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Incoming officers will take office at the end of the 10th Biennial International Congress on Interpersonal Acceptance-Rejection (ICIAR) in Sofia, Bulgaria. See page 3 for more information.
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As of January, 2024, *Introduction to Interpersonal Acceptance-Rejection Theory (IPARTheory) and Evidence* has been downloaded 28,541 times by 1,848 institutions in 164 countries!

Data from ScholarWorks
Welcome in 2024 to Sofia, Bulgaria for the 10th ICIAR!

Congress website: https://www.iciar2024.com/

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New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria
We hope to see you at ICIAR 2024! Submit your abstracts for posters, presentations, roundtables, and symposia on the ICIAR website. Also see the website for guidelines about abstracts and presentations.

www.iciar2024.com
The shadows in me
The dawn frightens me
You are gone

I don’t know where
Only that I — they say —
had chosen not to see you

I fall
No one fetches me

I who has been protected from you
fall
fall
fall

Why shall
Is that aching in me
Loss

without words
memories I know I had
are also gone

who took them

Suddenly I see
a light
get hope
when the question asked was:

do you not remember

anything that was good with
the parent you did not meet

I dare release
the memory of your sausage hat sandwiches
and of your goodnight hug
now I decide myself
that I am allowed to remember

the roads on land and water
begin to have contours
maybe also I once can be whole

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Lena is a licensed psychologist in Sweden who specializes in investigative forensic psychology, especially in complicated custody and sexual abuse cases and parental alienation. She works a great deal with the courts in Sweden, but also in Norway and occasionally in other countries. In her spare time she enjoys writing poems, especially about disturbed parent-child relationships.