

2021 WAPOR Annual Report to Membership

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We are pleased to provide this annual report of the activities of the World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) during calendar year 2021.

President's Report

Somewhat in defiance of the COVID-19 pandemic, WAPOR accomplished much during 2021. Some of the key highlights, most of which are covered in more detail later in this report, are briefly mentioned here. In January 2021, WAPOR instituted an expanded meeting schedule for its leadership team, one that involves alternating monthly meetings of the Executive Council and the full Council. These regular Zoom meetings have enabled us to continue moving forward with the conduct of WAPOR business during a time period when travel has been severely restricted. Given the variability in time zones where Council members are located, these meetings routinely require some to participate late in the evening, whereas others must call in at a very early hour.

A successful search for a new Editor-in-Chief for WAPOR's journal, the *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, was completed in May with the appointment of former WAPOR Council Member Porismita Borah to that position. Dr. Borah, Associate Professor of Education at Washington State University (USA), assumed leadership of the journal on September 1, 2021. WAPOR is very pleased to welcome Dr. Borah and is also grateful to outgoing Editors Paul Brewer and Michael Xenos, who completed their terms of service this year.

In June the Council voted to approve a ten-year update to WAPOR's Code of Professional Ethics and Professional Standards. These standards are essential to WAPOR's mission, and this update assures that WAPOR's ethical guidance remains timely and relevant in providing service to public opinion researchers worldwide. The Code had been translated into several languages by the end of 2021 with plans for additional translations continuing into 2022.

Also during June, a joint WAPOR/AAPOR Task Force Report concerned with *Quality in Comparative Surveys* was formally released. This comprehensive report, completed over three years, provides an overview of current state-of-the-art cross-national and comparative survey research, and identifies current challenges and recommendations for future research.

Because working with our regional chapters remains an important priority for WAPOR, we have initiated a new tradition in which WAPOR's Council meets annually with the Presidents of all WAPOR chapters to discuss issues and priorities relevant to each. In August 2021, the first annual meeting was held with the Presidents of WAPOR Asia (Yashwant Deshmukh), WAPOR LATAM (Gustavo Meixueiro) and WAPOR WANA (Samir Abu Rumman). Topics discussed included chapter fee structures, the development of standard software platforms for online conferences, and increasing chapter membership and social media presence. As WAPOR moves forward, our collective goal is to strengthen ties and collaborations for the benefit of all members.

In October, WAPOR's Executive Council voted to promote our long-time coordinator Renae Reis to the position of WAPOR Executive Director. Most WAPOR members have no doubt had reason to communicate with Renae at some point during her two decades of service to the association. She brings

to WAPOR an important level of professionalism, efficiency and stability that are greatly valued by our members.

Later in October, WAPOR's Executive Council appointed WAPOR Historian Tom W. Smith to Chair an ad hoc Archiving Committee, tasked with investigating the current status of WAPOR's archives and making recommendations regarding (1) how best to get them updated, including what types of documents need to be archived, and (2) what procedures should be put in place to ensure that the archives are updated on a regular basis moving forward.

WAPOR's 74th annual conference was held online in November. This is the second consecutive year during which COVID-19 travel restrictions required WAPOR to shift from the traditional in-person meeting format to an online platform. Under the leadership of Conference Chair Tatiana Karabchuk and Executive Director Renae Reis, the conference was nonetheless a great success, thanks in great measure to their ability to pivot and develop the procedures and processes necessary to host WAPOR's last two conferences online. See the Conference Chair Report in the following pages for more details regarding WAPOR's signature annual event.

During the second half of 2021, WAPOR also initiated the process of transitioning to a new membership and conference management system. This was an important and long overdue upgrade, as the complexity of WAPOR's operations have expanded, along with our desire to provide more support to WAPOR's growing regional chapters. Special acknowledgement to Renae Reis for researching and coordinating this transition to the new system, which should be complete early in 2022.

Throughout 2021, WAPOR's National Representative program also continued to grow. Additional details regarding National Representatives are provided later in this report. Links to the revised Code of Ethics, the National Representatives Program, selected presentations and workshops from the 2021 annual conference, the joint WAPOR/AAPOR Task Force Report, and a complete listing of WAPOR's National Representatives can all be found on WAPOR's website.

