

**MINUTES  
IUPSYS 2007 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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**Present:**

J. Bruce Overmier; M. Bullock; H. Carpintero; S. Cooper; M. Denis; J. Georgas;; Hassan Khan; S. Kuwano; Patrick Lemaire; I. Lunt; E. Nair; P. Ritchie; M. Sabourin; Juan Jose Sanchez Sosa; R. Silbereisen; Barbara Tversky; K Zhang

Partial attendance: Claudia Dalbert

Guests: P. Frensch; B. Schauenberg;

**Greetings and Announcements**

IUPsyS Executive Committee member accomplishments were reported and included:

- H. Carpintero received the “Huarte de San Juan 2006” prize from the Colegio Oficial de Psicologos de Castilla y Leon
- Q. Jing received the Distinguished Contributions to Child Development award from the Society for Research in Child Development
- S. Kuwano received Commendations for Contributions in Environmental Conservation from the Minister of the Environment of Japan, and she has been a member of the Science Council of Japan since October 2005
- P. Ritchie received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Ontario Psychological Association, and has been appointed to co-chair the upcoming ICSU Science for Health and Well-Being workshop planned for 2008
- M. Rosenzweig received an honorary degree from the Université de Montreal.
- J. Sanchez-Sosa was awarded a Diploma for Outstanding Contributions during his term as Secretary for International Affairs of the Mexican College of Psychologists, and was elected Honorary President of the 2008 International Meeting of Research by Psychology Students.
- K. Zhang was appointed as Director of the Institute of Psychology, Chinese Academy of Science, and was renewed as a member of the ICSU Regional Committee for Asia and the Pacific for the period 2008-2010.
- M. Bullock was elected to the Board of the Jean Piaget Society.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**2. Minutes**

The EC adopted the minutes as circulated.

**3. Report of the President**

The President reviewed the 2006 Assembly and 2007 Officers meeting and alerted the EC to the priority items for the meeting discussion, including strategic planning, dues structures, and communications.

The President distributed the call for the nominations for the Secretary-General, Treasurer and Deputy Secretary-General to the EC and asked that comments be sent to the Secretariat.

#### Conflict of interest

The President initiated broad discussion of the values and opportunities of dual service to the international psychology community, and discussion of the roles in which dual service can be performed. Dual service in this context pertains primarily to service in the governing or executive arms of an organization rather than service as a member of an organization. In the past, sensitivity to the issue arose from potential tensions among organizations with overlapping board members and was addressed in terms of conflict of meeting times. The current discussion included the multiple meanings of conflict of interest, including fiduciary interest, conflicts of effort and conflicts of power.

The EC discussed a draft plan to define conflict of interest and proposed adding a statement about the benefits of dual service: Dual service can offer the Union some benefits of coordination and integration of international psychology and integration with other scientific bodies.

**The EC voted to endorse the conflict of interest statement as amended as Union policy as follows:**

#### **IUPsyS Conflict of Interest Policy**

Conflict of interest is a broad term that may include many types of conflict, illustrated by but not limited to conflicts of duty, confidentiality, fiduciary responsibility, competition, effort, and investment of time.

#### Conflict of Interest Self-Awareness

This document is designed to specify a conflict of interest policy. Its goal is to be educative in assisting EC members in evaluating areas of potential or real areas of conflict, and in enabling them to conform their conduct to the policy and the conflict procedures outlined below.

#### Dual Service

- Dual service as an officer in IUPsyS and any other organization with which IUPsyS has substantial shared commitments to collaborative activities is precluded. At present such organizations include IAAP, IACCP, and EFPA.
- Although dual service as an officer in one organization and executive board membership in another is not precluded, it should be recognized that there is a likelihood of various conflicts of interest.
- Dual service as a board member in multiple organizations is also not precluded, but it may also increase the probability of various conflicts of interest.
- Dual service can offer the Union some benefits of coordination and integration of international psychology and integration with other scientific bodies.

#### Conflict Procedures

The following procedures are to govern the handling of potential conflict by officers and executive committee members during the course of a meeting. Note: these guidelines apply regardless of whether or not the individual previously reported the potential conflict.

