

## IUPsyS Forum: Psychological Science Diplomacy for Global Public Good

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On behalf of the Consortium Coordinadora de Psicólogos del Uruguay / Sociedad de Psicología del Uruguay, I want to thank the opportunity to participate in this historic session of the IUPsyS.

IUPsyS's mission has already been mentioned in this meeting. In this sense, in fact, the very existence of the Union constitutes an action of scientific diplomacy of psychology at the global level, contributing to greater international cooperation and, ultimately, to more peaceful international relations, based on the respect for human rights, equity and social justice.

From an analytical point of view of Science Diplomacy, IUPsyS can contribute at the three classically defined levels of intervention:

- **science in diplomacy**, using scientific advice in psychology for decision-making at the international or global level;
- **diplomacy for science**, promoting collaboration between countries to share resources and facilities for the better development of psychological science;
- and **science for diplomacy**, promoting a more peaceful world through scientific cooperation in psychology, even when the political relations of the countries involved are deteriorating or in crisis.

From this perspective, the role of the Union should function both as a **global platform for action** towards countries and the world to use Psychological Science Diplomacy in consideration of global public goods, as well as **an active promoter of a culture of Psychological Science Diplomacy** in its member organizations, through the promotion and strengthening of their capacities for advocacy on issues of public interest in their areas of competence.

The challenge for the IUPsyS is twofold: on the one hand, to intervene as a **global platform** at the three classical levels; on the other hand, **to promote awareness of the role of professional associations** in considering and using the science of psychology at the three levels of science diplomacy in its member organizations. The latter is a major challenge, as our associations do not always consider this as a role to be incorporated

into their institutional action strategies, and (even less so) have the necessary capacities and skills to practice Psychological Science Diplomacy.

It is important that the Union has reference to global roadmaps, in particular the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDG17 as a cross-cutting strategy, along with SDG3 and SDG10 in focus), and dialogues with global actors in the field of science diplomacy, such as the ISC, the United Nations, in particular UNESCO and WHO, as well as with networks dedicated to the promotion of science diplomacy, such as the Ibero-American Science and Technology for Development Program (CYTED), the World Science Forum, and the Open Science Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean (CILAC Forum).

The Preamble to the Constitution of UNESCO declares that *“since wars begin in the minds of men and women, it is in the minds of men and women that the defenses of peace must be constructed.”*

It is for the Union’s Psychological Science Diplomacy to get this message as a value to pursue.

Thank you very much.

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