

# 2022 WAPOR Annual Report to Membership

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# **President's Report**

This annual report summarizes the activities of the World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) during calendar year 2022. This was another active year for WAPOR. Several key events are briefly summarized here, with more details presented later in the report.

In January, WAPOR's Council made the decision to return our annual conference to the traditional in-person format. As much of the world was only then beginning to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, there was considerable research and discussion before the decision was made to hold our first post-COVID conference in



Timothy Johnson President

Dubai. Due to a variety of considerations, this was not an easy decision but one that the Council felt was in the best interests of the association. Most importantly, COVID vaccination rates were comparatively high there and infection rates low at the time the decision was being made. Other considerations included the fact that WAPOR had never before held its annual conference in a Middle Eastern country, that Dubai was a regional transportation hub that would make travel easy for most WAPOR members, and that the WAPOR Asia Pacific chapter was also planning to hold its annual conference in Dubai, making it easy for members to attend both meetings.

In February, WAPOR began collecting <u>results from public opinion surveys</u> conducted in Ukraine, Russia and elsewhere regarding the military invasion of Ukraine that began that month. At the end of 2022, with no end in sight to that war, WAPOR has compiled a public archive of more than one hundred survey data sets concerned with public opinion regarding this conflict. We will continue to update this archive.

From February through May, the joint <u>WAPOR/ESOMAR Freedom to Publish Public Opinion</u> <u>study</u> was fielded across the globe. The number of countries covered by the 2022 study (n=157) was considerably expanded over that of previous reports in this series. Preliminary study findings were reported at the Dubai conference, and a final report is set to be released during the first quarter of 2023.

During the Spring of 2022, <u>International Journal of Public Opinion Research</u> Editor Porismita Borah announced a call for papers for a special issue of the <u>International Journal of Public Opinion Research</u> concerning <u>Global Misinformation and Disinformation</u>. This will be <u>IJPOR</u>'s first special issue in about a decade and is set to be published in 2023. Later in the year, a call for papers for a second special issue concerned with <u>Global Perspectives on Science</u>, <u>Polarization</u>, and <u>Populism</u> was also announced.

In July, long time WAPOR Executive Director, Renee Reis, announced she was leaving to accept another employment opportunity. Although we were very sad to see Renee leave, her departure presented WAPOR with a new opportunity, as her position was quickly filled by Dr.

Kseniya Kizilova. Having served for several years as Liaison Chair, Kseniya took on this new role with an already deep understanding of WAPOR history, organization and operations. It was nonetheless a challenge to quickly take responsibility for organizing WAPOR's return to an in-person conference, which was to take place just three months into the job. Kseniya handled this challenge with equal shares of high competence and grace and, as reported elsewhere in this document, the conference in Dubai was highly successful.

For the first time since 2016, WAPOR reviewed its <u>membership fee structure</u> and made some modifications to it. Members from Tier A countries (as designated by the World Bank) will see modest increases in annual membership fees beginning in 2023. Tier B countries will also see minor increases, while members from Tier C & D countries will see decreases in their annual membership fees.

In August, WAPOR's Council voted to approve the constitution of our newest regional chapter – <u>WAPOR Sub-Saharan Africa</u> (a.k.a., WAPOR SSA). WAPOR members Angela Ambitho and Paul Nnanwobu, with the support of other colleagues and members of the WAPOR Council, worked over several years to make this happen. During the Dubai conference, a special session was held to introduce and help launch the new chapter.

It was announced in September that WAPOR's next three annual conferences would be held in Austria (2023), Seoul, South Korea (2024), and St. Louis, Missouri in conjunction with AAPOR (2025).

With election results in, WAPOR's <u>next generation of leaders</u> were announced in early November, with David Jodice elected to serve as incoming Vice President/President-Elect, and Ignacio Zuasnabar elected as WAPOR's next Professional Standards Chair.

The <u>75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in Dubai</u> was held in mid-November. A total of 245 participants from 57 countries attended. WAPOR's conference was followed immediately by the 5<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the WAPOR Asia Pacific Chapter, which was also held in Dubai.