- 1) Where an EC member recognizes a conflict of interest, that individual must divulge the nature of the conflict. Such an individual should not vote or use his/her personal influence on the matter. It may also be appropriate for the person to recuse themselves from the meeting should the expected discussion potentially convey information to the person that would then put them into a further duty and/or conflict of interest at meetings of another organization (see #3 below).
- 2) Where, in the discretion of the individual, the conflict situation to be divulged by the individual involves confidential or sensitive information or the individual's duty to divulge the conflict would force him/her to breach his/her duty of loyalty to another organization on whose board he/she sits, then to protect the information from being publicly divulged, the disclosure may be to IUPsyS President or Secretary General indicating that the information is confidential. The individual may not vote or attempt to use his/her personal influence on the topic.
- 3) Where it appears that the issues discussed by the body may involve the revelation of IUPsyS confidential or proprietary information to the other group, the individual with a possible conflict of interest should recuse him/herself from the meeting, during all discussion on the topic.
- 4) The individual wishing a record of their declaration of a possible conflict of interest may report, in writing, to the Secretary General, so that the minutes of the meeting can reflect that a disclosure was made, abstention from voting or recusal from discussion, and the quorum situation.
- 5) The foregoing requirements do not prohibit the individual from briefly stating his or her position on the matter, nor from answering questions from other officers or executive members. The individual making a statement on the issue may wish to give a brief description of the potential conflict.

The Assembly will be informed of the new policy.

### **3.5 Strategic Planning**

A strategic planning overview was presented to the EC to form the background for discussion of priority and programs.

#### **4. Reports of the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General**

The Secretary-General alerted the EC to the Annual Report for 2006, which covers the substance of the report for the past year.

The calls for nominations for the Union President, Vice President and EC members will be sent to National Members. The EC was invited to review the calls for nominations and send any suggestion for changes to the Secretariat. The calls for nominations for the appointed Officer positions will be disseminated broadly to National Members and posted on the web.

The Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General each noted that they would not stand for appointment in 2008.

#### **5. Report of the Treasurer**

The EC received the 2006 Audited Financial Statements. Georgas noted that expenses in Greece had been higher than anticipated and expressed regrets that this was the case. The importance of planning for increased revenue sources was stressed.

#### **The EC accepted the 2006 Audited Financial Statement**

The EC reviewed the 2007 statement of finances to date and reviewed the 2008 preliminary budget.

**6. Standing Committee on Strategic Planning** (Overmier (Chair), Bullock, Cooper, Denis, Lunt, Ritchie, Sabourin)

**6.1 Establishment of strategic priorities**

As a strategy for beginning priority setting the EC engaged in an exercise prepared by the officers to assign point values to each of the Union's activities. After performing the exercise the EC noted that future exercises needed to include a cost-benefit analysis to ask for value vs. expected output and to include fund raising as an activity.

*The EC agreed to follow a dual discussion strategy for each item in carrying out strategic priority and activity discussions and decisions. This was to consider each item twice. The first iteration was informational where reports were presented and recommendations gathered. The second was a discussion and action item where recommendations were discussed and voted. These will be noted as Part I and Part II in the Minutes.*

**6.2 Work Group on Funding** (Cooper (Chair), Lunt, Sabourin, Silbereisen)

**Part I**

Cooper outlined the WG's report and its essential recommendations which were to

- reduce the size of the EC
- reduce the stipends allocated to some individuals and activities.

The WG also recommended building in a mechanism to accomplish such a reduction within the current quadrennium.

**Part II Discussion**

In considering the recommendation of the WG to reduce the size of the EC, the EC acknowledged the serious issues of increasing financial costs and the need for effective Union management. It discussed tradeoffs in terms of an EC large enough to ensure geographic and other representation yet small enough to provide rapid oversight and efficiency in its outputs. Suggestions included reducing the size of the EC, reducing the frequency of meeting, and reducing the local costs of the EC.

The EC noted that the present portfolio structure of working groups and few standing committees was designed to increase efficiency and productivity. However, they also noted that an effective organization would require a professional management structure (secretariat) that could implement decisions made by a representative council and executive.

The EC confirmed that within its present essentially volunteer system the officers should strive to increase guidance given to EC members to increase productivity, and the secretariat should strive to increase interactions and reminders for actions and tasks.

