

E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Annual Report

Reporting Period: November 2025 – November 2026

The E.D.U.C.A.T.E. initiative continued to expand its educational and professional development activities during the reporting period. The committee organized online forums, a webinar, a year-long mentoring program, and conference activities at the IACCP 2026 Conference in Leuven. These initiatives supported IACCP's mission by promoting knowledge exchange, mentoring, networking, and capacity building among members across career stages.

E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Forums

Second E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Forum

Date: November 18, 2025

Format: Online

The Second E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Forum featured a Knowledge Exchange Café entitled "**More Than Measurement: Cross-Cultural Data in the AI Age,**" facilitated by Johannes Karl (University of Zurich, Switzerland). Although a research presentation had also been scheduled, the presenter was unable to attend.

The two-hour virtual event was offered free of charge to IACCP members and attracted approximately 20 participants.

Third E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Forum

Date: March 6, 2026

Format: Online

The Third E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Forum highlighted the work of previous recipients of the IACCP Spark Grants and included:

- **Knowledge Exchange Café:** Learnings from a Webinar Series on Decolonizing Cross-Cultural Psychology, facilitated by T. Roy.
- **Research Colloquium:** When Theory Travels: Practical Challenges in Translating and Validating Vocational Interest Measures for South Korea (Dr. Jisoo Youn).
- **Research Colloquium:** Language, Culture, and Emotion in Early Maya Childhood: Lessons from the Maya Concept of Óol (Dr. Deira Jiménez).

The two-hour virtual forum was offered free of charge to IACCP members. Attendance varied between the first and second portions of the event, with approximately 15–20 participants in each segment and an estimated total of 25 unique participants.

Webinar

Date: May 28, 2026

Format: Online

Title: *How Can Self-Reflection and Cultural Competency Contribute to Decolonizing Psychology Curricula in Universities?*

Speaker: Dr. Anca Minescu (Department of Psychology, University of Limerick, Ireland)

The webinar was open to both IACCP members and non-members. Participants paid a nominal registration fee based on the fee structure previously approved by the Executive Committee, with substantial discounts provided to students and IACCP members.

The two-hour webinar received 23 registrations and was attended by 25 participants, in addition to the presenter and members of the E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Committee.

Mentoring Program

The E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Mentoring Program continued as a one-year semi-structured initiative designed to support professional development through mentorship within the IACCP community.

Mentors and mentees were matched based on mentoring goals, research interests, and other relevant criteria. The program included:

- Three online group meetings;
- Individual mentor-mentee meetings arranged independently by each mentoring pair;
- A mid-year check-in meeting held on October 28, 2025; and
- A closing meeting held on April 27, 2026.

The program involved **30 mentors** and **47 mentees**, with several individuals serving in both roles. Participation was free of charge and available exclusively to IACCP members.

IACCP 2026 Conference (Leuven)

Pre-Conference Workshop

Date: July 13, 2026

Time: 2:00–7:00 pm CET

Format: In-person

Title: *Culturally Competent Experiential Learning Techniques in Cross-Cultural Psychology Courses*

Instructors:

- Rebekah Pollock (Georgia State University)

- Elena Piccinelli (Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon)
- Christin-Melanie Vauclair (Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon)

The five-hour workshop was open to both IACCP members and non-members. Participants paid a nominal registration fee based on the fee structure approved by the Executive Committee, with discounted rates available for students and IACCP members.

E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Roundtable

Format: In-person

Title: *Engaging, Developing, and Connecting the IACCP Community: The E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Initiative*

Chair:

- Saba Safdar (University of Guelph)

Presenters:

- Ronja A. Runge (University of Hildesheim, Germany)
- Rebekah Pollock (Georgia State University)
- Elena Piccinelli (Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal)
- Alice Sherlock (University of Amsterdam)

The 90-minute roundtable was held as part of the IACCP 2026 Conference program and was available to all conference delegates as part of their conference registration.

Committee Member Contributions

The accomplishments of the E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Initiative during the reporting period were made possible through the collaborative efforts of committee members.

Saba Safdar (Director) provided overall leadership and strategic oversight of the initiative and its activities. She guided program development, ensured alignment with IACCP's strategic goals, and represented E.D.U.C.A.T.E. at Executive Committee meetings and IACCP conferences, enhancing the initiative's visibility and impact.

Rebekah Pollock contributed to the initial needs assessment and Executive Committee proposal, developed presentation materials, flyers, and website content, organized the E.D.U.C.A.T.E. Forums and webinars, co-developed the pre-conference workshop, prepared calls for student involvement, and supported mentoring program activities.

Elena Piccinelli coordinated committee meetings, including agendas, minutes, and committee correspondence; maintained the committee workflow and role assignments; contributed to the

organization of events; co-developed the pre-conference workshop; prepared communication materials, including social media content; and drafted contributions for IACCP communications.

Ronja Runge coordinated the mentoring program, supported the organization of E.D.U.C.A.T.E. events, submitted the conference roundtable proposal, managed event promotion through the IACCP listserv, coordinated registrations, and oversaw financial administration.

Liliyana Mbeve assisted with event organization and supported event promotion through social media.

Tirani Kodippili contributed to the preparation of promotional materials and roundtable resources for the IACCP 2026 Conference.

Alice Sherlock managed communications, maintained the E.D.U.C.A.T.E. website, coordinated email correspondence, and disseminated information about E.D.U.C.A.T.E. events and opportunities.

Christin-Melanie Vauclair served as the committee's liaison with the IACCP Executive Committee, facilitating communication and coordination between E.D.U.C.A.T.E. and the Executive Committee.