

2004
Annual Report



ISPCAN



The International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect



International Outreach with Local Impact

Our Mission: To support individuals and organizations working to protect children from abuse and neglect worldwide.

Message from the Leadership

Dear Members,

It is our pleasure to report to you about a highly successful 2004 year for ISPCAN. The success that we are focusing on in this Annual Report is the mobilization of ISPCAN members and volunteers world-wide.

ISPCAN's Expert Faculty program is a major resource to our organization and the National Partners program. ISPCAN faculty members are active as:

- Initiators and Leaders of International, National and Local Educational, Training & Program development efforts to advance Child Protection;
- Leaders of Congress and Conference Scientific Program Development;
- Lecturers and Trainers at Education and Training Events;
- Authors of ISPCAN Journal Articles, World Perspectives and LINK articles, Special Reports, Resource Materials, and Fact Sheets;
- Advisors and Members of Working Groups for International Agency projects, such as the UN Secretary-General's Study on Violence Against Children, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and
- Leaders and Resources in Emergency Efforts, such as the Tsunami disaster.

We are especially pleased to recognize the following ISPCAN members for their outstanding work in 2004:

- Robin Sullivan, Gillian Calvert, Ross Homel and Adam Tomison: 15th ISPCAN International Congress
- Hani Jahshan: First Arab ISPCAN Regional Conference (Jordan) and debut of the Arab Professional Network for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
- Peter Ebigbo and Chika Ugochukwu: 4th ISPCAN African Regional Conference (Nigeria)
- Adib Essali and Ammar Suliman: First National Syrian Symposium on CAN;
- Mae-Lim Hoon Ann and Sue Lee: the new ISPCAN National Partner, the Singapore Children's Society;
- Deborah Daro: Editor of the 2004 *World Perspectives: Sixth Edition*;
- Michael Durfee, Randell Alexander, John Kydd and Randa Youssef: Virtual Issues Discussion (VID) Facilitators
- Nancy Chandler: Author of the 2004 ISPCAN Special Report focusing on Child Advocacy Centers
- Desmond Runyan: ISPCAN representative to the UN Secretary-General's Study on Violence Against Children

Our appreciation also extends to ISPCAN's important partners at the following organization and funding resource organizations for 2004: Doortje't Hart, Global Ministries/Children at Risk; Gordon Phaneuf, Health Canada; Wim van Doorn, ICCO; Florence Bruce, Oak Foundation; Ron Laney, OJJDP/USA; Gopalan Balagopal and Karin Landgren, UNICEF-New York, and many other UNICEF offices which supported ISPCAN efforts in 2004.

Thank you, next, to the 2004 ISPCAN Executive Council members for their important leadership efforts in 2004, and to all the unnamed ISPCAN members and contributors, for your tremendous devotion, commitment, and efforts – often in the face of extreme adversity – to support the children and families who need the help we can provide.

Of course, no year is entirely successful when we consider the numbers of children who continue to experience abuse, exploitation and neglect around the world. But let us be thankful that the number of trained, committed and active professionals involved in child protection internationally is increasing each year. And through our efforts we are increasingly having an impact on the development of essential policies, systems, services, and training, which in the long-term, will protect children globally.

With kindest regards,

Barbara L. Bonner, PhD, ISPCAN President
Kimberly Svevo, MA, ISPCAN Executive Director

"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do."
- Goethe

What is ISPCAN?

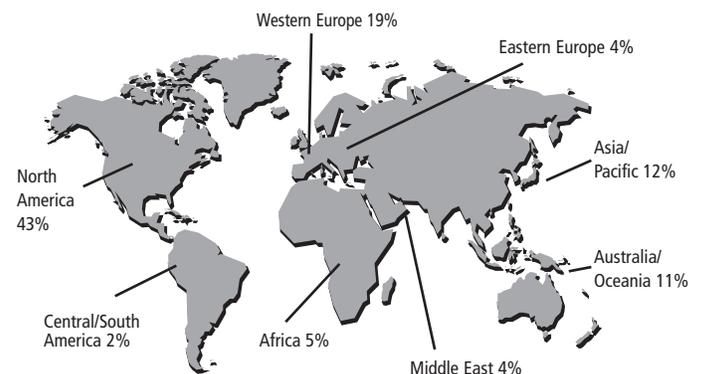
The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) is a non-profit membership organization that works to prevent the abuse, neglect and exploitation of children by supporting individuals and organizations working to protect children worldwide. ISPCAN believes that only through effective treatment and prevention efforts can child abuse and neglect be significantly reduced and eliminated from society. All our efforts are committed to achieving the best interests of the child.