Vice President & President-Elect Report

The Vice President acts as the President's deputy according to WAPOR's Constitution, thereby providing whatever support the President considers appropriate in fulfilling their duties. In 2021, other than attending regular Council Meetings, upon the request of the President, the Vice President also actively participated in the review of WAPOR's Code of Professional Ethics and Professional Standards at committee level, the formulation of the questionnaire for the ongoing survey on the *Freedom to Conduct and Publish Public Opinion Polls* also at committee level, and some top-level discussions on the upgrading of the post of Executive Coordinator to become Executive Director in the WAPOR Secretariat.

Capitalizing on the Vice President's experience in running and coordinating regional chapters, the VP was also actively engaged in the discussion of regional chapter needs and developments in terms of membership options and constitutional developments, both at the council level and with regional chapter organizers. A by-product of these activities is that more and more multi-lingual documents have been compiled.

At the annual conference held online in November, the Vice President chaired a meeting of National Representatives (NR) which discussed the future development of the NR system, with the aim of making WAPOR more and more global in terms of representation and information sharing.

Past President Report

In addition to serving as senior advisor and mentor to the President, the Past President has three additional responsibilities. One of these is serving as a member of WAPOR's Executive Council, along with the President, President-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer. As a member of the Executive Council, the Past President attended monthly meetings and took part in decisions made under the leadership of the President.

A second responsibility of the Past President is chairing the Nominations Committee and overseeing the annual WAPOR election of Council members, in collaboration with the General Secretary and the Executive Director. This year, the 2021 Nominations Committee consisted of Marita Carballo (Argentina), Mike Traugott (USA) and Christian Haerpfner (United Arab Emirates). The composition of this committee must reflect, as much as possible, the diversity of WAPOR's membership. However, the committee cannot know all members who might be qualified and interested candidates in all regions of the world, thus all WAPOR members are strongly encouraged to suggest potential candidates for consideration. The committee's role is to examine all suggestions that it receives from members and, taking into consideration the essential diversity that is sought on the Council, as well as availability and qualifications, propose two or more candidates for each office. The committee is not limited to the members' suggestions, it can also seek candidacies. The electoral committee tries to propose slates of candidates that will respect WAPOR goals, and help it grow everywhere and in all the fields in which our organization is or should be active.

The election was held during the Autumn of 2021, with three Council positions open for two-year terms of service (beginning January 1, 2022): Secretary-Treasurer, Liaison Committee Chair, and Publications Committee Chair. With a turnout of 43.3% of WAPOR members, Yulia Baskakova (USA) was elected Secretary-Treasurer, Henning Silber (Germany) was elected Publications Committee Chair, and Kseniya Kizilova (Austria) was re-elected as Liaison Committee Chair. We extend a very special thank you to all WAPOR members who agreed to be candidates for Council positions this year. We also sincerely thank Jibum Kim (Republic of Korea), who is stepping down as Publications Committee Chair after four years of service on the Council.

A third duty of the Past President is to coordinate and oversee the work of the committees tasked with making decisions regarding WAPOR's annual awards. Five awards were announced during the 2021 conference, including the following:

- The Naomi C. Turner Prize for best student paper presented at the annual conference was awarded to Fernanda Alvarado-Leiton (USA) for her paper "Negated and Polar Opposite Items for Balanced Scale Construction: An Empirical Cross-Cultural Assessment."
- The Elizabeth H. Nelson Prize for best conference paper from a society in transition was awarded to Márcia Cavallari Nunes, Guilherme José Sanches Militão and Rosi Rosendo (Brazil) for their paper "Evolution of Seroprevalence Against SARS-COV-2 in the Municipality of San Paulo, Brazil – A Methodological Approach."
- The Janet A. Harkness WAPOR-AAPOR Student Paper for best paper concerned with 3MC (multi-national/multi-cultural/multi-lingual) research was awarded to Anastasia Bakhareva (Russian Federation) for her paper "Explaining the role of values in shaping attitudes towards government surveillance: A comparative study of 33 countries."