It was noted that there is not a current budget crisis but rather a downward trend that requires a stable financial base.

The President and Secretary-General noted that allocations to functional Officers & other EC members were disproportionate to both the demands of the offices and to the actual workload.

A "straw poll" of the EC showed that EC members favored keeping the present size of the EC (unanimous) but cutting local costs (50%) and cutting meeting frequency (20%).

They also agreed with the aspiration of professionalizing the Union management but did not see this as a short term outcome.

A number of motions were proposed and voted:

**6.2.1. A motion to reaffirm commitment to portfolio assignments as basis for work - passed**

6.2.2. A motion to work toward specific size reduction on the EC - failed

6.2.3. A motion to reduce the number of EC meetings - failed

**6.2.4. A motion to work toward professionalization of the management of the Union - passed**

**6.3 International Psychology Development Fund (Overmier)**

The fund size and goals were discussed. An email will be sent to the EC outlining the fund and procedures for donating to the EC after the meeting.

**6.4 Work Group on Membership (Sabourin (Chair), Carpintero)**

**Part I**

Sabourin distributed a draft report on the Revision of the **Dues Structure / Membership Categories**. The mandate of the WG was to reduce the number of dues categories to 6, and to develop clear and transparent criteria for category assignment. Sabourin noted that attempts to use objective criteria such as country size or level of wealth to define a system will produce large changes in dues and will not be salable to the National Members.

There was broad discussion. The EC endorsed the idea of increased transparency. The information presented in the report Annexes, including the table with Gross National Income (GNI) and Developmental level of psychology are examples of objective criteria, although the EC recognized that any substantial deviations from the current system might be more difficult to implement.

The EC endorsed the use of the GNI, and agreed that more work is needed to specify other dimensions. Some of the issues concern a need to update information about the number of psychologists in each country, and recognition that the membership of National Member organizations may or may not be representative of the psychologist pool.

The EC endorsed idea of moving toward the objective system in a stepwise fashion to try to reassign category according to objective categories, in accordance with the Assembly mandate.

It was also noted that because members are the major source of income for the Union a dues increase might be viable. The EC noted that any attempts to increase dues would require additional attention to disseminating information about the membership benefits. There are also practical benefits for developing this information because the officers of national organizations frequently change each year and need to be reminded on a yearly basis of the importance of the Union. It was suggested to develop a yearly communication on the benefits of membership.

**Part II**

Three issues were considered: development of the dues category system; proposal for a dues increase; move from a dollar to a Euro financial base.

### Dues Category System

Discussion began with a summary of the 2006 Assembly motion charging the EC to move to 6 dues categories in principle, and to use clear and transparent criteria. It was noted that the wording was clear and transparent rather than “objective” criteria, which offers some flexibility in category assignment

Review of the current situation raised several issues that need to be addressed: presently there are 6-8 National Members who provide the lion’s share of the funds; the number of Category O members is of concern; there are about 20 National Members who pay what they should according to “objective” criteria; and between 10-20 National Members who do not pay what they “should” according to “objective” criteria.

In discussing the present category criteria, the EC gave direction to the Officers to work on general dues scheme that includes GNI and level of development. They agreed that determining level of development is difficult and not yet well articulated and should include multiple measures.

**The EC voted to work toward a dues/membership system that is based on two criteria: measure of country’s wealth and measure of state of psychology within that country.** The Officers were charged with more fully articulating the principles defining each criterion and the instantiation of those principles in criteria and dimensions.

### Dues values

The EC noted that the assignment of dues value to categories should be a gradual process. The EC agreed to consider a proposal that includes a dues increase.

The EC endorsed developing a report that outlines clear and transparent category criteria, illustrates what application of these criteria would mean for specific dues values for National Members, and proposes a dues increase. The EC recommended that the report indicate that the EC is working toward a more realistic dues structure as part of its goals.

### Currency Basis

The EC discussed a proposal to change the currency basis from the dollar to the EURO and agreed that this was not a critical issue at this moment and that there has not been sufficient analysis to take a decision.

## **6.5 Work Group on Awards** (Silbereisen (Chair), Denis, Ritchie)

### **Part I**

Silbereisen presented the WG report. The guiding principles of the report were to see results during this quadrennium on the occasion of the Berlin Congress. The WG considered the development of awards and citations.

