

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTIZIARIO

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One-Day International Conference *Psychology of Selection and Assessment in the Challenges of Sustainable Development*

IAAP Special Project «Promoting
Decent Work for All»
December 10, 2025, Salone
Brunelleschi, Istituto degli Innocenti,
Florence, Italy

The One-Day International Conference *Psychology of Selection and Assessment in the Challenges of Sustainable Development*, IAAP Special Project «Promoting Decent Work for All» will be held in hybrid modality on December 10 2025, at the Salone Brunelleschi of the Istituto degli Innocenti, Florence, Italy. The scientific event is part of a series of international conferences organized by Annamaria Di Fabio (Full Professor of Work and Organizational Psychology, Psychology of Sustainability and Sustainable Development, University of Florence, Italy, Member of the Board of Directors BoD of the International Association of Applied Psychology IAAP) within the IAAP Special Project «Promoting Decent Work for All», which the University of Florence has been in charge of since 2018, and re-appointed in 2022. The event will be organized by the Department of Education, Languages, Interculture, Literatures and Psychology of the University of Florence with the support of Division 1 «Work and Organizational Psychology» of the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP). This conference is also being promoted by the UNESCO Chair «Lifelong Guidance and Counseling», coordinated by the University of Wroclaw (Poland), and the UniTwin Network «Life Designing Interventions (counseling, guidance and education) for decent work and sustainable development». It is also being promoted by the Italian Association of Psychology (*Associazione Italiana di Psicologia*,

AIP). The event will include outstanding keynote speakers: Sergio Salvatore (President of the Italian Association of Psychology, AIP; Full Professor of Dynamic Psychology, University of Salento, Italy); Santo Di Nuovo (President of the Italian Network of Psychological Associations, INPA, affiliated with the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations, EFPA; Past President of the Italian Association of Psychology, AIP; President Elect Division 7 Applied Gerontology, International Association of Applied Psychology, IAAP; Professor Emeritus of General Psychology, University of Catania, Italy); Alessandro Lo Presti (Full Professor of Work and Organizational Psychology, Department of Psychology, University of Campania «Luigi Vanvitelli», Italy); Marco Giovanni Mariani (Full Professor of Work and Organizational Psychology, Department of Psychology, University of Bologna, Italy); Dina Guglielmi (Coordinator Section of Psychology for Organizations, Italian Association of Psychology, AIP; Full Professor of Work and Organizational Psychology, University of Bologna, Italy); Gabriele Giorgi (Full Professor of Work and Organizational Psychology, European University of Rome, Italy). There will also be two round tables: Round Table 1 «Which Challenges for Selection and Assessment in the Era of AI and Sustainable Development?» Chairs: Annamaria Di Fabio (University of Florence, Italy) and Giuseppe Scaratti (Full Professor of Work and Organizational Psychology, Director of the Human and Social Sciences Department, University of Bergamo, Italy), Discussant: José María Peiró (Professor Emeritus of Work and Organizational Psychology, Past President of the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP), Research Institute of Personnel Psychology, Organizational Development and Quality of Working Life, IDOCAL, University of Valencia, Valencia, Spain); Round Table 2 «Legal Aspects and Real

Contexts for Selection and Assessment in the Era of AI and Sustainable Development»
 Chairs: Gaetano Vicinente (Lawyer, Court of Florence, Italy) and Maria Paola Monaco (University of Florence, Italy), Discussant: Annamaria Di Fabio (University of Florence, Italy). During the event, the *Awards Ceremony for Excellence* will be held, chaired by Annamaria Di Fabio and José María Peiró on behalf of the International Core Group Florence, and as moderator and for award ceremony conclusions, Gabriele Canè, Journalist, Past Director of the *Carlino*, *Nazione*, and *Giorno* newspapers and currently columnist of the most important Italian ones, President of Rotary Florence). The scientific committee of the event is composed of Annamaria Di Fabio (University of Florence, Italy), Dina Guglielmi (University of Bologna, Italy), and José María Peiró (IDOCAL, University of Valencia, Spain).
 The event is included in the public engagement activities.
 This scientific event is free of charge and open to the citizenry.
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**One-Day International Conference
*Psychology of Sustainability and Sustainable Development: Challenges to Move Forward***

MANUREFINERY Horizon Project
 December 11, 2025, Aula Magna of the Rectorate, University of Florence, Florence, Italy

The One-Day International Conference *Psychology of Sustainability and Sustainable Development: Challenges to Move Forward* will be held in hybrid modality on December 11th 2025, at Aula Magna of the Rectorate, University of Florence, Florence, Italy. The event is part of the MANUREFINERY Horizon