- The Robert M. Worcester Prize, awarded annually to an outstanding paper published in the *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, was given this year to Matthew Barnidge (USA), Hernando Rojas (USA), Paul A. Beck (USA) and Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck (Germany) for their paper “Comparative Corrective Action: Perceived Media Bias and Political Action in 17 Countries” (*IJPOR*, vol. 32, issue 4).
- The Helen Dinerman Award for career contributions to innovative research and methodology was awarded to Takashi Inoguchi, emeritus professor at J.F. Oberlin University in Tokyo and at the University of Tokyo. Dr. Inoguchi earned his PhD in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA) and became a prolific author on Japanese politics, international affairs and quality of life in Asia. His expertise ranges from public opinion research and Japanese elections and voting behavior, to comparative politics with the Asia Barometer and the global quality-of-life studies, as well as the recent multilateral treaty participation project involving 193 countries. In each of these areas, his contributions to survey methodology have impacted the field. Dr. Inoguchi has been Director of the Asia Barometer project since 2002 and is founding editor of three professional journals.

A special thank-you to the colleagues who served on 2021 WAPOR award committees:

- Turner Prize: Marta Kolzynska (Poland), Robert Chung (Hong Kong), Carols Muniz (Mexico), and Trevor Tompson (USA).
- Nelson Prize: Yulia Baskakova (USA), Christian Haerpfer (United Arab Emirates), Mark Tessler (USA), Angelo Ambitho (Kenya), and Constanza Cilley (Argentina).
- Harkness Award: Anna Andreenkova (Russian Federation), Ineke Stoop (Netherlands), Ana Villar (UK), Sunghee Lee (USA), Michael Robins (USA) and Henning Silber (Germany).
- Worcester Prize: Gabriela Catterberg (Argentina), Ruth Dassonneville (Canada), Mark Gill (UK), Marlene Mauk (Germany), Henning Silber (Germany), Kathy Frankovic (USA) and Mariano Torcal (Spain).
- Dinerman Award: Marita Carballo (Argentina), Alfredo Torres (Peru), Don Dillman (USA), Juan Diez Nicolas (Spain), and Mahar Mangahas (Philippines).

Beginning in 2022, WAPOR will annually make an additional award, the Alexis de Tocqueville Award, to a conference paper concerned with democracy and public opinion in the world, whether in consolidated or emerging democracies. De Tocqueville is best known for his book *On Democracy in America*, in which he expressed concern that democracy could become a dictatorship of public opinion and questioned the place of elites and experts within a governmental system where everyone is assumed to be equal.

Secretary-Treasurer Report

2021 featured important financial investments in the future of the association. The 2021 budget was drafted in 2020 and approved early in 2021. While the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the new WAPOR chapter support of \$15,000 (\$5,000 per chapter) were anticipated, additional investments in a new membership database, increased IJPOR Editor-in-Chief support, and increased staff expenses were approved by the WAPOR Council during the year. The overall balance of WAPOR in 2021 was positive.

Primary income sources in 2021 were the journal (IJPOR) and membership fees. The main expenses were the annual conference and staff. WAPOR received \$8,500 in conference sponsorship, and the value of the investments increased by 3%. Altogether, the balance for 2021 was slightly positive, with surplus of \$287. Current Accounts and Investments (as of December 31, 2021) were as follows:

Cash balance = \$131,301
 Investments = \$491,230
 Total Assets = \$622,531

Conference Committee Report

The 2021 conference was held from November 2-6. The theme was *Speaking Truth to Power: Public Opinion in a Time of Crisis*. In total, 161 papers and 8 panel proposals were submitted for presentation at the conference. After review by the Conference Committee, 153 papers were accepted for presentation. A total 35 sessions and panels were held that included 141 online presentations. As an online conference, all sessions were scheduled considering the time difference between Western and Eastern countries. The number of persons registering for the conference was 188. Registrants represented 51 countries.

Conference highlights included the keynote address, given this year by Marta Lagos (Argentina): *Alle Nicht Jeder*, the annual business meeting, the awards ceremony, and a special panel on WAPOR's history. Four professional workshops were also presented on the final day of the meeting. Workshop presenters included Alexandru Cernat (UK), Paul Lavrakas (USA), Lydia Repke (Germany), and Nora Cate Schaeffer (USA).