ISPCAN's membership consists of over 1,600 professionals working to prevent all forms of child abuse and neglect. It is our ongoing goal to meet the needs of multidisciplinary professionals and to help strengthen their efforts by providing them with critical information on child abuse and neglect issues through education, training, related research initiatives and intersectoral and interdisciplinary professional cooperation. Members receive a monthly subscription to ISPCAN's official journal, *Child Abuse & Neglect The International Journal*. In addition, ISPCAN is continually working to increase the value of membership and the support of its members through innovative programs and dissemination of current information on child abuse and neglect (CAN).

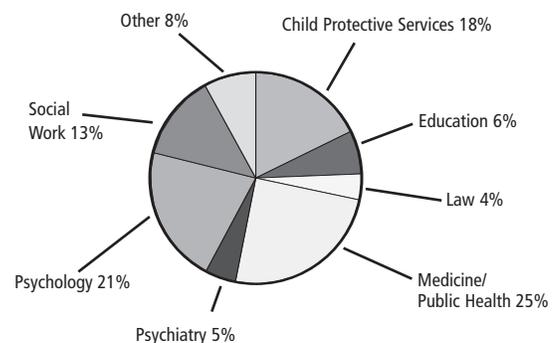
With members in over 115 countries in 2004, ISPCAN is committed to supporting the diverse needs of professionals working in different conditions and to use this variety of experiences to facilitate peer-to-peer learning. It is by supporting the work of its members that ISPCAN's networking and international outreach can have a tangible local impact on the ongoing effort to eliminate child maltreatment around the world.



ISPCAN Membership by Region



ISPCAN Membership by Discipline



Definition of Child Abuse

Child abuse or maltreatment constitutes all forms of physical and/or emotional ill-treatment, sexual abuse, neglect or negligent treatment or commercial or other exploitation, resulting in actual or potential harm to the child's health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power.

-WHO/ISPCAN Expert Consultation on Child Abuse, 1999

15th ISPCAN International Congress

Approximately 1,100 delegates from 67 countries participated in the 15th ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, in Brisbane, Australia on 19-22 September 2004. Themed "Working Together for a Child-Safe World," the focus of the Congress was a vision of a world where children are free from all forms of abuse and exploitation by adults, other children and young people while receiving adequate care, resources, and attention.



Co-sponsored by the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) Australia, the Congress offered a variety of opportunities for collaborative work, sharing research and current practices, as well as networking and building connections among ISPCAN members. Over 600 abstracts and presentations were accepted for the program, which offered keynote and plenary sessions, concurrent workshops, poster presentations, breakfast research sessions and special interest groups.

A range of keynote presentations set the tone of the Congress. Prof. Geraldine MacDonald (University of Bristol, UK) highlighted common problems associated with 'evidence-based practice' as a means for improving decision-making in child protection, offering specific and effective solutions. UNICEF Deputy Director, Mr. Kul Gautam, outlined the strategies that the United Nations and UNICEF are using to improve the lives of children around the world, stressing the importance of protecting children from violence, abuse and exploitation if the world is to meet the millennium development agenda.

Prof. Fiona Stanley, the 2003 Australian of the Year, shared her insights about interrupting pathways to child abuse and neglect. The Henry Kempe Lecturer, Dr. Astrid Heger, challenged delegates at the conclusion of the Congress to build an appropriate community-based response to child abuse and neglect that maintains the child's safety within his/her own home or community whenever possible and guarantees that the child is not subjected to more harm than good.

Approximately 75 participants representing over 30 developing nations took part in a special two-day ISPCAN Developing Country Forum. Themed "Working Together Creatively with Limited Resources for a Child-Safe World," the Forum provided a valuable opportunity for child protection practitioners and scholars working in the context of limited infrastructures and modest resources to exchange views and share experiences, knowledge, practices, concerns and research findings on the prevention of child maltreatment.

The Congress also included an ISPCAN Master Class, provided by senior experts in the field, and a Youth Participation track. Over 25 young delegates took part in plenary and concurrent sessions designed specifically for young participants. Young delegates were then given an opportunity to share the outcome of their discussions at the closing of the Congress.

The Congress provided delegates from different parts of the world with a unique opportunity for the exchange of knowledge and best practices and for forging effective responses to many facets of child abuse and neglect worldwide. Preparations are already underway for the next (16th) ISPCAN International Congress "Children in a Changing World: Getting It Right," to be held in York, UK on 3-6 September 2006.

Sponsored Scholar-Practitioners from Developing Countries

Over 80 scholars were sponsored in 2004 to attend ISPCAN Conferences and Training Events in Australia (15th International Congress), Jordan (1st Arab Conference), Nigeria (4th African Conference), and the USA (APSAC Colloquium and San Diego Conference on Child Maltreatment). Collectively, this support totaled nearly US \$150,000 and was made possible through grants provided by the Alcoa Foundation; Global Ministries/Children at Risk; Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation (ICCO); the Oak Foundation; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Washington D.C.; Terre des Hommes; UNICEF New York; and World Vision International.