The WG considered awards that can come into existence quickly and proposed the following:

- Congress paper award (from ICP2008)
- Young Investigator award
- PhD award
- Lifetime Career Award
- “Against the Odds” Award (note, this would carry high publicity)

The proposal is to establish these 4 new awards. Each is a research-based award. The intent is for the awards to encompass applied as well as basic scientific work. There was discussion of broader application and it was noted that the “against the odds” award might include broader contributions to applied psychology, and that the descriptions of the awards could be explicit in being inclusive of research to application.

The WG stressed the importance of developing awards that go outwards to the larger community.

There was a suggestion for consider mechanisms for appointing honorary members of the EC.

### Citations

The WG agreed that two kinds of citations would be appropriate:

- Presidential citations as an instrument to react quickly to situations that required distinction that could be presented on the occasion of the International Congress
- EC/Presidential citations to EC members or others for service to the Union. The WG commented that these citations would need to be based on a clear set of principles and used to honor unique achievements.

## **Part II**

**The EC endorsed establishing the set of awards proposed in the report.**

### **6.5.1 Dogan Prize: Jury Selection Procedures; Appointment of Jury**

There were a number of action items proposed to implement the Dogan Award.

**The EC approved the jury selection procedures.**

The jury selection procedures will be posted on the web, and the jury members will be posted on the web.

The EC developed a short list of potential jury members and alternates.

EC discussion concerned the importance of the public perception of the award so that it is perceived as based on merit only, not past IUPsyS affiliation or any other affiliation.

### **6.5.2 Other IUPsyS Awards**

See 6.5, Part I

### **6.5.3 SIP initiative: re Ardila Prize**

There is an award presented by the InterAmerican Society of Psychology (SIP) that is described as under the “patronage” of the Union. The Union has no purview over this award, which has been given at multiple SIP meetings. The discussion focused on the need to develop criteria for Union endorsement of activities.

## **6.6 Development of Evaluation Criteria for Capacity Building and other projects**

Lunt presented a framework for developing evaluation criteria for IUPsyS projects as follows:

### Criteria for Evaluation of Capacity Building and other Union Projects

Evaluation criteria are important in the development and implementation of Union projects, especially capacity building activities. The following outline sets the basis for a framework for evaluation and describes a set of 5 potential criteria.

1. Demonstration of immediate and longer term impact
2. Demonstration of individual and organizational impact
3. Quality of indicators
4. Demonstration of direct and indirect impact (multiplier effect)
5. Products

These criteria should apply to all Union activities, and are especially important for evaluating capacity building activities (ARTS, national capacity building)

## Part II

The EC made several suggestions for additions to the document.

- Cooper suggested that the preamble should explicitly state how the project relates to the Union statutes and to the current Union strategic priorities. If the project does not relate to the Statutes/priorities then there should be a direct statement on the benefits to the Union of doing the project.
- Silbereisen suggested that one goal of the Union is to foster innovations. Questions 1-4 are appropriate to this goal and suggested expanding Question 5 to include the idea that innovations are characterized by team work, break with tradition, lead to new horizons, break with the status quo (for example lead to scientific excellence, lead to a capability to collaborate and write in international journals, and the like). Another “product” is to bring people to the cutting edge level of science or knowledge, or to compensate for deficits. He suggested adding some concrete examples as “products”. We should do innovative things we can then give away.
- Silbereisen suggested a more general point that one goal of projects should be to develop model cases or demonstration projects that the Union then “give away”.

The EC endorsed the idea of applying such an evaluation process to all Union activities, even EC meetings. The EC endorsed adding information on longer term impact especially for sustainability. This document will be revisited in the 2008 EC.

### **6.7 Administration & Management of the Union and 6.7.1 Workload Management / Workload Planning**

Ritchie introduced this item by noting that the purview of the Union is broad and is expanding. He remarked that the volume of communication and transactions has grown exponentially over the last decade. This is related to the explosion of electronic Communications as well as the Union’s greatly increased visibility and external accomplishments. While this has also brought increased opportunities for engagement, the Union is able to respond to only a few. He added that the Union has become involved in a range of capacity building activities, each of which requires support in our own infrastructure and in oversight over the infrastructure/organizations of others. In addition, the purview of the Union management includes the representation, promotion and support for psychology in various international venues.