WAPOR is very grateful to those organizations who helped sponsor the 2021 Conference. Platinum Sponsors included D3 Systems, Inc., Gallup International, and NORC at the University of Chicago. Silver Sponsors included GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Langer Research Associates, Leibniz-Psychology, Westat, and World of Opinions.

Education Committee Report

The primary responsibility of the Education Committee is to organize webinars and other educational activities for the WAPOR membership. Current membership of the committee includes Claire Durand (Canada), Kseniya Kizilova (Austria), World Values Survey Association, and Michael Traugott (USA).

During 2021, the committee has focused on organizing a regular series of webinars, offered live with recordings available on the WAPOR website. Topically, the webinars have rotated among three areas: methods, regional topics, and substantive issues in public opinion research. The goal was to offer these approximately every six weeks between September and June. The webinars offered in 2021 included:

- *Electoral Polls in Difficult Times* (February 2021)
 Presented by Robert Chung (Hong Kong), Jill Darling (USA), Alejandro Moreno (Mexico) and Paul Nnanwobu (Nigeria)
- *Adapting Push-to-Web Survey Designs for Use in Different Countries and Situations* (March 2021)
 Presented by Don A. Dillman (USA)

- *Public Opinion Perceptions of Social, Economic, and Political Challenges in Latin America* (April 2021)
 Presented by Urpi Torrando (Peru), Noam Lupu (USA), Marta Lagos (Chile) and Alejandro Moreno (Mexico)
- *Mixed-Mode in Survey Research: Why and How to Implement it* (May 2021)
 Presented by Tobias Gummer (Germany), Oliviero Marchese (France) and Trevor Tompson (USA)
- *Electoral Surveys in Central and Eastern Europe* (October 2021)
 Presented by Paulina Tabery (Czech Republic), Denis Volkov (Russian Federation), Zarina Burkadze (Georgia), and Michal Kotnarowski (Poland)
- *From Cluster Analysis to Classification* (December 2021)
 Presented by Dominique Joye (Switzerland)

Recordings from each of these webinars are all available on WAPOR's website (<https://wapor.org/resources/wapor-webinars/>).

Liaison Committee Report

The Liaison Committee (LC) of WAPOR is primarily responsible for all contacts and discussions that emerge and develop between WAPOR and other national and international associations and organizations. In line with this, activities of the LC have been organized with the aim of contributing to the overall organizational mission of WAPOR. This includes strengthening WAPOR's organizational profile and its global impact as a professional community of public opinion researchers, and also its status as an organization that sets standards for public opinion research worldwide.

LC's main tasks in 2021 were to:

- Enhance WAPOR membership and global representation by establishing and strengthening ties with the national communities of public opinion researchers worldwide to study and address their needs within WAPOR activities.
- Enhance relations with other public opinion research organizations by increasing cooperation with survey research networks, international organizations, professional associations, leading data collection and consultancy agencies, survey research projects, and the media.
- Enhance WAPOR regional representation by supporting the development of existing WAPOR Regional Chapters (Latin America, Asia, West Asia and North Africa) and facilitating establishment of new WAPOR Regional Chapter in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The instruments that the LC has been using to reach those goals, apart from regular communication means, also included social media platforms as the LC is supporting WAPOR's Facebook (@WAPORNET) and Twitter (@WAPOR) accounts which feature regular updates on WAPOR activities. LC has also conducted an information campaign to attract new members and new national representatives with particular focus on the countries in the Middle East, Asia, and the Latin America. LC has ongoing negotiations and is developing a planning process to establish a new WAPOR regional chapter in Sub-Saharan Africa in 2022.

The LC also participates actively in WAPOR's educational initiative and oversees the regional webinars component. In 2021, three regional webinars were organized which also allowed WAPOR to strengthen relations with several survey research organizations and projects such as the Global Barometer Survey

Group, including Afrobarometer, Arab Barometer, Latinobarometro, the World Values Survey, the European Values Study, and the Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP).

Membership Committee Report

After the turbulent first year of the pandemic, in 2021 WAPOR membership rebounded to 429 (a 30% increase over the previous year), a four year high. Of the 429 WAPOR members, 93 held membership in a WAPOR chapter as well, which also represents a four year high in “dual” (WAPOR plus chapter) memberships. In addition, 48 individuals held WAPOR chapter membership, while not being a WAPOR member. Therefore, in 2021, 477 individuals around the world had membership ties to WAPOR.

