20), and a **farewell reception** (Saturday, July 21). Also included in the registration fee are **lunch buffets** that will be provided during the conference.

**Registration Dates**

- **Early** registration begins **March 1, 2012** (*reduced fees*)
- **Late** registration begins **June 16, 2012** (*additional fees*)
- **ISRA World Meeting: July 17 to 21, 2012**

**Registration Fees Per Person in EUR (€)**

Type	Early	Late	On-Site
<b>Member</b>	180 €	225 €	275 €
<b>Non-Member</b>	230 €	275 €	425 €
<b>Student</b>	100 €	125 €	150 €

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### **Pre- or Post Meeting Tourism**

Luxembourg is located in the very heart of Europe. You may consider, for example, day trips to **Paris** (France, 2 hrs by train), **Brussels** (Belgium, 3 hrs), or **Trier** (Germany, 1 hr). Assistance in booking will be provided if wanted day trips are not included in the registration fee).

### **Local Hosts**

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### **Further Information**

See the December 2011 *Bulletin* and the  
**web site** of the XX<sup>th</sup> ISRA World Meeting:  
<http://isra.uni.lu> (available from August 1,  
2011).

## Important ISRA Notices

### ISRA ELECTION: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The following offices are up for election in the Spring of 2012:

President-Elect  
Treasurer

In addition, we will elect 5 new Council members, each for a 4-year term.

The Nominations Committee, headed by President-Elect, John Knutson, is currently putting together a slate of nominees.

According to our Constitution, any group of five members may submit an additional nominee for any office or Council member position currently up for election. If you would like to submit a nominee, please do the following:

1. Check to be sure that your nominee is willing to serve.
2. Send the nominee's name, the office for which the person is being nominated, AND a list of five ISRA members who support the nomination to John Knutson ([john-knutson@uiowa.edu](mailto:john-knutson@uiowa.edu)) by November 1, 2011.

The current officers and Council members are listed at:

<http://www.israsociety.com/officers.html>

### PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE WORLD MEETINGS

Even as we prepare for the 2012 ISRA Luxembourg World Meeting, we need to

plan the location of our future meetings. The 2014 conference will be held in a Western Hemisphere city, and the 2016 meeting will be held in an Eastern Hemisphere city. **If you are interested in being a conference organizer, please contact Executive Secretary, Mike Potegal ([poteg001@umn.edu](mailto:poteg001@umn.edu)) ASAP.** You will also need to prepare a full proposal to host the conference. Guidelines for preparing the proposal can be found at: <http://www.psychology.iastate.edu/faculty/caa/csv/isra/Conferenceguidelines-2009Revised.pdf>

**Your full proposal for the 2014 conference will be due on December 1, 2011.**

### 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.

The website is: [www.ISRASociety.com](http://www.ISRASociety.com)

### ISRA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The ISRA Constitution and By-laws can be found at:

<http://www.psychology.iastate.edu/faculty/caa/csv/isra/Constitutionandbylaws-Amended2010.pdf>

## Conference Announcements and Call for Papers

### 5th Annual CICA-STR International Conference on Contemporary Issues on Violence, Aggression and Terrorism: A Local to Global Perspective.

The University of California, Irvine  
(USA), September 7 - 9, 2011

Organized by CICA (Coloquios  
Internacionales sobre Cerebros y  
Agresion), STR (Society for Terrorism  
Research), and DTIPS (Diversity  
Training Institute for Public Safety)

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### 33th CICA on the occasion of the XXV Anniversary of the Seville Statement on Violence

CNR (Italian National Research Council),  
Rome (Italy), 22-25 September 2011

Organized by CICA (Coloquios  
Internacionales sobre Cerebros y Agresion)  
and CNR (Istituto di Scienze e Tecnologie  
della Cognizione)

Registration will include some meals and all  
program sessions including conference  
materials.

Those interested please contact Dr.  
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Regular Registration deadlines for  
both conferences: June 2011

For more general information:

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

### CALL FOR PAPERS

*Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace  
Research* (JACPR) publishes a broad range  
of practical studies, empirical academic  
articles and review papers on all aspects of  
aggression, conflict and peace. It is a high-  
quality source of both academic and practice  
development with a clear remit of translating  
research findings and policy into  
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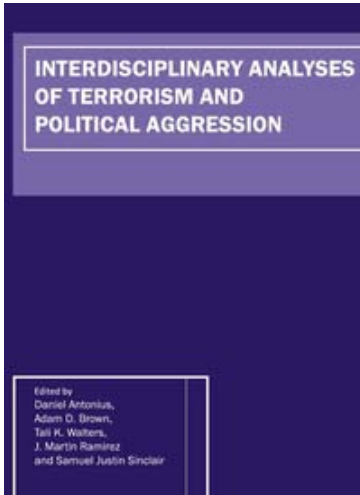
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### 1) **Interdisciplinary Analyses of Terrorism and Political Aggression** (2010)

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Over the past decade, academics spanning the professional spectrum have begun to unpack the complexity of factors that underlie terrorism and political violence with increased vigor. The resulting field has begun to yield valuable empirical and theoretical insights into these dynamics, which are now shaping both immediate frameworks for responding to terrorism as well as the broader policy implications for managing this problem in the near and far-term.

