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## **Message of Program Chair**

Dear Colleagues in Peace Research,

Your work in peace education builds knowledge and enthuses new researchers, while it demonstrates commitment and fortitude that provide encouragement during very difficult times. The challenges we are facing can seem unsurmountable, especially to those who lack knowledge about successful methods of peace education. It is as important now as ever to sustain our research and report it, because of how it informs practice as well as its inspirational effect in a world of compounding conflicts and expanding violence. Awareness of efforts to bring about and extend peace through education builds hope, which we know is crucial when experiencing daunting challenges, while it provides a compass for navigating towards non-harm.

Please consider your participation in the upcoming the (IPRA) Conference 2023 that will be situated in Trinidad and Tobago during May 2023. It will be a celebration of the Peace Education's Commission's 5 decades in the International Peace Research Association (IPRA). New and long-time members, including its founders, will connect, report their research, plan collaboration, and celebrate together in the event. The exact dates of the conference are forthcoming soon from IPRA's co-secretary generals.

Yours in peace,

Candice Carter, Program Chair

IPRA Peace Education Commission



## **Upcoming Conferences**

- ◆ **European Peace Research Association, June 2022, in Tampere, Finland**  
**Empowering Peace: The Role of Civil Society in Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation**

<https://www.euprapeace.org/2020/12/09/cfp-eupra2021/>

◆ **Peace and Conflict Studies Journal Conference, November 10 & 11, 2022, in Florida, USA: Power from Below for a More Durable and Just Peace**  
[https://nsuworks.nova.edu/pcs\\_conference/](https://nsuworks.nova.edu/pcs_conference/)

◆ **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Peace Education Commission in IPRA Conference: A Progression Across Decades and Contexts, May 2023** (exact dates to be announced soon by IPRA) in Trinidad. <https://www.ipra2023.org/call-for-proposals>

## Recent Publications

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## Current Research

Dr. Fouzia Ajmal, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, International Islamic University Islamabad has completed her research project Building Resilience through Civic, Peace and Tolerance Education: Perspectives of Teacher Educators about Pre-service Teacher Education. The Community Resilience Research Network, Sustainable Development Policy Institute of Pakistan funded her study. The project highlighted the importance of civic, peace, and tolerance education for preservice teacher education in Pakistan. The research paper related to the project is in process for publication.

## In Memoriam

It was with great sadness that Olga Vorkunova unexpectedly died in Moscow during October 2021. The following was written by her colleague in peace research, Nils Vambheim in the University of Tromso, Norway.

Olga Vorkunova (PhD in History) was an Associate Professor of Regional Studies at the Department of Regional Studies, Institute of International Relations and Social and Political Sciences, Moscow State Linguistic University. She was also the Senior Researcher at the Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations, and M.O. of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and Associate Professor at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization University. (Source: <https://www.euprapeace.org/about/board/> )

Dr. Vorkunova was a highly esteemed member of the Eupra Board, the IPRA Council, and 2021-23 Chair of IPRA's Peace Education Commission. She was well versed in theories of peace and of peace mediation. She adapted Johan Galtung's peace theories and Transcend Method for peace mediation to conflicts in Russia and the Post-Soviet space. Olga also organized *Winter School events* in Pskov, Russia, where she invited peace researchers to teach students about peace research and peace education. She had a comprehensive network of contacts in Europe and Central Asia, and did peace and mediation courses directed to mediate conflicts in Caucasia.

Olga was very devoted to peace and peace research, and was also a great bridge builder between Russian and Western peace researchers. For the last 12 months of her life Olga was working tirelessly to convene a Peace Education Conference (online) in Moscow, planned to be held on October 27-29 2021, but in the beginning of October she caught Covid-19, was hospitalized, and on October 25 2021 she passed away. We mourn the loss of Olga, a great person, colleague and peace educator, who so tragically passed away while working tirelessly for peace education, and for cooperation and peace between Russia, the West, and the rest of the world.

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