In 2021, a long-term trend in the composition of WAPOR membership continued: 45% of WAPOR members were from tier B and C countries. In comparison, ten years before, in 2011, only 27% of WAPOR members were from tier B and C countries. In line with this trend, close to 50% of WAPOR members are now from Latin America (24%), Asia (12%), North Africa and the Middle East (6%), and Africa (4%) (source: 2021 WAPOR Membership Survey).

In 2021, the Membership Committee welcomed Robert Chung, Claire Durand, Kseniya Kizilova, and Ignacio Zuasnabar as new committee members. The extended committee held its first meeting on October 27, 2021. The committee’s goal is to develop and implement a sustainable membership growth strategy. In the past years, with the implementation of annual membership and post conference surveys, the foundations of a data driven membership strategy were laid down. During 2022, the committee will seek to build upon the information we have received from WAPOR members to set goals for membership growth and develop and implement corresponding strategies.

Professional Standards Committee Report

The Professional Standards Committee was reconstituted in January 2021 by the new Chair, David Jodice, drawing on some members who re-joined from the previous term and several new members. We recruited new committee members to provide more diversity in terms of sector (more business people), region (covering each region of the world) and size (with one member from each of Kantar and IPSOS).

The most important accomplishment of the PSC was the completion of the revision of the Code of Ethics and Professional Standards (<https://wapor.org/about-wapor/code-of-ethics/>). In addition to revising the code over an 18 month period, the changes were reviewed by Council, tentatively approved and then the revised version was distributed to all WAPOR members for their comments. Additional changes were made, primarily in terms of how we describe and document sampling techniques, and the final version was approved by Council on 17 September 2021. The Ethics Code has been translated into Arabic, Chinese, French and Spanish. We have invited members to recommend additional languages and a Russian language version is in process.

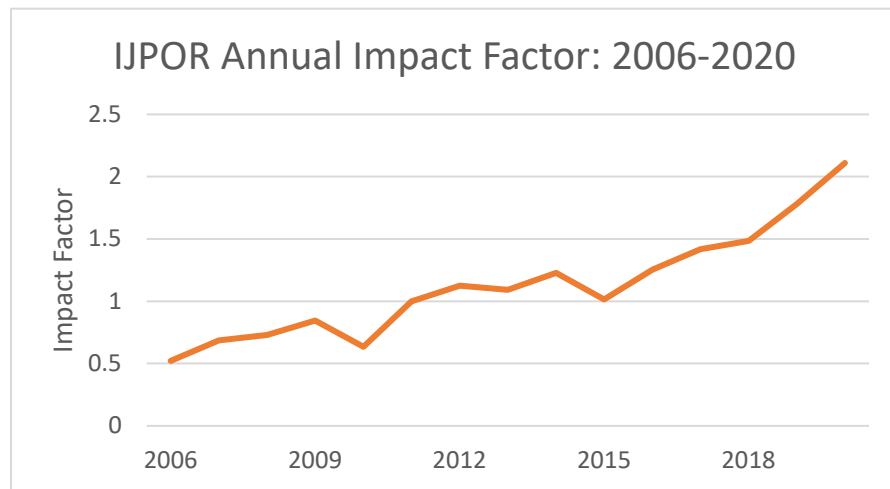
The next important task of the PSC is the preparation of the Report on *the Freedom to Conduct and Publish Public Opinion Polls*, in cooperation with ESOMAR. A key goal was to substantially update and expand the questionnaire and to improve the country coverage by finding more subject matter experts (generally WAPOR members or National Representatives) or using online resources (such as Freedom Indices) to cover countries where there are no resident experts.

The expansion of the sample is bringing in many new members, National Representatives and countries. We are seeing significant increases in coverage in Africa. We believe that this effort will help enable WAPOR to create a regional chapter for Africa in 2022.