Project coordinated by the Technological Institute of Aragon (Spain) and for which the University of Florence (Italy) is one of the partners, with the involvement of the Department of Industrial Engineering (DIEF), and of the Department of Education, Languages, Intercultures, Literatures and Psychology (FORLIPSI). The event will be organized by the Department of Education, Languages, Interculture, Literatures and Psychology (FORLIPSI) (Annamaria Di Fabio, responsible of the Special International IAAP Project «Promoting Decent Work for All», International Association of Applied Psychology, IAAP; Full Professor of Work and Organizational Psychology, Psychology of Sustainability and Sustainable Development) and the Department of Industrial Engineering (DIEF), Daniele Fiaschi, Professor of Renewable Energy and Energy Systems, responsible of the MANUREFINERY Horizon Project for the University of Florence, Italy; Giampaolo Manfreda, Full Professor of Sustainable Energy, former responsible of the MANUREFINERY Horizon Project for the University of Florence, Italy. This event will be organized with the support of Division 1 «Work and Organizational Psychology» of the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP). This Conference is also being promoted by the UNESCO Chair «Lifelong Guidance and Counseling», coordinated by the University of Wrocław (Poland), and the UniTwin Network «Life Designing Interventions (counseling, guidance and education) for decent work and sustainable development». It is also being promoted by the Italian Association of Psychology (*Associazione Italiana di Psicologia*, AIP). The event is also supported by the «IAAP Special Project Promoting Decent Work for All». The event will include outstanding keynote speakers: Christoph Steinebach (Past President EFPA, President of the International Congress of Applied Psychology, ICAP 2030; Full Professor, ZHAW School of Applied

Psychology, Zürich, Switzerland); Prof. Daniele Fiaschi (Professor of Renewable Energy and Energy Systems, University of Florence, Italy); Prof. Giuseppe Carrus (Full Professor of Social and Environmental Psychology, Roma Tre University, Italy). There will also be a round table «MANUREFINERY as a Prototype of Challenges of Real Contexts for Sustainable Development» Chairs: Annamaria Di Fabio (University of Florence, Italy) and Giampaolo Manfrida (University of Florence, Italy); Discussant: José María Peiró (Past President of the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP), IDOCAL Research Institute, University of Valencia, Valencia, Spain). The scientific committee of the event is composed of Annamaria Di Fabio (University of Florence, Italy), Daniele Fiaschi (University of Florence, Italy), Giampaolo Manfrida (University of Florence, Italy), and José María Peiró (IDOCAL, University of Valencia, Spain). The event is included in the public engagement activities. This scientific event is free of charge and open to the citizenry. For more information write to annamaria.difabio@unifi.it

2026 Western Psychological Association WPA Convention *Action through Psychology*

Tacoma, Washington, USA, April 30-
May 3, 2026

The Western Psychological Association Convention will be held in Tacoma, Washington, USA, from April 30 to May 3, 2026. The theme of the event, *Action through Psychology*, emphasizes the application of psychological science to promote positive change at individual, community, and global levels. The convention will feature numerous sessions exploring a wide range of theoretical, empirical, and applied topics within the field of

psychology. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in paper and poster presentations, symposia, workshops, and invited addresses led by distinguished scholars and professionals. This event offers an excellent platform for networking, professional development, and the exchange of innovative ideas among researchers, educators, clinicians, and students interested in advancing psychological science and practice. For more detailed information, consult the website: <https://westernpsych.org/convention-news/>

2026 Canadian Counseling and Psychotherapy Association (CCPA) Conference

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, May 29
(pre-conference)-May 31, 2026

From May 29 (pre-conference) to May 31, 2026, the Canadian Counseling and Psychotherapy Association (CCPA) will hold its annual conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. This event will bring together scholars, practitioners, educators, and mental health professionals from across Canada and beyond to share research findings, clinical experiences, and innovative approaches in the field of counseling and psychotherapy. The conference will serve as a forum for reflection and dialogue on current trends, challenges, and opportunities related to counseling theory, practice, and education. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in different types of presentations and professional development workshops designed to foster learning and collaboration. The event is particularly aimed at counselors, educators, career practitioners, academics, and policy makers, offering valuable opportunities for networking, continuing education, and professional growth. More information on the website: <https://www.ccpa-accp.ca/ccpa-annual-conference/>

