

Report of the National Standing Committee on Bicultural Issues

He mamae aroha: On the 16th March, a horrific attack occurred on Muslim whanau in Christchurch while they were at prayer services. Our aroha goes to the communities in Christchurch, and throughout New Zealand. Māoridom also lost Prof Wharehuia Milroy, and Sir Heke Nukumai Busby: arohanui ki a koutou katoa, me ōu whānau whānui.

Tēnā rā koutou katoa. Tuatahi he mihi kau ana ki a koutou ko ngā kaimahi o te roopu NSCBI me ngā kaimahi a Te Roopu Mātai Hinengaro. The National Standing Committee on Bicultural Issues (NSCBI) welcomes a new Bicultural Director for 2019, Dr Pikihiua Pomare, from Massey University, Albany Campus. We would also like to thank Kyle Smith, from the University of Waikato for stepping into the role for a brief period at the end of 2018, to early 2019.

To recap, the Strategic Focus of NSCBI is to:

1. **Increase and support Māori participation and development in all areas of psychology**
2. **To support the recognition and development of psychologies relevant and applicable to Aotearoa**
3. **Promote bicultural accountability and responsibility within psychology**
4. **Monitoring of collective responsibility.**

NSCBI Committee Members: Dr Waikaremoana Waitoki, Dr Hukarere Valentine and Dr Pikihiua Pomare (Bicultural Directors & Convenors); Dr Bridgette Masters (Treasurer); Dr Julie Wharewera-Mika, Dr Erana Cooper, Dr Rose Black, Dr Ray Nairn, Dr Ainsleigh Cribb-Su'a, Prof Angus Macfarlane, Jhanitra Gavala, Dr Jade Le Grice, Dr Rebecca Wirihana, Dr Pip Pehi, Lisa Stewart, John Pahina and Dr Heather Hamerton.

Increase and support Māori participation and development in all areas of psychology

NSCBI has progressed the 2nd edition of the Bicultural Keynotes from 2010 to 2017. We look forward to publishing the book this year.

NSCBI continues to provide support and advice towards professional development for the conference including bicultural keynotes, the bicultural symposium and the bicultural workshops. In 2018, Dr Siautu Alefiao-Tongi, Tania Cargo and Dr Makarena Dudley were awesome keynotes at the 50th Jubilee conference.

To support the recognition and development of psychologies relevant and applicable to Aotearoa

In July 2019, Waikaremoana attended a meeting in Moscow to further develop the Declaration on Global Competencies for Psychologists. She participated in a panel discussion on leadership with the British, Norwegian, Portuguese, and American psychology organisations; a human rights panel (along with Dr Simon Bennett, Massey Wtgn); the Competency working party panel presentation, and a Competency working party meeting. Slides for each of these presentations are available on request. Goals to date are to develop a manual for international application (watch this space!). Consultation will begin in the coming months. This will be a significant achievement as the Competencies have been translated into several languages. A full consultation symposium will be held in Prague 2020 to discuss the implementation of the Competencies. The NZ Psychologists Board has indicated that they are considering how they might use the competencies, and how they may inform accreditation and registration procedures.

Asia Pacific Psychology Alliance update: Developments include holding a meeting in Penang, (in August) to elect officers to the general assembly of approximately 16 countries. The Alliance will be officially launched following the elections. (See last year's report for details on the purpose of the APPA). As noted in 2018, our international collaborations are growing with a specific focus on building Indigenous connections. In particular through attendance at He Au Honua, Hawaii (Bridgette Masters-Awatere and Pikihiua Pomare); Healing our Spirits Worldwide (Pikihiua and Hukarere Valentine); International Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference, Perth, WA (Waikaremoana Waitoki). The Society's role in the International Competence work group, and the Asia Pacific Alliance, offers ongoing opportunities to advocate for more Indigenous representation in psychology, as there is a lot of interest in how we are doing things.

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Increase and support Māori participation and development in all areas of psychology

NSCBI supported the 2018 He Paiaka Tōtara Wānanga held in Hamilton. Keynote speakers were AProf Leonie Pihama and Dr Maria Baker. Māori psychologists and psychology students were held captive by the amazing line-up of presenters.

Regional hui/meetings are held regularly in Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland and other throughout Aotearoa for Māori psychologists to maintain connections, share relevant information and raise pertinent issues in our work.

Promote bicultural accountability and responsibility within psychology

The Society, alongside the College supported several Muslim focused events this year in response to the Mosque attack. NSCBI have been actively involved with facilitating the connections between Muslim psychologists in Aotearoa and when needed, the support from international Muslim psychologists. Waikaremoana is a member of the Film and Literature Review Board and was involved in reviewing 2 challenges to the Chief Censors decisions to ban the live-streamed video, and the attacker's manifesto. Janet Peters is also a Board member.

Ministry for Children: In July this year, members of He Paiaka and NSCBI wrote an open letter to the Minister for Children, Tracey Martin, to highlight significant concerns about the removal of Māori children from their parents. Further consultation with He Paiaka and NSCBI will occur throughout the coming months. The letter can be accessed here: <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1907/S00051/open-letter-to-hon-tracey-martin-minister-for-children.htm>

Monitoring of collective responsibility.

NSCBI continues to work with the College Māngai, Luke Rowe, and with students to provide support as needed. Currently a paper is in preparation that outlines Māori student experiences in psychology. NSCBI also contributes to the psychology workforce taskforce and more recently to the Board's Accreditation Committee (Bridgette Masters-Awatere) and Tū Mai, Advisory Committee to the Board (Waikaremoana Waitoki).

The Institute of Clinical Psychology have bicultural roles within their committee, Hukarere has one of those roles alongside Parewahaika Harris. Recent activity around re-defining the committee roles led to a discussion of the importance of bicultural role (including its definition) and the collective responsibility of the committee to participate in bicultural matters. This led to a discussion relating to what proportion of the ICP members identify as Māori and how ethnicity data could be collected across the Society. It is not known whether other Institutes have a bicultural role on their executives – NSCBI is open to conversations about this if needed.

Finally, we also welcome anyone who might like to be part of the NSCBI committee. For further information, please contact Waikaremoana: moana@waikato.ac.nz

For those interested in supporting a Pākehā Tauīwi Special Interest Group, please see Rose Black rblack@xtra.co.nz

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