# **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 leading Council Members to fulfil their duties. In 2022, other than attending regular Council Meetings, upon the request of the President, the Vice President also actively participated in the review of <a href="WAPOR's Code of Professional Ethics">WAPOR's Code of Professional Ethics</a> and <a href="Professional Standards">Professional Standards</a> at committee level, the formulation of the questionnaire for the survey on the <a href="Freedom to Conduct and Publish Public Opinion Polls">Freedom to Conduct and Publish Public Opinion Polls</a> also at committee level.



Robert Chung Vice President & President-Elect

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 in November 2022, 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 vibrant and 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



Marita Carballo Past President

Secretary and the Executive Director. This year, the 2022 Nominations Committee consisted of Marita Carballo (Argentina), Mike Traugott (USA) and Christian Haerpfer (Austria). 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.

This year's election was held during the Autumn of 2022, with two Council positions open for service (beginning January 1, 2023): Vice President/President-Elect and Professional Standards Chair. With a turnout of 59.2% of WAPOR members, David Jodice (USA) was elected Vice President/President-Elect and Ignacio Zuasnabar (Uruguay) was elected Professional Standards Chair. WAPOR is sincerely appreciative of all who expressed a willingness to serve WAPOR by agreeing to run as a candidate for Council positions this year.

We also sincerely thank several colleagues who are stepping down at the end of their terms of service on the Council. These include Marita Carballo (Argentina), who has finished her term as immediate Past President, Tatiana Karabchuk (United Arab Emirates), who has completed her service as Conference Chair, and Michael Traugott (USA), who has completed his service as Education Chair.

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 2022 conference, including the following:

- The Naomi C. Turner Prize for best student paper presented at the annual conference was awarded to Evgenia Kapsousouz (USA) for her paper "Validity of social desirability scales. A cross-cultural analysis."
- The <u>Elizabeth H. Nelson</u> Prize for best conference paper from a society in transition was awarded to Viyaleta Korsunava and Boris Sokolov (Russian Federation) for their paper "Are online surveys a reliable data collection tool in non-democratic contexts?: Evidence from Russia."
- The <u>Alexis de Tocqueville Award</u> was given to Andrew Dawson and Isabel Krakoff, both at York University, Canada, for their conference paper "Political trust and democracy: The critical citizens thesis re-examined." This was the first year in which the de Tocqueville Award has been made.
- 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 Kristing Lunz Trujillo (University of Minnesota) and Matthew Motta (Oklahoma State University) for their paper "How internet access drives global vaccine skepticism" (*IJPOR*, vol. 33, issue 3).
- The Helen H. Dinerman Award for career contributions to innovative research and methodology was awarded to Christian Haerpfer. Dr. Haerpfer is a Research Professor of Political Science at the University of Vienna and has served as President of the World Values Survey Association since 2013, and as the World Values Principal Investigator for Austria since 1995. Professor Haerpfer is also Founding Director of the Eurasia Barometer, which has studied political and social transformations in post-Communist Europe and Post-Soviet Eurasia since 1990. He has previously held academic appointments at the UAE National University (United Arab Emirates) and at other universities in the United Kingdom, Spain, Rwanda, Ukraine, Austria and the Czech Republic. He has also received Fellowships from the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington D.C., the European University Institute in Florence (Italy), the University of Essex (United Kingdom) and the Glasgow Caledonian University (United Kingdom).

The <u>Janet A. Harkness WAPOR-AAPOR Student Paper Award</u> for best paper concerned with 3MC (multi-national/multi-cultural/multi-lingual) research was not awarded in 2022.

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

- Turner Prize: Mark Gill (United Kingdom, Chair), Christopher Adams (Canada),
   Cornelia Mothes, Germany), Thomas Roessing (Germany), Matthew Barnidge (USA).
- Nelson Prize: Constanza Cilley (Argentina, Chair), Michael Nitsche (Austria), Rico Neumann (Germany), Tamas Bodor (USA), and Saidul Haq (Bangladesh).