2026 NCDA Global Career Development Conference
Creative Resilience: Integrating Dynamic Solutions in Career Development

Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, June 30-July 2, 2025

The National Career Development Association (NCDA) Conference, titled *Creative Resilience: Integrating Dynamic Solutions in Career Development*, will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, from June 30 to July 2, 2026. The conference will serve as a meeting point for career development professionals, researchers, educators, and policy makers interested in exploring new strategies to promote adaptability and resilience in a changing world of work. Participants will engage in discussions addressing emerging labor market trends, social and economic challenges, and effective interventions that support individuals in navigating career transitions. The program includes presentations, round tables, workshops, and poster sessions. Further details are available on the website: https://www.ncdaconference.org/aws/NCDA/pt/sp/conference_home

31st International Congress of Applied Psychology ICAP 2026
New Directions in Applied Psychology
 Florence, Italy, July 21-25 2026

The 31st International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP 2026) will be held in Florence from 21 to 25 July 2026. ICAP 2026 is the world conference of the IAAP International Association of Applied Psychology (<https://iaapsy.org/>), the most prestigious association of applied psychology, founded in 1920 (<https://iaapsy.org/about/>) with 18 divisions, and it takes place every four years.

The congress will bring together leading experts from around the world to share their cutting-edge research and insights in applied psychology. ICAP 2026 will showcase the latest discoveries in applied psychology and explore their potential to generate positive change on both a personal and societal level.

The Congress President is Giuseppe Scaratti (Full Professor, Director of the Human and Social Sciences Department, University of Bergamo, Italy). The Congress Vice-Presidents are: Annamaria Di Fabio (Annamaria Di Fabio, Full Professor, Department of Education, Languages, Interculture, Literatures and Psychology, University of Florence, Italy) and Edoardo Lozza (Full Professor, Faculty of Psychology, Catholic University of Milan, Italy). Regarding the Scientific Committee, Annamaria Di Fabio is the President of the Scientific Committee and Program, and Dina Guglielmi (Full Professor, Department of Education Studies, University of Bologna) is the Vice-President of the Scientific Committee and Program, assisted by Giuseppe Scaratti and Edoardo Lozza. Also, IAAP Presidents and Italian representatives of each the 18 Divisions of IAAP are engaged on the scientific program committee with broad international representation.

Regarding the Organizing Committee, Giuseppe Scaratti is the President of the Organizing Committee assisted by Edoardo Lozza and Annamaria Di Fabio. Other members of the Organizing Committee are: Barbara Barbieri (University of Cagliari, Italy); Cinzia Castiglioni (Catholic University of Milan, Italy); Maddalena Gambirasio (University of Bergamo, Italy); Silvia Ivaldi (University of Bergamo, Italy); Marco Giovanni Mariani (University of Bologna, Italy); Letizia Palazzeschi (University of Florence, Italy); and Vincenzo Russo (IULM University, Milan). (<https://www.icap2026.org/committees/>).

The Congress will include prestigious opening and closing keynote speakers (<https://www.icap2026.org/opening-and-closing-keynotes/>)

Opening Keynote Speakers:

Sir Cary Cooper, CBD Ph.D. (Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; 50th Anniversary Professor of Organizational Psychology & Health; Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester, UK; Immediate Past President of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development; President of the Institute of Welfare; Chair of the National Forum for Health & Wellbeing at Work).

Fanny M. Cheung, Ph.D. (Emeritus Professor of Psychology, Hon. Senior Advisor, Hong Kong Institute of Asia Pacific Studies, Former Vice-President for Research and Choh-ming Li, Professor of Psychology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Asian Association of Social Psychology Lifetime Achievement Award Kuo-Shu Yang Medal 2023; IAAP Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions to International Advancement of Applied Psychology 2014; American Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology 2012).

Kazuhiko Takeuchi, Ph.D. (Project Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan; President, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES); Visiting Professor, United Nations University (UNU-IAS);

Past Director and Professor, Integrated Research System for Sustainability Science (IR3S) at the University of Tokyo; Past Senior Vice-Rector at United Nations University and Assistant Secretary-General at the United Nations; Editor-in-Chief, Sustainability Science). He will offer a video message on sustainability science including welcome greetings to participants from all over the world.

Closing Keynote Speakers:

David Blustein, Ph.D. (Golden Eagle Faculty Fellow, Team leader; Work Intervention Network Boston College, Boston, USA; Department of Counseling, Developmental, and Educational Psychology; APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Research in Public Policy-2025).

Marc A. Rosen, Ph.D. (Past President, Engineering Institute of Canada, Canada; Professor and Founding Dean from 2002-08, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, Ontario Tech University, Oshawa, Ontario; Editor-in-Chief, Sustainability; Editor-in-Chief, Biofuels).

Furthermore, more than eighty transversal invited keynote lectures are confirmed from all over the world (<https://www.icap2026.org/transversal-keynotes/>).

For more detailed information, please visit the website: <https://www.icap2026.org/>