

Membership News and Committee Goals

1. Save the Date: Bridgerton Social Event

Are you interested in the Netflix series, Bridgerton, or want to learn more about it? The IARR Membership Committee will be hosting this social event for members and their guests on **Friday 30 April 2021**. There will be two separate, but identical events, one for the Oceania Time Zone and one for the rest of the world. Keep an eye out in your inbox for more details regarding this event.

2. New Addition to the Members Area of the IARR Website - Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are coming to the IARR website for members! SIGs will enable IARR members to network and collaborate with others around the world and to share related research projects, data sets, and literature with like-minded colleagues. Members are welcome to join any SIGs that interest them! Initially, seven different SIGs will be established to capture a wide range of interests. More SIGs will be added later. Have a look out for these SIGs coming soon to the members area of the IARR website:

Attachment. This SIG will focus on attachment research and applications.

Clinical Applications to Relationship Research. This SIG will focus on how relationship research can be applied to a clinical setting.

LGBTQIA+ Relationships. This SIG will focus on research and applications related to LGBTQIA+ relationships.

Digital/Social Media and Relationships. This SIG will focus on the impacts and implications that digital and social media has on relationships.

Relationship/Sexual Violence. This SIG will focus on research and applications oriented towards understanding and preventing family violence, intimate partner violence, and sexual violence.

Adolescent Romance/Intimacy. This SIG will focus on adolescent experiences of romance

We are currently looking for key contacts for the above SIGs. Key contacts will help maintain the uploaded documents (e.g., data sets, presentations, working papers, etc) on the SIG page and serve as the person to contact for anything related to the SIG. If you would like to be a key contact person for one of the SIGs, please get in touch directly with Michelle Luke (email: M.A.Luke@sussex.ac.uk).

3. IARR Branding - "What makes IARR unique from other organizations?"

What makes IARR special and unique from other academic organizations/societies (i.e. What is our identity)? The IARR Membership Committee is looking to help IARR create a brand for itself, but we need your help! We would be grateful if you could jot a few words or sentences down in response to the following question and email your answers to Michelle Luke (email: M.A.Luke@sussex.ac.uk):

What makes IARR unique from other organizations?

Thanks for your help in advance! We look forward to reading what makes us unique.

Best Wishes,
 Michelle Luke, Cheryl Harasymchuk and Kai Kline on behalf the IARR Membership
 Committee

IARR Membership Committee Goals for 2020-22

Goal	Subgoal
1. Work with other organizations to increase membership and/or organize conferences around each other (We have already met with EASP, who are keen to work with us. If a member has any suggestions for other organizations for which to collaborate, please get in touch with Michelle Luke)	
2. Increase membership by offering more benefits to being a member of IARR	Offer Webinars, Town Halls and Social Events for members only and their guests
	Create a member only section on the IARR website that includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Listserv to the website that only members can use - A list of available grants related to relationship research - A directory of members - Special Interest Groups
3. Increase membership by offering reduced membership fees for people in certain regions of the world	
4. Focus on branding what makes (IARR unique) to increase membership	
5. Increase the diversity of IARR members - Note that this will largely be the responsibility of the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force Committee.	