These scholarships are granted to committed professionals working in developing countries and who are considered experts by their peers in leading local efforts in the area of child abuse prevention. The scholarship program is an opportunity for these professionals to further their knowledge and to network with other professionals internationally. Funded scholars take the benefits of the educational experience back to their communities to lead further local/national training and support of programs in their countries. Scholars receiving approximately US \$750 and over in 2004 are listed at right:

4th African Regional Conference

Co-sponsored by ISPCAN and the African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) Nigeria, the 4th ISPCAN African Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect was held in Enugu, Nigeria on March 23-27, 2004. The conference focused on "Child Trafficking: A Challenge to Child Protection in Africa," and attracted nearly 500 professionals from 27 countries. Participants included representatives of the president of Nigeria, UNICEF, and various local and national government leaders. The conference featured discussions on a variety of issues that relate to child trafficking and sexual exploitation of children, including street children, HIV/AIDS, and religious and cultural practices.

The conference was preceded by an ISPCAN Master Class training, in which 87 professionals received advanced training on issues related to improved child abuse prevention, treatment and research. The conference program also included a special meeting of the wives of political office holders in Nigeria, many of whom have child-related projects. In another component, the Nigerian Traditional Rulers (Royal Fathers) shared the experiences of their communities and assured participants that they will work collaboratively to fight child trafficking. The conference also included a youth program with 120 youth delegates.

Conference participants expressed concern regarding the magnitude of the child trafficking problem in Africa, complicated by the issues of HIV/AIDS, poverty, political and social challenges, and a lack of opportunities for youth. However, the conference also underscored the growing capacity of local child protection professionals in the region, and the participation of the wives of key political office holders, the Traditional Rulers and youth delegates strengthened important collaborations that will be useful in future efforts to combat child trafficking.

2004 ISPCAN Awards

At the 15th ISPCAN International Congress, ISPCAN was pleased to recognize individuals and organizations receiving 2004 ISPCAN Awards. In addition, two new Awards were established by ISPCAN in 2003-04. First, the Multidisciplinary Team Award was established to recognize a team which has made substantial progress in the treatment or prevention of child abuse or neglect in its local community. Second, the Presidential Scholar Award was created for each outgoing ISPCAN President to recognize a new professional in the field from a developing country, who exemplifies the mission of ISPCAN and has the potential to make substantial contributions to the field.

2004 Award Winners

- The C. Henry Kempe Lectureship: Astrid Heger, MD, of the University of Southern California, USA
- The C. Henry Kempe Award: Heather Taussig, PhD, of the Kempe Children's Center, USA
- The Distinguished Service Award: Gloria Varona-Williams, USA.
- The Multidisciplinary Team Award: Maria Keller-Hamela and the Nobody's Children Foundation, Poland
- The Presidential Scholar Award: Sarah Asad Ullah, of the Pakistan Paediatric Association, Lahore, Pakistan



George Abanda Ngo (Cameroon)	Hani Jahshan (Jordan)	Amartuvshin Orgodol (Mongolia)
Yeameen Akbory (Bangladesh)	Dipty Jain (India)	Lithnarong Pholsena (Laos)
Fadheela Al-Mahroos (Bahrain)	Fu-Yong Jiao (China)	Bijaya Sainju (Nepal)
Kristel Altosaar (Estonia)	Shambhu Joshi (Nepal)	Ayalew Semait (Ethiopia)
Laila Balode (Latvia)	Mohd. Sham Kasim (Malaysia)	Madhur Sharma (Nepal)
Assefa Bequele (Ethiopia)	Maria Keller-Hamela (Poland)	Agnese Sladzevska (Latvia)
Carol Bower (South Africa)	Katrina Legarda (Philippines)	Vasca Stancheva (Bulgaria)
Irene Cheah (Malaysia)	Samsun Nahar Aziz Lina (Bangladesh)	Sombat Tapanya (Thailand)
James Clayman (Ghana)	Brendan MacCarthaith (India)	Mom Thany (Cambodia)
Uthai Dulyakasem (Thailand)	Prof. Mazouki (Kenya)	Marcel Thsibangu (DR Congo)
Patrick Edey (Kenya)	Agnieszka Morawska (Poland)	Chika Ugochukwu (Nigeria)
Adib Essali (Syria)	Tufail Muhammad (Pakistan)	Joan van Niekerk (South Africa)
Sabir Farhat (Pakistan)	Wilbrood Ngambi (Uganda)	Sinha Wickremesekera (Sri Lanka)
Eunice Garura (Zimbabwe)	Wambui Njuguna (Kenya)	Deogratias Yiga (Uganda)
Bernard Gerbaka (Lebanon)	Chika Oguchukwu (Nigeria)	Randa Youssef (Egypt)
Vu Thu Hong (Vietnam)	Tarek El-Sayed Ismail Omar (Egypt)	
Chantal Issiyo-Wesse (DR Congo)		

