

About IPRA

Founded in 1964, IPRA developed from a conference organized by the founders in Clarens, Switzerland, 16-20 August 1963. The participants decided to hold international Conferences on Research on International Peace and Security (COROIPAS).

Under the leadership of John Burton, the Continuing Committee met in London, 1-3 December 1964. At that time, they took steps to broaden the original concept of holding research conferences. The decision was made to form a professional association with the principal aim of increasing the quantity of research focused on world peace and ensuring its scientific quality.

An Executive Committee including Bert V A. Roling, Secretary General (The Netherlands), John Burton (United Kingdom), Ljubivoje Acimovic (Yugoslavia), Jerzy Sawicki (Poland), and Johan Galtung (Norway) was appointed. This group was also designated as Nominating Committee for a 15-person Advisory Council to be elected at the first general conference of IPRA, to represent various regions, disciplines, and research interests in developing the work of the Association.

Nature and Members

IPRA is a voluntary non-profit international scientific association of researchers and educators. Its membership consists of individual scholars, scientific institutions and scientific associations.

Purpose and Objectives

IPRA's mission is to advance research into the conditions of peace and the causes of war and other forms of violence. To this end IPRA engages in global cooperation for the advancement of peace research by:

- ◆ Promoting national and international studies and teaching for pursuit of world peace,
- ◆ Facilitating global contacts among scholars and educators
- ◆ Encouraging the global dissemination of research results through scientific publications and information on other peace research activities.

To achieve its purpose, IPRA engages in close cooperation with other international governmental and non-governmental organisations in:

- ◆ Organising international general and special conferences,

- ◆ Assisting in the international cooperation and co-ordination of peace research,
- ◆ Supporting scientific journals, book series, reports and other publications also in social media on peace research,
- ◆ Establishing national and regional peace research institutes, programmes, chairs, councils and associations,
- ◆ Publishing (disciplinary, multi-, trans- and inter-disciplinary and transformative) scientific studies resulting from IPRA conferences reflecting high academic standards,
- ◆ Directing the attention of scientists and practitioners to emerging aspects of peace research and peace education

Call for Proposals and Papers

The general call for presentations and papers is currently being prepared and will be announced when ready. Save the date for the 28th Biennial IPRA Conference in Nairobi, Kenya on 11 -15 January 2021.

Website: <https://iprafoundation.org/>

IPRA 2012 Tsu City, Japan – Hosted by Mie University



Former President of East Timor, H.E. Jose Ramos-Horta makes his

Keynote Speech during the opening ceremony for the 24th IPRA Global Conference



Dr. A Fuertes of George Mason University makes his presentation during IPRA Commission sessions at Mie University

IPRA 2014 Istanbul, Turkey – Hosted by Sakarya University



Europe

Peace scholar and IPRA founder member, Prof Johan Galtung conversing with fellow IPRA scholar from



University student volunteers

Group photo with some delegates to the 25th IPRA General Conference and Sakarya

IPRA 2016 Freetown, Sierra Leone – Hosted by University of Sierra Leone



Dignitaries at the opening ceremony for the 26th IPRA General Conference



Prof Marcos Ferreira of Federal University of Paraiba, Brazil, presents during IPRA Commission session in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

IPRA 2018 Ahmedabad-Gujarat, India – Hosted by Gujarat Vidyapith, Swarnim Startup & Innovation University



Pilgrim of Peace"

Students from JG College of Performing Arts perform a dance drama on "Mahatma Gandhi : Pilgrim of Peace"