- Harkness Award: Anna Andreenkova (Russian Federation, Chair), Ana Villar (UK), Sunghee Lee (USA), Henning Silber (Germany), Heather Smalley (USA), and Mariana Torcal (Spain).
- De Tocqueville Award: Marita Carballo (Argentina, Chair), Claire Durand (Canada), and Timothy Johnson (USA).
- Worcester Prize: Gabriela Catterberg (Argentina, Chair), Marlene Mauk (Germany), Paulina Tabery (Czech Republic), Tom W. Smith (USA), and Robert Worcester (United Kingdom, ex officio).
- Dinerman Award: Marita Carballo (Argentina), Alfredo Torres (Peru), Don Dillman (USA), Juan Diez Nicolas (Spain), and Mahar Mangahas (Philippines).

# **Secretary-Treasurer Report**

2022 featured important financial investments in the future of the association. The 2022 budget was drafted in 2021 and approved early in 2022. 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.

Year 2022 became a period of transition in WAPOR. In July, long time WAPOR Executive Director, Rene Reis, announced she was leaving to accept another amplement appearing to the Executive

Yulia Baskakova Secretary-Treasurer

leaving to accept another employment opportunity. The Executive Director's position was filled by Dr. Kseniya Kizilova from September 1, 2022. This change and the requirement to close the personnel costs accounts at the University of Nebraska where WAPOR Secretariat was previously located resulted in additional expenditures for this budget category.



Primary sources of income in 2022 were the IJPOR journal (\$66 688) and membership fees (\$44 363). The main expenses included transition from the old to the new membership software (\$10 495); subscription to the new membership and conference database (\$29 035); and personnel costs in Jan-Dec 2022 (\$66 812). As a result, the overall balance of WAPOR

in 2022 is negative (-\$4 158).

For the annual conference in 2022 WAPOR received \$28 960 in sponsorship and \$61 543 in registration fees. Conference-related expenditures included renting out conference facilities and catering at the conference hotel (\$55 696); social events (\$12 520); and other organizational, printing etc. costs, including annual awards (\$18 742). The overall conference balance is positive (\$3 250).

Current Accounts and Investments (as of December 31, 2022) were as follows:

- Cash balance = \$73,226
- Investments = \$448,031
- Total Assets = \$521,257

On August 17, 2022, WAPOR Council has adopted the new system of membership fees, effective from January 1, 2023. Membership in WAPOR provides public opinion researchers globally with an essential forum in which they can share their work, develop their expertise and participate in a vibrant international community dedicated to advancing best practices in the field of survey research. While WAPOR does not endorse any organization or individual member's work, membership conveys seriousness of purpose, thus serving as an important credential in the research marketplace. The association's work, including convening its annual conference, sponsoring ongoing webinars and professional development seminars, publishing the *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* and supporting regional chapters, is supported by membership fees.

What is new starting from 2023 compared with the previous fee structure (established back in 2007):

- The three-country tier structure is updated to the four-tier structure used by the <u>World Bank</u>.
- Fees for all membership categories are adjusted by tier-based discounts. Tier B fees are discounted by 30% from Tier A. Tier C fees are discounted 50% from Tier B. Tier D fees are discounted 50% from Tier C.
- While current lifetime members will keep their memberships, lifetime membership no longer will be offered as a paid option. Honorary lifetime membership may be granted by the Council to who members who meet a special set of criteria, which are under development.

The new membership fees are summarized in the table below and correspond to 1-year membership. Membership in WAPOR runs for a calendar year (January 1 to December 31). Two- and three-years membership categories will no longer be available.