World Perspectives on Child Abuse: 6th Edition

The Sixth Edition of *World Perspectives on Child Abuse* was completed and released in September 2004, in conjunction with the 15th International Congress held in Brisbane, Australia. The report is produced every two years, as part of ISPCAN's commitment to providing its members with the most recent and comprehensive assessment possible on the state of child abuse policy and practice worldwide. Further, in order to improve access to the report's key findings, the Executive Summary is available in English, French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic at www.ispcan.org.

This publication is based on a survey of key informants knowledgeable about child maltreatment issues within their respective countries. The current edition reports data from respondents in 64 countries, which are home to 70% of the world's children. In addition, the Sixth Edition included 20 commentaries on specific research projects or practice reforms underway in the sample countries, and a detailed annotated bibliography summarizing key journal articles and reports on child abuse and neglect issued over the past two years.

The survey findings and commentaries suggest expanded efforts are underway to address child maltreatment in all regions of the world. However, it is clear that a significant number of children remain at high risk for experiencing violence and other negative outcomes. It is ISPCAN's hope that through its ongoing education and training programs, it will be able to support its members and National Partners to improve service availability and quality worldwide.

ISPCAN Research Instrument on Violence Against Children

In coordination with the ongoing UN Secretary-General's Study on Violence Against Children, in 2004, ISPCAN initiated a project to develop quality research questionnaires and appropriate methodology that could be used to provide comparable data across studies and countries. ISPCAN began working with member volunteers around the world to contribute to this project, intended to provide data that will allow for a greater understanding of the scope of violence against children internationally and to inform policy development.

Following the 15th ISPCAN International Congress in Australia, ISPCAN, the UN Study organizers and UNICEF held a 3-day meeting of a Project Working Group in September 2004. Fifty child abuse experts and researchers from 35 countries came together to work on the development of instruments to be used with different sectors of the population, focusing on different areas of a child's life, such as violence in the home, school and the community.

Following the meeting in Australia, ISPCAN partners and member volunteers continued discussing and developing the research instruments. Upon completion of further revisions in 2005, ISPCAN will pilot studies that incorporate the instruments. Work on this project will continue in 2005-06, with completion of the instrument planned to coincide with the release of the UN Secretary-General's Study on Violence Against Children in 2006.

Member LISTSERV

The ISPCAN Member Listserv is available for members to discuss CAN-related issues, share resources, request peer consultation on case issues, network and collaborate. The listserv offers a simple and effective means for ISPCAN members to support each other's local efforts through direct, international communication. Nearly 600 messages on over 150 topics were posted to the ISPCAN member listserv in 2004. Key topics discussed on the listserv included:

- Abuse Screening Methods
- Child Protection and Severe Childhood Obesity
- Consequences for Children of Viewing Pornography
- Munchausen by Proxy and Parental Alienation Syndrome
- Sexualised Behaviour and Signs of Sexual Abuse

Child Abuse & Neglect The International Journal

ISPCAN seeks to identify and report the most promising and significant research and practice models being implemented by professionals around the world through a variety of publication outlets. As a cornerstone of this effort, a monthly subscription to ISPCAN's flagship publication, *Child Abuse & Neglect The International Journal*, is included in ISPCAN membership. To further enhance the usefulness of the Journal, all members also receive online access to Journal articles.

Child Abuse & Neglect is a peer-reviewed journal published monthly, providing high-quality, international, multidisciplinary information on child abuse and neglect in order to better inform professionals and researchers working with these issues. To insure that articles are valuable to both researchers and practitioners, issues also include a section on "practice implications." In an effort to increase the international accessibility of the information, abstracts are published in English, French and Spanish. One of the most highly cited and influential journals in the field, it is a consistently strong resource, publishing over 100 articles and commentaries each year.

Virtual Issues Discussions (VID)

ISPCAN held two Virtual Issues Discussions (VID) in 2004, as part of its ongoing series of focused discussions on current issues in the child abuse and neglect field. The VID offers ISPCAN members the opportunity to participate in on-line, in-depth discussions lead by a core group of experts on a selected topic.

The first VID of 2004 focused on Child Fatality Review, facilitated by experts from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the USA. A summary paper was produced from the discussion and is available to members online. The second VID of 2004 discussed the topic of "Health, Children's Rights and Maltreatment Prevention: Facing the Global Challenge." This VID included extensive discussions on the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Expert facilitators and panelists from Brazil, Egypt, Malaysia and the USA contributed.