Ritchie was asked what makes the Union’s enormous activity possible. He answered by noting that the workhorses for Union activities are the Officers, augmented by a very small number of other individuals who may or may not be officers (e.g., the ARTS coordinator). Any assessment of the management work done for the Union comes up with a workload well in excess of one full time person. This work is accomplished with an exceedingly small budget. He continued by noting that these comments were meant to

provide a description of the current state not as a complaint. The goal of this discussion is to outline the issues and to begin to discuss longer term solutions.

Point made that it is important to have a rationale for how time is spent;

### **6.7.2 Allocation of Financial Resources**

No further discussion

### **6.7.3 EC authority to engage fundraising consultant**

This item was deferred.

## **6.8 Development of New Policy Statements**

The EC reviewed the draft policy statement that had been approved in principle at the 2006 EC and endorsed the present draft.

In discussion, EC members noted that in future cases where the President/Officers issue a policy statement there should be a mechanism to inform EC members prior to the issuance so that they may disseminate and contextualize the statement as appropriate and may enable national member colleague to do the same.

**The new guideline will be published on the web.**

## **7. Standing Committee on Publications and Communications**

(Denis (Chair), Kuwano, Lemaire, Silbereisen, Tversky)

Denis summarized the Standing Committee report.

### **7.1 International Journal of Psychology**

The EC received the IJP report and discussed several of its points. The impact factor and the importance of citations were noted. They noted that special issues are being used as method for focusing the journal on specific topics. Issues raised by the EC included assessing the very high rejection rate and what it indicates; a suggestion to indicate to Psychology Press that the EC needs more information on how the journal is running in terms of citations, rates, etc. The EC queried whether the high rejection rate may be a function an insufficiently clear statement of the purview of the journal.

It was agreed to ask Dalbert for additional information, including more information on the range of articles not reviewed; and to ask her to consider the need to foster and mentor some authors.

### **7.2 Psychology Resource CD-Rom**

There was discussion of the question of the language of contributions to the CD Rom, in particular whether to include abstracts from important regional conferences such as SIP which will be almost exclusively in Spanish. It was noted that the CD ROM Editors need a policy level decision.

Ritchie noted this is one example of a fundamental issue facing the Union concerning its purview. Latin America communicates *de facto* in Spanish. The Union needs to decide whether to simply maintain good diplomatic relations with the Spanish speaking part of psychology without further engagement, or whether to take active steps to bring it into active Union participation; if the intent is to engage that part of the world, there needs to be something with a Spanish language component to maintain credibility.

There was not consensus on the value of multiple languages. Some believed that expanding the language base should entail including more of the multiple languages in

which people might communicate, others that promoting English language communication as the emerging “lingua franca” (sic) would be beneficial even in Spanish speaking regions. There was discussion of the language issue as a capacity building issue and there was discussion of the language issue as one of marketing and attracting interest and participation in the Union’s activities.

It was agreed that this needs to be a broader policy discussion and no resolution was reached.

### **7.3 Contributions of Psychology (Slim books) series**

Denis noted that the EC was launching a book series on the contributions of psychology to applied areas that would be directed to an audience of professionals in these other areas (e.g., teachers, health care providers). The Call for Editors is ready to be circulated. It was noted that the impact of the series could be maximized by editors from several regions of the world, and from several disciplinary areas.

The EC reviewed a list of potential topics and added suggestions for several more:

Culture and Psychology	Psychological consultation in the courtroom
Family Violence	Autism
Peace	Depression
Children	Happiness
Conflict resolution and peace	Love
Weight reduction	Gesture
Rage and anger	
Gambling	

The EC reviewed the call for editors, and tasked the Officers with finalizing a revised Call that will be disseminated to National Members and posted on the web.

### **7.4 Review of Publications Programme**

The EC reviewed a draft of the RFP request. The Officers will revise the request and disseminate it to potential publishers.