Interdisciplinary Analyses of Terrorism and Political Aggression seeks to advance the understanding of terrorism and political violence by disseminating research representing a wide array of professional disciplines from scholars across the globe. This volume aims to encourage academic discourse and debate, and provide a more complex understanding of the myriad of factors that contribute to terrorism as well as the way in which groups respond to terrorism.

Interdisciplinary Analyses of Terrorism and Political Aggression brings together prominent scholars from the US, the UK, Iran, Australia, Canada, Scotland, Poland, Bulgaria, Italy and Spain, representing a variety of academic disciplines including criminology, psychology, psychiatry, police science, physics, sociology, biology and international relations. The authors approach the topic of terrorism from various perspectives, and provide the reader with a more nuanced view on issues of terrorism and political violence.

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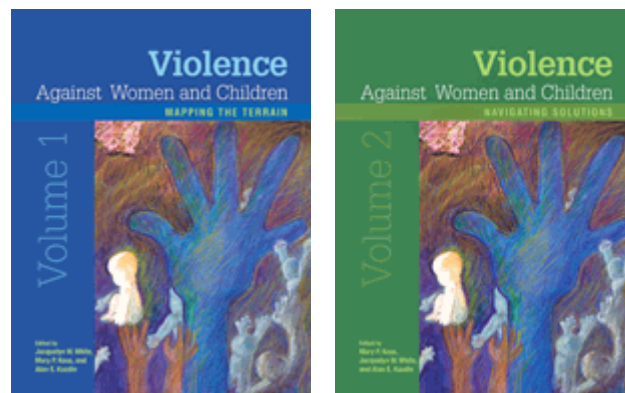
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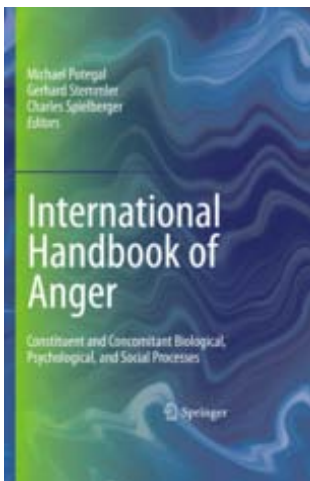
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The 2011 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) was held from March 31-April 2 in Montreal. Below, I have included listings of the paper symposia linked to the keywords “aggression” and “bullying.” For space considerations, I did not include the listings of the numerous posters on these topics, but you can access those from the SRCD website that includes the 2011 Online Program (<http://www.srcd.org/meeting/schedule/2011/>). If you wish to obtain more information about these papers, you can find the email addresses of the authors of those papers using the SRCD website’s search engine: <http://www.srcd.org/meeting/schedule/2011/search.cfm>. I hope you find these listings helpful!

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*Bridget E. Hatfield, Nicole E. Brown, Linda Hestenes, Crystal Sexton*
3. Neuroendocrine Functioning in Incarcerated Youth: A Mechanism for the Development of Psychopathy  
*Andrew Gostisha, Elizabeth A. Shirtcliff, Michael J. Vitacco, Alexander Graf, Chelsea Brieman, Jenna Merz*

### **Cultural Perspectives**

#### **Understanding Childhood and Adolescent Aggression in Cultural-Ethnic Context**

1. Relational and Physical Aggression in Nine Countries  
*Jennifer E. Lansford, Ann T. Skinner*
2. Justification of Interpersonal Aggression in Young and Adolescents of Both Sexes in Different Social-Cultural Contexts  
*J. Martin Ramirez*
3. Cultural Values Related to Relational Aggression and its Normative Beliefs Among American and Chinese Adolescents  
*Yan Li, Michelle F. Wright, Junqi Shi*
4. Perpetrator-Victim Dyads in Social and Physical Aggression: Ethnicity Composition and Victim Adjustment  
*Hongling Xie*



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*Stephanie Godleski, Jamie M. Ostrov*
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*Paula J. Fite, Laura Stoppelbein, Leilani Greening*
3. Measuring Relational Aggression in Children: Comparing Interview and Questionnaire Formats  
*Stephanie L. S. Bass, Jennifer L. Tackett*

### **Electronic Aggression and Victimization Across Development: Methodological Advances and Associations With Offline Aggression**

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*Juan F. Casas, Alicia A. Bower, Heather R. Giles-Woerner, Mandi Alexander, Joseph C. Lavoie*
3. Relational Aggression and Cyberbullying: Concurrent and Longitudinal Associations  
*Laura A. Stockdale, David A. Nelson, Sarah M. Coyne, Craig H. Hart*
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*Marion K. Underwood, Lisa H. Rosen, Kurt J. Beron*

### **Considering the Forms and Functions of Aggression: Development and Associated Adjustment in Early Childhood and Adolescence**

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2. Forms and Functions of Aggression and Adjustment in Early Childhood: A Short-Term Longitudinal Study  
*Jamie M. Ostrov, Dianna Murray-Close, Stephanie Godleski, Emily J. Hart*
3. The Forms and Functions of Aggression and Adjustment in Early Adolescence: A Short-Term Longitudinal Analysis  
*Tiina Ojanen, Sarah M. Kiefer*
4. Do Victims Distinguish Between Reactive and Proactive Functions of Aggression?  
*Russell B. Toomey, Deborah M. Casper, Noel A. Card*

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2. The Ugly Face of Facebook: Adaptation of the Cyber Victimization Scale Among Younger Adolescents  
*Ryan R. Landoll, Annette M. La Greca, Whitney M. Herge*
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