

"promoting peace activities informed by peace research"

#### Letter from the IPRA Foundation President

Dear Colleagues,

So many of us are waiting for an end to 2020 and hoping that 2021 looks more promising. The excitement around the newly available vaccines for the COVID virus is making all of us a bit more hopeful.

Our Peace Research Grant recipients and our Senesh Fellows have struggled so much this year with classes being moved online and research projects delays or canceled. We have communicated with them throughout the year and have helped out when and where we could. Travel to do research has been the primary barrier due to the virus. Almost all of our scholars have implemented unique plans so that they can at least carry out part of their projects.

With most conferences moved to an online format this year, we have chosen not to send any of our scholars to do a presentation. The IPRA Foundation gave IPRA funds to support the online portion of their upcoming conference in January in Nairobi. We will work with our funded scholars in the future so that they can have the experience of presenting their research in front of a live and in-person audience.

Please watch our website for updates on the eleven newest Peace Research Grant recipients. This is a wonderfully talented group of individuals and we are very proud to be a part of their academic success.

Best wishes for a wonderful New Year!

Dr. Linda M. Johnston, President of the IPRA Foundation



## Announcing 11 New Peace Research Grant Recipients

We are pleased to announce 11 new Peace Research Grant recipients this year:

- · Rimona Afana
- Mudasir Amin
- Susan Brewer-Osorio
- Lino Ika
- Paidamoyo Chikate
- Joseph Muiruri Karanja
- Ana Luiza da Gama
- Diah Kusumaningrum
- Bekele Melese Eshete
- Haris Amin Zargar
- Helin Unal

Congratulations to all of our new Peace Research Grant recipients! If you are interested in applying in 2021, the application cycle opens January 1st, with a deadline of February 28th.

Please contact our Grants and Scholarship Coordinator, Crystal Money, (ipraf.crystal@gmail.com) with any questions.

# Senesh Fellowship Application Deadline January 15, 2021

The Dorothy Marchus Senesh Fellowship provides two biennial fellowships awarded to women from the developing world for studies in the field of peace.

The Fellowships provide \$5,000 per year for two years for both women, for a total of \$10,000 each.

Read more about the Senesh Fellowship and our previous fellows.

#### Travel Grants in the Time of COVID-19

Due to the dramatically worsening situation with COVID-19 in the world, for the very first time, the IPRA Foundation will not use funds from the Kenneth E. Boulding Conference Travel Fund to support scholars to present their research at an in-person conference. It is our goal for all Peace Researchers around the world to stay healthy without getting exposed unnecessarily.

## Support Peace Research in these challenging times; we need it more than ever.

The current challenges of the world stem from a variety of systemic and institutional concerns, but at the end of the day, we need to understand the underlying issues in a way that only consistent research can provide. Please consider donating to the IPRA Foundation this year to help continue the much needed funding for researchers all over the world.

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### 28th Biennial IPRA Conference in Nairobi, Kenya Includes a Virtual Component

Save the date for the <u>28th Biennial IPRA Conference</u> on January 11-15, 2021. For the first time ever, the IPRA Conference will include a virtual component in addition to the in-person conference to better accommodate researchers from all over the world.

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