### **7.5 Web**

The purpose of the IUPsyS web is to provide information about the Union, its activities and members, and general information about psychology. Information about international meetings and international associations is regularly updated; materials for the EC and Assembly meetings are provided on the web for current and archival purposes.

### **7.6 Newsletter**

The newsletter is published regularly and includes updates and news about Union and Union member activities.

### **7.7 Proceedings of the XXIX Congress**

Information was discussed under Item 10.

### **7.8 Dissemination national psych association journals**

This item was not discussed.

## **8. Standing Committee on Capacity Building** (Lunt (Chair), Georgas, Lemaire, Nair)

### **8.1 Work Group on National Capacity Building** (Nair (Chair), Cooper, Khan)

#### **Part I**

Nair reported on the ASEAN regional union of psychological societies. At least 5 countries in this group have national psychology associations with constitutions, and other documentation in line with the general objectives of the union. Another 5 countries do not have national associations fully in place. One goal of the ASEAN grouping is to help the other 5 form national associations by sharing documents, regional conferences, and expertise across the countries.

It was noted that another regional association, MENARCP2 has established a network across 15 countries. Although this was seeded as a capacity building initiative it is not under the union umbrella.

#### **8.1.1 Development of regional groupings**

There was discussion of the SAARC proposal. This was an example of representatives from countries coming together on platforms of common interest to share information and ideas and to collaborate on common areas. The SAARC group is going in the direction of a regional grouping because is more manageable and meaningful for several countries to cooperate than to work with a group of individual countries.

The EC noted that regional groupings seem to be one vehicle for fostering national associations in their development and resource network but noted that regional development is not a fundamental goal of EC actions. Rather the fundamental Union goal is to foster national development. There was discussion of issues of regional development and the role of the union in fostering individual membership regional groupings that may undermine national groupings.

The EC noted that the Union is neutral with respect to whether a regional organization affiliates with it. The EC reaffirmed the strategic objective of gaining National Members.

#### **Part II**

There was no further discussion

### **8.2 Work Group on Arts** (Coordinators: Lunt, Keller)

Lunt introduced the ARTS 2008 report (2007ec-8-2-arts2008report.pdf) and called attention to the ARTS financing that includes efforts to secure longer term financing from foundations and other organizations.

At present 2008 ARTS include two seminars that are in the process of being organized, each of which will precede the Berlin Congress.

ARTS is being regularized through the creation of ARTS associates and the attempt to secure funding.

There was discussion of how themes for ARTS were suggested. Lunt noted that part of the evaluation at the end of an ARTS is to ask for suggestions for themes and topics for future ARTS. In the past the perceived need most frequently suggested has been topics on health psychology, and topics related to clinical psychology.

Lunt noted that ARTS convener recruitment is a challenge. When a call for offers to convene an ARTS is issued there are rarely suitable offers. The Berlin topics developed from people who directly approached the ARTS Coordinator with proposals.

The two ARTS are structural equation modeling and the use of large scale data bases. The structural equation modeling ARTS is welcomed as a topic because of the importance of developing quantitative skills among all psychologists – although it does require prior methodological competence. The second ARTS came as an offer through the US National Committee as a package including the convener and funding.

The contributors to ARTS were noted. There is a small list of National Member associations that make a contribution to ARTS. The EC suggested broader solicitation.

There was discussion of funding and it was noted that it would be useful to set out a clear set of priorities for funders. There are two relevant dimensions: whether the program is structure oriented or person oriented; and whether the programs are research oriented or operative? Usually the combinations are person oriented -research programs, or structure oriented –operative programs. This needs to be clear to funders, especially foundations.

The EC also raised the question of mechanisms for ensuring that ARTS participants attend the related international Congress, and mechanisms for who decides which ARTS participants get to attend the Congress.

### **8.3 Work Group on Education for Psychologists** (Georgas (Chair), Lunt, Nair)

Lunt summarized the WG report and highlighted current issues. These included noting that there is increased international understanding of education/training needs and levels at a regional level that is now poised to be extended internationally. There is a desire for education/training standards throughout the world. The long term goals of the WG are to move toward a declaration of international education standards. In service of this the WG intends to disseminate a questionnaire to begin an overview of the state of affairs in educational systems across countries. The questionnaire will assess such things as educational tracks, educational level to be called a psychologist and so on.

