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**Oggetto:** Re: Help Ukraine

Dear Aleksandra, Igor, and UPS Board,

Thank you for writing. I feel very much like Heribert: I am personally shocked, saddened, and outraged. I will exercise a certain amount of care with sending your email to the international IPA community. The IPA has had bad experience in the past when it has become politically involved in a country's conflicts. It has resulted in analysts in the country being targeted. Your personal safety is one of our many very intense concerns. IPA committees are working on being concretely helpful to UPS members and IPSO is in touch with candidates in Ukraine. I will consider how to use your email to your advantage and safely.

Having expressed my caution, I also want to say that our international organization will publicly support international law. Mr. Putin has violated international law, particularly the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the UN Charter, article 51. He should be prosecuted as a war criminal. War crimes include willful killing and extensive destruction of property "not justified by military necessity and carried out unlawfully and wantonly."

IPA members are writing to ask what they can do. I will forward your email to individual members.

With warmest wishes for your health and safety,

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**Subject:** Re: Help Ukraine

Dear Aleksandra, dear Igor Romanov, dear UPS Board,

thank you very much for your personal and so important mail.

We all see the terrible destruction that this criminal Russian attack brings to you, your families, friends and all citizens of your wonderful and independent country!

I personally am appalled, shocked, outraged and deeply saddened as well as concerned by this terrible attack on the lives of all people in Ukraine, and I find it completely self-evident that normal psychoanalytical work is not possible at present under these terrible conditions. All the psychoanalytic colleagues I have spoken to feel the same way. In Germany, where I live, there is a broad wave of solidarity with Ukraine, and there is hardly anyone left who believes the lies and propaganda of the Russian leadership. On the contrary, Russia is clearly portrayed as the aggressor, which has ruthlessly and coldly broken international law.

The same wave of solidarity can be found throughout Europe and also within the EPF.

As president of EPF, I will forward your mail and the possibilities it indicates to support and help Ukraine to all presidents of EPF member societies so that it can be sent to their members. We have already started an exchange within the EPF presidents on how we can support you all in Ukraine. Your mail will help to intensify this process.

I hope the war can be stopped! I wish you all with your families, friends and of course your patients the preservation of health and life!

With deep feelings of solidarity and support for your situation,

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Am 27.02.2022 um 16:50 schrieb Igor Romanov <[igromanov66@icloud.com](mailto:igromanov66@icloud.com)>:

Dear Mrs. Herriet Wolfe, dear Dr. Heribert Blass and all colleagues,

We are Ukrainian analysts, members and candidates of Ukrainian Psychoanalytic Society, IPA study-group. Our country is now a target of an unprovoked and cruel Russian military aggression. You could see how thousands and thousands of people get injured by missile strikes, shelling, civilian infrastructure is being destroyed en masse, and this list goes on. We and our patients must think under real, not metaphorical, fire and survival became our first priority. The war destroys our practice, our cities, and lives.

We want to ask you for help. First of all we ask you to express in direct open way your condemnation of and outrage at the Russian attack. We want all colleagues in the world to know our situation and to express their solidarity. We know that many in the West were under the influence of Russian propaganda, were blind, and some are still remain so. Please, try to share the information about our real situation to your colleagues, fellow citizens, and governments – about the desperate struggle of Ukrainian forces against the biggest army in world and approaching a humanitarian disaster for civilians.

If somebody would like to help us financially, we add the list of Ukrainian organizations which really need your support and the link to different recourses to understand and help our country now.

[How can you help Ukraine – list of organizations](#)

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**Yours sincerely,**

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