The LINK & Special Reports

To provide topical reports on specific child abuse and neglect issues faced by members, ISPCAN publishes *The LINK* newsletter. *The LINK* offers an exchange of information on challenges and best practices around the world, as well as updates on ISPCAN activities, events, programs and ongoing outreach. An example of a key article in 2004 was "Preventing Child Deaths: Lessons Learned from Child Fatality Review." Prepared in conjunction with an ISPCAN VID on the same topic, the article detailed the lessons learned through multidisciplinary reviews of child deaths, and served as a resource for members interested in instituting a similar process in their own local communities.

An ISPCAN Special Report in 2004 focused on multidisciplinary teams and their use in Children's Advocacy Centers. In coordination with the new ISPCAN Multidisciplinary Team Award, the report described the key elements of a successful multidisciplinary team, and the way in which they are used in the context of Children's Advocacy Centers in order to provide a more integrated response to child maltreatment. Profiles of several currently active multidisciplinary teams provided the practical insight necessary to create and maintain these teams and meet the varied needs of abused children.

ISPCAN Events and National Partners - 2004





International Training Project by ISPCAN

An ambitious project ISPCAN has undertaken in recent years is ITPI, the International Training Project by ISPCAN. Funded by the Oak Foundation, the project's goal is to train local professionals and those engaged in protecting children in developing countries on child abuse and neglect prevention, treatment and research practice. In addition, the project seeks to expand local capacity by strengthening the organizations

coordinating the training program and creating strong, interdisciplinary networks of local professionals.

In 2004, Colombia and India were added to the project, with special sub-grants for Cameroon and DR Congo, extending the reach of ITPI into 14 countries worldwide. Countries continuing with ITPI from previous years were:

Kenya and South Africa in Africa; Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and Poland in Eastern Europe; Argentina and Brazil in Latin America; and Malaysia and Thailand in Southeast Asia. ITPI organizers in these countries conducted over 20 training sessions in 2004.

Local organizers in each country are responsible for implementing specific training events and workshops aimed at multidisciplinary audiences, with consultation and technical assistance provided by the ISPCAN Education, Training and Consulting Committee. While the specific content of the training sessions is determined at the country level, all ITPI participants are asked to address three core topics during the initiative: early detection and intervention; multimodal treatments; and applied research.

Professionals accepted into the training programs also commit to undertake related responsibilities, such as

organizing local programs and training events, or producing resource materials for their regions. Further, the ITPI project seeks to establish core groups of well-trained multidisciplinary professionals, policy makers and mass media personnel in each region. Participants are thus expected to become active agents of change in shaping the local child abuse response system, so that the impact of ITPI continues beyond the initial training event.

In order to further disseminate the results of ITPI, in 2004, ISPCAN created a new feature on the ISPCAN website to provide information specifically on ITPI (www.ispcan.org/itpi). The site also offers a "tool kit" of materials used in planning trainings, and will continue to be developed to act as a resource for all individuals who are developing training efforts on child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment.

Developing Country Honorary Membership Awards

With support from donors and partners, each year ISPCAN awards approximately 25 new Developing Country Honorary Memberships. Each recipient receives full ISPCAN membership benefits for two years, including a complimentary subscription to *Child Abuse & Neglect*. The program is designed to extend ISPCAN memberships to leading professionals who are active in child abuse and neglect prevention in developing countries.

The 47 professionals receiving this honor in 2004 are listed below:

2003/2004 Recipients

Meglana Achkova (Bulgaria)
Kristol Altosaar (Estonia)
Marina Yurievna Antimonova (Russia)
Naira Avetisyan (Armenia)
Gary Barker (Brazil)
Neela Dabir (India)
Tatyana Denisova (Ukraine)
Evelyn Eisenstein (Brazil)
Tarek El-Sayed Ismail Omar (Egypt)
Mballa Irene Ena (Cameroon)
Suzan Hani Ghosheh (Israel)
Maria Herczog (Hungary)
Eveline Ndinelaio Kalomo (Namibia)
Fred Kalyowa (Uganda)
Shehriyar Khan (Pakistan)
Florencia Kiguel (Argentina)
Kuanysh Majibayev (Kazakhstan)
Nicolina Petre (Romania)
Sandra Sebre (Latvia)
Berthe Silikani (Congo, DR)
Agnese Sladzevska (Latvia)
Eva Tomkova (Slovakia)
Lukas Wojtasik (Poland)

