Dear Colleagues,

I am very happy to be serving in the capacity of President of the IPRA Foundation once again. I am grateful for the confidence the Board has shown in me at this time.

I want to especially thank Diana de la Rua Eugenio for her four years in this role. She brought her calm presence and professionalism to all of the activities of the Foundation. Diana has agreed to stay on the Board and continue to serve on the Senesh Fellowship committee. I personally treasure her expertise in this area.

We are in a difficult year right now, with the COVID-19 virus and the economic downturn. Many of our Peace Research grantees have found themselves unable to complete their planned studies or academic programs. Because each of their needs are different, we have tried to work with them individually to make an alternate plan for completing the work. I know this time has been very difficult for many scholars as they may need to totally change the focus of their project. It is heartbreaking, for example, to hear stories of scholars who have had to leave their research sites in the middle of doing interviews, not knowing when they will be able to return to complete the work.

At the same time, the IPRA Foundation had to postpone 2020 Cycle 1 of the Peace Research Grants Program. This decision was a difficult one to make but given what we were already seeing that was happening with scholars who were midway through their projects, we felt that it was the best decision at the time. Members of the Board are very anxious to get that process started again.

I plan to spend the next month reacquainting myself with the Board members who I know as well as getting to know the new people. I will also review the projects of all the grantees and scholarship recipients to familiarize myself with the wonderful work they are all doing to promote peace.

Dr. Linda M. Johnston, IPRA Foundation President
Grant and Scholarship Status Update

**Peace Research Grant** -
We are happy to announce that we will again be accepting applications for the Peace Research Grant starting July 1st, with a deadline of August 31st. You can find the updated application and requirements on our website (www.iprafoundation.org)

**Senesh Fellowship** -
We are also happy to announce that we will once again be accepting applications for the Senesh Fellowship starting October 1st with a deadline of January 15th. Please check our website for more information.

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

The 28th Biennial IPRA Conference

Save the date for the 28th Biennial IPRA Conference in Nairobi, Kenya on January 11-15, 2021.

2019 Peace Research Grant Recipients

Ibrahim Sakawa Magara

Kenya, Ph.D. Candidate, Politics and International Studies, Loughborough University, Leicestershire, UK 2019

Regional conflict management in Africa: A study of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) peace mediation in South Sudan

Read more about Ibrahim Sakawa Magara
Julijana Mladenovska-Tesija

Croatia, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Religious Studies and Theology, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands 2019

Wartime Reconciliation Laboratory: Grass-root Peace and Reconciliation Initiatives in East Croatia during the Homeland War

Read more about Julijana Mladenovska-Tesija

Nasia Hadjigeorgiou

Cyprus, Ph.D., Law, King's College, London, UK, Assistant Professor in Transitional Justice and Human Rights, UCLan Cyprus 2019

Assessing the effectiveness of the Committee on Missing Persons in building peace in Cyprus

https://iprafoundation.org/nasia-hadjigeorgiou/