	Tier A		Tier B		Tier C		Tier D	
	High-income economies		Upper-middle-income economies		Lower-middle-income economies		Low-income economies	
	Old fee	New fee	Old fee	New fee	Old fee	New fee	Old fee	New fee
Individual	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ 95	\$ 105	\$ 65	\$ 53	N/A	\$ 26
Business	\$ 170	\$ 210	\$ 130	\$ 147	\$ 95	\$ 74	N/A	\$ 37
Retired	\$ 80	\$ 96	\$ 80	\$ 67	\$ 80	\$ 34	N/A	\$ 17
Student	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 50	\$ 42	\$ 50	\$ 21	N/A	\$ 11

#### **Conference Committee Report**

The 2022 conference was held from November 10-13 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The theme was 75 Years of Public Opinion Research. In total, 236 papers, 12 posters and 13 panel proposals were submitted for presentation at the conference. After review by the Conference Committee, 217 papers were accepted for presentation. A total 45 sessions and panels were held that included 207 in-person presentations. The number of persons registering for the conference was 245. Registrants represented 57 countries.



Tatiana Karabchuk Chair of Conference Committee

Conference highlights included two keynote addresses, given by Pippa Norris (Harvard University, USA – "In Praise of Skepticism:

Trust but Verify") and Amaney Jamal (Princeton University, USA – "Democratic Backsliding and Threats to Democracy: Evidence from the Arab Barometer"), several special panels concerning WAPOR's past and future, social gatherings that included a desert Safari and a Dubai Marina Cruise Dinner, the annual business meeting, and awards banquet. Five professional workshops were also presented on the first day of the meeting. Workshop presenters included Asaph Young Chun (South Korea), Lydia Repke (Germany), Olga Maslovskaya (United Kingdom), and Immanuel Azaad Moonesar (UAE).

A number of organizations were kind enough to help sponsor the 2022 conference. Our Platinum Sponsor was the Arab Barometer. Gold Sponsors included D3 Systems, Inc., Arab World for Research & Development, and NORC at the University of Chicago. Silver Sponsors included Langer Research Associates, the Central Asia Barometer, Trends Research and Advisory, ORB International, Gallup International and the Survey Research Center in the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan. Bronze Sponsors included FORS, GESIS Leibniz-Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, and World of Opinions. Celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research was an exhibitor at the conference.



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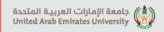












# **Education Committee Report**

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), and Michael Traugott (USA).

During 2022, 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 2022 included:



Michael Traugott Chair of Education Committee

- <u>Public Opinion Research in the Middle East</u> (February 2022), presented by Nebil Belaam (EMRHOD Consulting, Tunisia), Fares Braizat (NAMA – SIS, Jordan) and Munqith Dagher (IIACSS, Iraq).
- <u>Is Democracy Resilient?</u> (March 2022), presented by Stuart Soroka (University of California Los Angeles and ICPSR at the University of Michigan), Roberto Stefan Foa (University of Cambridge) and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán (University of Notre Dame).
- <u>Survey Data Recycling and Data Harmonization</u> (May 2022), presented by Irina Tomescu-Dubrow (Polish Academy of Sciences) and Ilona Wysmulek (Polish Academy of Sciences).
- <u>Eurasia Barometer 2021: Comparative Study on Social and Political Attitudes in Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine</u> (June 2022), presented by Yun-han Chu (Taiwan ROC), Kseniya Kizilova (Austria), Christian Haerpfer (Austria), Botagoz Raksheva (Kazakhstan), Heghine Manasyan (Armenia) and Koka Kapanadze (Georgia).

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

# **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, in 2022 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 activities in 2022 included:



Kseniya Kizilova Chair of Liaison Committee

1) Support to WAPOR Regional Chapters. A joint webinar of WAPOR and WAPOR WANA chapter on Public Opinion Research

in the Middle East moderated by WAPOR WANA President Samir Abu Ruman was coorganized by the LC in February 2022.

Furthermore, after several years of planning and negotiations, a new regional chapter of WAPOR – WAPOR Sub-Saharan Africa – has been founded in August of 2022. WAPOR Council has approved the formal chapter application on August 17, 2022, and the festive launch of the new chapter took place on November 12, 2022, at the WAPOR 75th annual conference in Dubai, UAE. WAPOR-SSA is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya. A Caretaker Executive Committee has been established before the chapter's first elections due in 2023 comprising Interim President Angela Ambitho (Infotrak Research & Consulting, Kenya); Interim Vice-President Mari Harris (IPSOS, South Africa); Interim Secretary-Treasurer Paul Nnanwobu (Random Dynamic Resources, Nigeria).