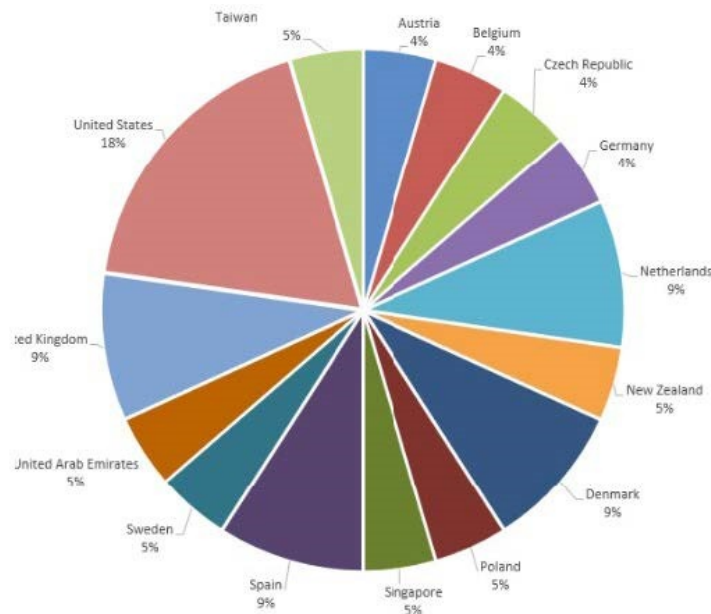
We have also fielded requests for support from members in Serbia, Austria and Turkey regarding challenges they face as opinion researchers from governmental, media and political actors. Key concerns for WAPOR are establishing standards for where we should get involved, how we can best express support for members (or the profession generally) in threatened environments, and how we manage the resources needed to engage in multiple countries

Publications Committee Report

WAPOR's flagship journal, the *International Journal of Public Opinion Research (IJPOR)*, continues to grow its impact worldwide. Late in 2021, the journal's impact factor for 2020 was released by the publisher, Oxford University Press. Its impact factor of 2.110 was the highest in the journal's history. As the accompanying chart indicates, this continues an uninterrupted upward trajectory over the past five years.



The geographic distribution of authors who publish papers in *IJPOR* also continues to be diverse. The following chart shows the distribution of those authors who had papers published in *IJPOR* in Volume 32 in 2020.



With *IJPOR* Co-Editors-in-Chief Paul Brewer and Michael Xenos completing their term of service in mid-2021, a search committee was organized in the autumn of 2020. Calls for proposals to serve were first issued in December 2020, and the appointment of Dr. Porismita Borah of Washington State University (USA) as the new Editor-in-Chief was approved by the Executive Council in late May 2021. The appointment was for a three-year term of service effective September 1, 2021.

Dr. Borah previously served as an Associate Editor of *IJPOR* and has a distinguished record of scholarly achievement. She is an associate professor at the Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, and a graduate faculty of the Prevention Science program at Washington State. She earned her doctorate from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and has Masters Degrees from Iowa State University and the University of Delhi, and a Bachelor Degree from Guwahati University in India.

The new Editor-in-Chief is expected to continue the journal's tradition of publishing high quality and timely substantive and methodological papers from across the globe. Dr. Borah plans to strengthen the visibility of the journal and build an inclusive and diverse editorial structure. She will also pay close attention to issues pertinent to how emerging technologies have opened new ways for collecting data, integrating social media data for mixed methodological studies, and furthering theoretical understanding of public opinion.

She will in addition encourage research that examines how misinformation and conspiracy theories can have varied effects on societies depending on their social and political structures. Moreover, Dr. Borah will encourage papers on the politicization of science and health. She thinks there is no better time to delve into topics of science and politics to understand how they impact our attitudes and behavior. Dr. Borah will also invest some effort in developing special issues such as a comparative examination of public opinion research engaging with issues of equality and social justice, and comparative misinformation research examining the modes of dissemination and corrosive effects on different areas of the world.

IJPOR Editor Search Committee members included Jibum Kin (Chair), Claire Durand, Murray Goot, Christian Haerpfer, Hernando Rojas, Tom Smith, Michael Traugott, and Irina Tomescu.

National Representatives Program

The reach of WAPOR's National Representatives program continued to grow, with 67 countries represented by local WAPOR members with appointments during the 2021 calendar year. The image below identifies the countries participating in the National Representatives program during 2021 (note: National Representatives from several dozen additional countries have appointments effective January 1, 2022). A listing of individuals serving as National Representatives during 2021 can be found at the end of this report and a complete, up-to-date list of all current National Representatives can be found on WAPOR's website (<https://wapor.org/about-wapor/leadership/national-representatives/>).

WAPOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES 2021



The goal of the National Representatives program is to assure that WAPOR continues to be highly inclusive and representative of our international community. Among their responsibilities, National Representatives help WAPOR keep abreast of potential legislation that might interfere with or restrict the conduct of public opinion research. They also serve as WAPOR's representative to each country's public, as well as its polling and survey communities, and encourage colleagues to participate in WAPOR activities. Professional Standards Chair David Jodice and Liaison Committee Chair Kseniya Kizilova have been instrumental in recruiting new National Representatives during this past year.

WAPOR Council and Staff 2021

Timothy P. Johnson (USA), President
Robert Chung (Hong Kong), Vice President & President-Elect
Marita Carballo (Argentina), Past President
Henning Silber (Germany), Secretary-Treasurer
David Jodice (USA), Professional Standards Committee Chair
Kseniya Kizilova (Austria), Liaison Committee Chair
Jibum Kim (Republic of Korea), Publications Committee Chair
Tatiana Karabchuk (United Arab Emirates), Conference Chair
Natalia Soboleva (Russian Federation), Associate Conference Chair
Tamás Bodor (USA), Membership Committee Chair
Michael Traugot (USA), Education Committee Chair
Sergio Wals (USA), General Secretary
Renaë Reis (USA), Executive Director
Tom Smith (USA), Historian

WAPOR National Representatives 2021

Afghanistan – Ezatullah Adib
Argentina – Maria Braun
Armenia – Heghine Manasyan
Australia – Murray Goot
Austria – Michael Nitsche
Bangladesh – M. Saidul Haq
Belgium – Pascal Chelala
Bolivia – Daniel E. Moreno Morales
Bosnia and Herzegovina – Aida Hadziavdic Begovic
Brazil – Márcia Cavallari Nunes
Bulgaria – Kancho Stoychev
Canada – Christopher Adams
Chile – Marta Lagos
China – Weidong Wang
Columbia – Hernando Rojas
Cyprus – Panayiotis Panayiotou
Czech Republic – Paulina Tabery
East Africa – Angela Ambitho
Ecuador – Ana Lucía Córdova-Cazar
Egypt – Abdel-Hamid Abdel-Latif
France – Emmanuel Rivière
Georgia – Merab Pachulia
Germany – Cornelia Mothes
Greece – Katerina Diamantaki
Hong Kong – Edward Tai
India – Yashwant Deshmukh
Iran – Amir Farmanesh
Iraq – Munqith Dagher
Israel – Yariv Tsfati
Japan – Tadahiko Maeda
Kazakhstan – Botagoz Rakisheva
Kenya – Margit Cleveland
Korea, Republic of – Seokho Kim
Kyrgyzstan – Nail Khaibulin
Libya – Nedal Swehli
Lithuania – Rima Kalinauskaite
Malaysia – Wai Yu See Toh
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Mongolia – Tseveen Tsetsenbileg
Morocco – Mhammed Abderebbi

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Nepal – Jui Shrestha
Netherlands – Frits Spangenberg
Nigeria – Paul Nnanwobu
Pakistan – Ijaz Gilano
Palestine – Nabil Kukali
Panama – Jorge Martin Frech
Philippines – Joel Flores
Poland – Irina Tomescu
Qatar – Noora Ahmed Lari
Romania – Marchella Abrasheva
Russian Federation – Anna Andreenkova
Singapore – Leong Chan Hoong
South Africa – Mari Harris
Spain – Sara Morais Vargas
Switzerland – Michèle Ernst Stähli
Taiwan – Eric Chen-hua Yu
Tajikistan – Olimov Muzaffar
Tunisia – Ben Hafaiedh Abdelwa
Turkey – Bulent Kilincarsian
Ukraine – Kseniya Kirzilova
United Arab Emirates – Tatiana Karabchuk
United Kingdom – Johnny Heald
United States – Tom W. Smith
Uruguay – Ignacio Zuasnabar
Venezuela – Roberto Briceño-León