2004/2005 Recipients

Rahmattullah Khan Abdul Wahab Kan (Malaysia)
Irina Alekseeva (Russia)
Marie Josee Baudot (Mauritius)
Abigail Belza (Philippines)
Stella Cardenas Ovalle (Colombia)
Terence Kunda Chibwe (Zambia)
Elwyn Chomba (Zambia)
Aswini Fernando (Sri Lanka)
Samia Halileh (Israel)
Kayafa Innocent Mumbi (Zambia)
Eshetu Alemu Jilcha (Ethiopia)
Nor Azila Jonit (Malaysia)
Samuel Kaali (Uganda)
Radojka Knezevic (Serbia and Montenegro)
Thabang Luhengo (South Africa)
Stella Maduka (Nigeria)
Ana Maria Martorella (Argentina)
Milica Pejovic Milovancevic (Serbia and Montenegro)
Bobby Munga Mwangi (Kenya)
Vahid Nobahar (Iran)
Andiwah Obondoh (Kenya)
Bruna Profaca (Croatia)
Viviane Senna (Brazil)
Bashir Haji Yusuf (Somalia)

5th ISPCAN Global Institute

ISPCAN has been organizing Global Institutes on Child Abuse and Neglect issues and offering an international perspective as part of the USA San Diego Annual Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment since 2000. This year ISPCAN hosted the Fifth Annual Global Institute titled, "Child Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking: An International Perspective." Thirty professionals, from ten countries and various disciplines, participated in this year's ISPCAN Institute.



Presentations included the latest update on the status of practice guidelines being developed jointly by ISPCAN and WHO, information on the UN Study on Violence Against Children, and current efforts to address international child trafficking and international child pornography. Participants heard rare insights into the work, efforts and challenges faced by their colleagues around the world, as speakers from Egypt, India, Jordan and Nigeria gave presentations on the overall situation for children and statistics on sexual exploitation and trafficking in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Presentations also summarized the current international prevalence rates of child sexual abuse and the effects of sexual abuse on children and adolescents. Summaries of the ISPCAN Global Institute 2003 and 2004 presentations are available to ISPCAN members at: www.ispcan.org/members/index.htm.

2004 ISPCAN Training Events

ITPI

Argentina – April and November

Research in Child Protection and Child Abuse and Neglect Fields
Local Projects: Development and Implementation

Brazil – May, September and November

Multi-sectoral public health approach to intervention in Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN)

Colombia – September to December

Design and implementation of a strategy/training for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Neglect through virtual education: Multimedia Curriculum

Estonia – April and October

Multidisciplinary Training Seminar on Child Abuse and Neglect

India – July and December

Capacity Building and Development of Need-Based Educational Materials for Combating Child Abuse and Neglect in selected states in India

Kenya – July and September

Enhancing Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect through interdisciplinary training of professionals in Kenya

Latvia – July and September

Understanding of child abuse and organization of assistance to the victims of child abuse. Prevention methods of child abuse in working with pre-school children.

Malaysia – May and November

Creating Professionalism in Management of Child Abuse and Neglect in Malaysia

Poland – January to June

Multidisciplinary Training Seminars and Supervision Sessions on Child Abuse and Neglect

South Africa – November

Inter-sectoral Training in Child Protection

Thailand – July

Investigation, Fact-Finding, and Child Witness Support

Other ISPCAN Sponsored Events

Cameroon – July

Treatment and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse

Democratic Republic of Congo – May

Multidisciplinary Approach to the Prevention of Sexual Abuse in Schools

Pakistan – March and September

International Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Training and Resource/Capacity Development

Sri Lanka – July

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Train the Trainers Seminars for Multidisciplinary Professionals

Syria – December

Symposium on Child Protection in Damascus

USA – January and August

Global Institute on "Child Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking: International Perspective" (proceeding San Diego Conference on Child Maltreatment). APSAC Colloquium Cultural Institute



Strengthening Responses in the Arab Region

ISPCAN is pleased to report several new developments in the area of child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment in the Arab region in 2004. Professionals from across the Arab region took part in two major events in 2004, the First Arab ISPCAN Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, in Amman, Jordan in February, and the First National Syrian Symposium on Child Abuse and Neglect, in Damascus, Syria in December. Further, the momentum gained from these meetings has been continued through the establishment of the new Arab Professionals Network for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (APNPCAN) in February 2004.

Arab Conference: "Breaking the Silence"

The First Arab ISPCAN Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, with the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah, was held in Amman, Jordan in February 2004. Over 120 professionals from 17 Arab countries, in addition to experts from Iran, Japan, Canada, Switzerland and the United States, attended the event, which focused on the need to address and strengthen the response to problems of child abuse and neglect.

Experts in the field agreed on the importance of breaking the taboo associated with speaking out about child abuse. In addition to initiating an open dialogue on the issue of child maltreatment, the conference also worked toward examining the extent and patterns of the problem of child abuse and neglect in the Arab world; exploring the cultural implications of child abuse; promoting a multi-disciplinary approach to management of child abuse cases; and establishing an Arab Network for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Key speakers included representatives of UNICEF, the World Health Organisation (WHO), the UN Commission on Human Rights; and ISPCAN President Marcellina Mian.