- **2) Management of WAPOR social media representation**. LC oversees WAPOR social media platforms including <u>Facebook</u> (@WAPORNET) and <u>Twitter</u> (@WAPOR) accounts which feature regular updates on WAPOR activities. The audience of both accounts has grown by 12% (each) throughout the 2022. Furthermore, <u>LinkedIn profile</u> (@WAPOR) was created in November 2022 and currently has 38 subscribers.
- **3) Organization of regional webinars.** The LC also participates actively in WAPOR's educational initiative and oversees the regional webinars component. In 2022, a regional webinar was organized in cooperation with the Global Barometer Survey Group and Eurasia Barometer.

#### **Membership Committee Report**

After the turbulent years of the pandemic, in 2022 WAPOR membership rebounded to 493 (a 15% increase as compared to 2021 and 50% increase as compared to 2020). Of the 493 WAPOR members, 85 held membership in a WAPOR chapter as well, which also represents a four year high in "dual" (WAPOR plus chapter) memberships. In addition, 60 individuals held WAPOR chapter membership, while not being a WAPOR member (including 54 chapter only members in WAPOR Asia Pacific chapter, 5 chapter only members in WAPOR Latin America, and 1 chapter only member in WAPOR WANA). Altogether WAPOR Asia Pacific in 2022 included 49 members, WAPOR Latin America – 83 members,



Tamás Bodor Chair of Membership Committee

and WAPOR WANA – 12 members. Therefore, in 2022, 553 individuals around the world had membership ties to WAPOR.

In 2022, a long-term trend in the composition of WAPOR membership continued: 57% of WAPOR members were from tier A countries, 16% from tier B and 27% from tier C (43% in total for tiers B and C). In comparison, ten years before, in 2011, only 27% of WAPOR members were from tier B and C counties. In line with this trend, close to 50% of WAPOR members are now from Latin America (12%), Asia/Australia (16%), North Africa and the Middle East (8%), and Africa (8%) (source: 2022 WAPOR Membership Survey).

The 2022 post-conference and membership survey was carried out on December 15, 2022 to January 31, 2023; in total 206 WAPOR members responded to the online survey. The survey results indicate that over two thirds of members are satisfied with their membership experience; quality of research at the conference, networking opportunities, international diversity of members and professional prestige of WAPOR remain among the most important membership factors. Among those who attended WAPOR webinars in 2022, 80% are satisfied with the webinars content and quality. The overall level of satisfaction with the 2022 conference (91%) is higher than in 2021 (87%) and 2020 (70%). Coffee breaks, desert safari and training workshops received the highest scores, registration fee and the registration process - the lowest. A number of open-ended questions in the membership survey allowed for members' recommendations, suggestions and insights regarding how WAPOR can improve the membership experience and organization of the conference in 2023. To share any further ideas about WAPOR's development in 2023 and in the future, members are welcome to respond to the recent call for proposals and new ideas opened by the 2023-2024 WAPOR President Robert Chung (online form).

# **Professional Standards Committee Report**

The Professional Standards Committee (PSC) 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 <u>Code of Ethics and Professional Standards</u>. In addition to revising the code over an 18-month



David Jodice Chair of Professional Standards Committee

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 <a href="Spanish">Spanish</a>, <a href="French">French</a>, <a href="Chinese">Chinese</a> (Simplified)</a>, <a href="Chinese(Traditional)</a>, <a href="Arabic, Russian, German, Portuguese">Arabic</a>, <a href="Russian, Russian, Russian, Portuguese">Russian, Russian, Ru

The next important task of the PSC is the finalization 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 data collection for the Freedom Report was completed in Summer of 2022, and the committee members are currently finishing data analysis, with the report publication due in early 2023.

