

About ISEPP & IJEPP

About the International Journal of Existential Psychology and Psychotherapy (IJEPP)

IJEPP is the official organ of the International Society for Existential Psychology and Psychotherapy (ISEPP). It is published online at <http://www.existentialpsychology.org> and is accessible for free for its first year of publication. After that it will be available only to members of INPM/ISEPP and subscribers of IJEPP. Individual articles may be purchased online by non-members and non-subscribers. Once a year IJEPP publishes selected papers in hardcopy format.

About ISEPP

The International Society for Existential Psychology and Psychotherapy (ISEPP) is the first professional division of the International Network on Personal Meaning (INPM).

Mission

The mission of ISEPP is to advance existential psychology and psychotherapy as one of the major forces within mainstream psychology.

Its objectives are to:

1. Promote the development of human sciences and the study of human experiences.
2. Provide a forum, through its journals and conferences, for the exchange and cross-fertilization of ideas.
3. Facilitate international cooperation and synergism.
4. Improve the human condition through the application of existential psychology and therapy.
5. Serve as an umbrella organization for the larger existential community.

The broad umbrella will encompass humanistic-existential psychology, existential-phenomenological psychology, logotherapy and existential analysis, integrative meaning-centred counselling, and various forms of narrative, social constructionist psychology and therapy.

Membership

Professional membership with ISEPP restricted to individuals with a minimum a Masters degree from a regionally accredited institution or with a Diplomat status from a recognized professional organization. Student membership with ISEPP requires that the individual is undergraduate or graduate student with regionally accredited institution. It incumbent upon the student to provide proof of enrollment.

Professional membership costs \$60 CDN (\$40 USD) per year, while student membership is \$20 CDN (\$15 USD).

Membership can be purchased online, after completing the registration form www.meaning.ca, or by completing printed membership application. For more information, please contact the Membership Secretary (membership@meaning.ca).

Relationship to the International Network on Personal Meaning

ISEPP is a division of INPM until such time when it is strong enough to achieve an independent status, i.e., has its own charter, charitable status and elected officers. At that time, the ISEPP will remain a sister organization in partnership with INPM. For the time being, ISEPP will be managed by the existing Executive Committee and overseen by the Official Board of INPM.

Background on the International Network on Personal Meaning

As a multidisciplinary, learned society, INPM is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge on the vital role of meaning in mental/physical health, spiritual development, and peace-making. What is unique about INPM is that it combines an appreciation for the importance of research with a strong emphasis on the need for public education and community service.

INPM believes that high quality and cutting edge scientific research on the role of meaning in major life domains, such as work and vocation, health and illness, life and death, peace and conflict, can contribute significantly to higher and professional education. INPM also firmly believes that it can have a lasting impact on public policies and the well being of individuals and communities through broad, public dissemination of its research findings and solutions.

Founded by Paul T. P. Wong in 1998, housed in Langley, British Columbia, and incorporated as a non-profit, charitable organization with the Federal Government of Canada in 2001, INPM has attracted close to 300 members with professional qualifications from over 30 countries. Although the majority of its members are psychologists and counsellors, other professions, such as medicine, nursing, hospice workers, clergy, social work, education, and management are also represented.

INPM is non-partisan, non-religious and non-governmental. It is funded entirely by membership dues, donations, and revenue from conference events. It is governed by an Official Board and an Executive Committee. Most of the activities of the INPM are carried out by volunteers, who share INPM's vision for the betterment of the human condition through meaning.