In a sign of the continuing commitment to the work that needs to be done, the conference marked the launch of the new Arab Professionals' Network for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (APNPCAN) in order to facilitate further collaboration among professionals addressing child abuse and neglect in the region.

Syria Symposium

A Symposium on Child Protection was held in Damascus, Syria, in December 2004. It was organized by the Rainbow For a Better Childhood Foundation, in association with the Syrian Arab Association of Psychiatrists and under the auspices of the Syrian Commission for Family Affairs.

Funded by UNICEF-Syria and ISPCAN, the symposium was used to introduce ideas about child rights and child protection as well as professional skills, such as the medical diagnosis of physical and sexual abuse. The symposium was attended by about 200 Syrian professionals working on the prevention of child abuse and neglect and other child-related issues. National, Arab and international physicians and scientists were invited to share their expertise, with large delegations from Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon, and ISPCAN was represented by several of its Councillors. The ultimate aim of this symposium was to propose a national child protection plan for Syria, and the creation of a draft plan was the most important result of the 3-day Damascus Symposium.

APNPCAN

The Arab Professionals Network for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (APNPCAN) was created as a result of committed and persistent efforts of many Arab colleagues working in the field of child protection who were attending the International and European ISPCAN conferences since 1999. Officially launched at the First Arab ISPCAN Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in 2004, the mission of APNPCAN is to strengthen regional training and collaborative multidisciplinary programs among professionals working to prevent child abuse and neglect. This effort was supported in 2004 by the creation of its new regional listserv.

As part of this mission, APNPCAN has taken the responsibility to hold succeeding Arab regional ISPCAN conferences, other professional training, and activities to encourage the exchange of knowledge and local capacity building in the field of child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment throughout the region. In its first year of existence, the names of more than 75 professionals in the Arab region are already listed as members of APNPCAN. Further information on this new ISPCAN Associate Partner network and its activities is available at: www.arabispcan.org.

ISPCAN welcomes these efforts by ISPCAN members and other professionals in the Arab region and looks forward to further collaboration with professionals and officials, working for the well-being of all children throughout the region.

Key Partners and Funders – Thank You!

ISPCAN would like to recognize our most important partners and funders in 2004. The partnership and financial support of these organizations has enabled ISPCAN to support our members' 2004 training and education efforts in nearly 20 countries around the world, to develop much-needed resource materials tailored for their needs, and to provide honorary memberships to developing country members. These activities, in turn, help to develop and strengthen the professional expertise and capacity of professionals leading efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in their countries.

National Partner Program

A key component of ISPCAN's partnerships and collaborations with child abuse and neglect prevention professionals and organizations around the world is its National Partner Program. The National Partner Program identifies existing national professional organizations focusing on child abuse, as well as ISPCAN members interested in creating such an organization. Through this program, ISPCAN works to establish strong links among these organizations to create a more effective and powerful voice for child protection worldwide.

ISPCAN was pleased to welcome a new National Partner from Singapore in 2004, the Singapore Children's Society. Established in 1952, it offers a broad variety of community, social and rehabilitative services through its eight service centers located across Singapore. In addition, the Singapore Children's Society will be hosting the 6th ISPCAN Asian Regional Conference in Singapore, 16-18 November 2005.

The following 16 organizations were involved in the program in 2004:

AUSTRALIA - National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN)

CAMEROON - Cameroon Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (CASPCAN)

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SOUTH AFRICA - South African Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (SASPCAN)

UGANDA - African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN Uganda Chapter)

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- **Oak Foundation (Switzerland);**
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- **ICCO: Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation (Netherlands);**
- **Alcoa Foundation (USA)**
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- **Office of Justice and Juvenile Delinquency Prevention (USA)**

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Financial Data (Selected)

ISPCAN's current financial picture is strong, reflecting our success in developing and sustaining a diverse funding base. Income from our membership fees, publication royalties, international and regional conferences and grants have allowed ISPCAN to provide an expanded array of direct service to our members as well as support an increasing number of member-initiated projects targeting specific countries or regions.

In 2004, ISPCAN sponsored or co-sponsored a wide range of international and regional meetings including our bi-annual International Congress (Australia), the Arab Regional Conference (Jordan), and the African Regional Conference (Nigeria). In addition, we provided multi-day trainings in 19 developing countries (DC), a substantial increase over previous efforts to support professionals working in areas with very limited institutional support.