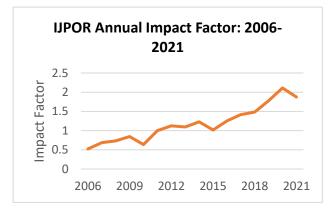
The expansion of the sample has brought new members and National Representatives in many countries. We are seeing significant increases in coverage in Africa, which helped WAPOR to create a regional chapter for Africa in 2022.

# **Publications Committee Report**

WAPOR's flagship journal, the *International Journal of Public Opinion Research (IJPOR)*, continues to grow its impact worldwide. Late in 2022, the journal's impact factor for 2021 was released by the publisher, Oxford University Press. Its impact factor of 1.872 became slightly lower than in the previous year 2020 (2.110), being approximately at the level of the year 2019 (1.779). In the year 2022, IJPOR received 329 new and revised papers submissions; this became a substantial increase as compared to 236 papers in 2021, 268 papers in 2020, and 249 papers in 2019.



Henning Silber
Chair of Publications
Committee



The geographic distribution of authors who publish papers in *IJPOR* continues to be diverse. Through 2022 IJPOR published articles originating from 23 countries and territories, including Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Israel, South Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Qatar, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the UK, and the USA.

In 2022, IJPOR announced two special issues: Global Misinformation and Disinformation (guest editor is Josephine Lukito, University of Texas at Austin, USA) and Global Perspectives on Science, Polarization, and Populism (guest editors are Erik Nisbet, Northwestern University, USA & Aysenur Dal, University of Ankara, Turkey).

In late 2022, WAPOR renewed its contract with the Oxford University Press, the publisher of IJPOR, for the period of 2023-2028. Journal issues are also now filled on a rolling basis. The IJPOR International Advisory Committee



was expanded from 6 to 8 members, with Past-President Patricia Moy (USA) and Past-Conference Chair Yariv Tsfati (Israel) joining this distinguished group of experts. Finally, it is planned that the journal will include a section on WAPOR News about recent WAPOR events.

In 2022, WAPOR members experienced temporary difficulties with their free access to IJPOR granted as a part of the annual membership in WAPOR. The access issues occurred due to the problems with integrating the journal access path into the new membership portal and have been successfully resolved.

#### **National Representatives Program**

WAPOR's National Representatives program continued to grow, with 117 countries represented by local WAPOR members with appointments during the 2022 calendar year. The image below identifies the countries participating in the National Representatives program during 2022. A listing of individuals serving as National Representatives during 2022 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 2022



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 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 National Representatives 2022**

Ezatullah Adib, Afghanistan

Visar Berisha, Albania

Mahfoudh Hajji, Algeria

Joan Mico, Andorra

Carlos Pacatolo, Angola

Maria Braun, Argentina

Heghine Manasyan, Armenia

Murray Goot, Australia

Michael Nitsche, Austria

M. Saidul Haq, Bangladesh

Pascal Chelala, Belgium

Louis Tomavo, Benin

Daniel Moreno Mora, Bolivia

Aida Hadziavdic Begovic, Bosnia &

Herzegovina

Marcia Cavallari Nunes, Brazil

Kancho Stoychev, Bulgaria

Chandara Gnim, Cambodia

Fansi Theodoret Marie, Cameroon

Christopher Adams, Canada

Alvaro Elqueta-Ruiz, Cape Verde

Marta Lagos, Chile

Weidong Wang, China

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Panayiotis Panayiotou, Cyprus

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Abdel-Hamid Abdel-Lat, Egypt

Fiorella Peccorini, El Salvador

Edward M. Okoth, Eswatini

Mulu Teka, Ethiopia

Emmanuel Rivière, France

Merab Pachulia, Georgia

Cornelia Mothes, Germany

Samuel Oio, Ghana

Katerina Diamantaki, Greece

Julio César Díaz, Guatemala

Amos Jayeolo Adebowale, Guinea

Bissau

Shodiya Gbemileke Segun, Guinea

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