Looking across our specific revenue streams, income from Membership dues increased in 2004 due to new members who joined at the 2004 International Congress. In order to insure sufficient resources to support our growing array of services, the ISPCAN Council voted to increase dues at its 2004 Annual Meeting. With this increase, ISPCAN dues now are US\$130 (1 year) or \$240 (2 years), with a reduced rate for Developing Country* members at \$50 (1 year) or \$95 (2 years). Other revenues showing a strong increase in 2004 were income from Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal royalties and income from Congresses and Conferences (thanks to the very successful International Congress organized by NAPCAN). Although our total grant revenues were lower in 2004, this pattern is a result of the realization of income from a multi-year grant (for 2004-06 programs) received in 2003.

Major 2004 ISPCAN program expenses included our expanded efforts in the area of education and training, particularly in developing regions, additional costs

associated with the International Congress, and expanded efforts in the areas of publications, administrative services and general operations. Research expenses increased in 2004 due to the costs of producing the World Perspectives on Child Abuse publication and ISPCAN's research project related to the UN Study on Violence Against Children.

These financial data, while impressive, do not capture the significant contribution of time and expertise generously provided ISPCAN through the volunteer efforts of our members and National Partners throughout the world. If program expenses reflected the time and in-kind contributions of ISPCAN members, these programs would comprise a larger portion of the total ISPCAN expenses. These volunteer resources have assisted the Secretariat in holding administrative and operational costs to only 14% of total expenses, a very modest level given the vast array of services offered our members and other organizations concerned with child protection.

ISPCAN is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization as designated by the USA Internal Revenue Service under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Financial Audit 2004

ISPCAN audited financial results for 2004: Current Assets at the end of 2004 were \$921,746. Property and Equipment at Cost (minus depreciation) was \$28,878. At the end of 2004, Total Assets were \$950,624 and Liabilities were \$184,492, bringing ISPCAN's year end Net Assets to \$766,132. This is a net decrease of \$189,797. The advance funding received of \$194,975 in 2003 from the Oak Foundation for 2004 programs more than compensated for this decrease.

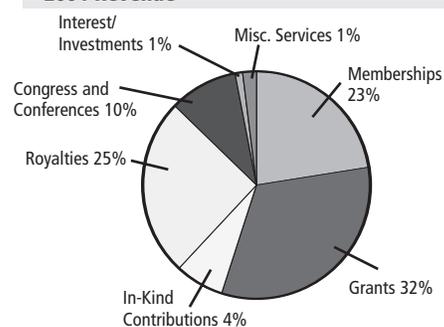
ISPCAN is formally audited each year in accordance with relevant auditing standards. For a copy of the final 2004 audit, please contact the ISPCAN Secretariat.

* Developing Country status is based on information from World Bank reports.

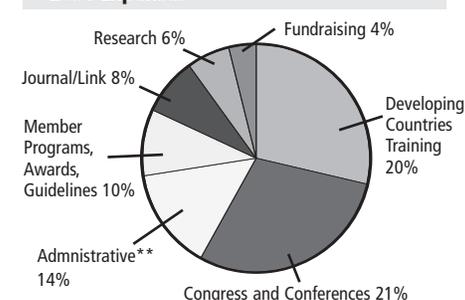
Revenue (\$)	2004	2003
Memberships	157,729	140,722
Grants	225,726	770,603
In-Kind Contributions	47,770	45,869
Royalties	176,285	158,687
Congress and Conferences	69,091	3,452
Interest/Investments	7,391	8,311
Miscellaneous Services	13,121	4,294
Total	697,113	1,131,938

Expenses (\$)	2004	2003
Developing Countries Training	254,928	191,291
Congress and Conferences	260,173	145,283
Administration/Operations	93,566	91,011
Membership Programs	77,493	86,660
Journal/Link	71,623	78,125
Executive Council/Nominations	18,595	33,778
Research	53,340	18,299
Fundraising	34,570	30,908
Recruiting	11,541	12,251
Awards	5,347	4,378
Strategic Planning	3,006	3,414
Guidelines	2,730	7,525
Total	886,910	702,922

2004 Revenue



2004 Expenses



** Administrative = Administration/Operations, Executive Council/ Nominations, Recruiting, Strategic Planning

ISPCAN would also like to thank the following organizations for supporting Council members in fulfilling ISPCAN's mission.

The Center on Child abuse and Neglect, Department of Pediatrics, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (B. Bonner)

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The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada (M. Mian)

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To increase awareness of the extent, the causes and possible solutions for all forms of child abuse.

To disseminate academic and clinical research to those in positions to enhance practice and improve policy.

To support international efforts to promote and protect the Rights of the Child.

To improve the quality of current efforts to detect, treat and prevent child abuse.

To facilitate the exchange of best practice standards being developed by ISPCAN members throughout the world.

To design and deliver comprehensive training programs to professionals and concerned volunteers engaged in efforts to treat and prevent child abuse.



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