The immediate goal is to begin to develop structure for standards where psychology is rapidly developing.

Suggestions from the EC included looking at standards and standards development in other disciplines; matching how EuroPsy does or does not fit in a particular country's standards; looking at standards or training across professions.

### **8.4 Work Group on Psychological Science Informing Educational Practice** (Lemaire (Chair), Bullock, Tversky)

Lemaire reported on the WG actions to organize symposia at the ICAP in Athens and the ICP in Berlin.

The EC discussed expanding the purview to include developing written materials (e.g. books) outlining the applications of different psychological constructs to the educational process.

### **8.5 Work Group on HealthNet and Health Psychology** (Sanchez Sosa (Chair), Khan, Ritchie) (with 19.3)

The EC was referred to HealthNet on the web. It was noted that HealthNet could be relevant for the upcoming ICSU initiative on health systems.

## 9. Ad Hoc Joint Committee on Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles

Overmier summarized the status of the project based on the Report of the Ad Hoc Joint Committee prepared by its Chair, Professor Janel Gauthier. He called on the EC to make comments on the draft principles circulated prior to the meeting.

The EC expressed the following comments:

Georgas noted that the document leaves appropriate room for flexibility in expressing the values implied in the document (examples are 1b, 1e) and a clear attempt to respect the variety of cultures and to be inclusive.

Overmier noted two concerns about the current text including:

- Item ID - respect for the dignity of human beings and free and informed consent;
- Item 1F – protection of confidentiality of personal information – the document may not be fully sensitized

Cooper commented that the use of “other” is a new change that is not as explicit as to referent in the document (examples are principle II, Integrity and 4b). He suggested replacing the term “other” by more precise terms

The EC suggested deleting the Preamble sentence “Psychologists are committed to placing the welfare of society and its members above the welfare of the discipline and its members” or clarifying it. At the least the word “society” should be replaced with the term “persons”.

Nair suggested that the last sentence in the preamble to keep the “declaration constantly in mind” might be too strong.

There was a suggestion to edit the Principle II sentences as follows:

(e) The discipline’s responsibility to act always toward the client is guided by the principles and procedures of well-based knowledge, being prepared to justify in a rational manner the steps and procedures employed to solve the questions and problems.

Or

(e) empirically based competencies

Overmier summarized the discussion by noting that the EC is generally accepting of the document but recommends addressing the ambiguous use of the term “others”, editing the Preamble sentence and editing the principle II sentence above. The President will communicate this outcome to Professor Gauthier

## 10. XXIX Congress (Berlin) (Drs. Frensch and Schauenberg attended this portion of the meeting)

Professor Frensch described the current status of Congress preparations to the EC. He reported on promotional activities to send emails to Union National Members, with follow-up reminders to those countries that did not respond. He asked National Members for the numbers of posters and announcements they would need. Of the 70 countries contacted only 18 responded.

### Promotion

The organizers also sent information to all participants of Beijing and ICAP, to all European Psychology departments, all conveners, etc.

The EC suggested sending materials to the SIP listserv and to the IUPsyS list of national societies (available on the web)

### ARTS

Frensch proposed that the Free University in Berlin host the ARTS workshops. Bullock noted that at least one ARTS was scheduled to be held at Humboldt University

### Abstracts

The organizers' goal is to publish the abstracts in IJP before the Congress. This will be the abstract book and the Congress will provide them on CD. Copyright issues were queried by the Congress. The S-G will provide a letter of authorization.

### Young Psychologists Programme

There is financing for young scientists and the organizers anticipate that will do better than believed earlier.

### Proceedings

Frensch reported on an exchange with Rohays Perry about how many copies actually sold and reported that Beijing only sold 100 copies, Stockholm only 350 copies. Frensch found these numbers to be very small relative to the amount of work.

The EC and the Organizers discussed developing mechanisms to increase sales of the Proceedings volumes. Concerns include title ("Proceedings" is not a good part of the title); timing – it would be good to publish the books before the Congress but the timing is unlikely to work; format – there was discussion of breaking the volumes into smaller topically related books; The EC and organizers agreed it would be important to involve Psychology Press in the discussion as experts on marketability.

## **11. XXX Congress (Cape Town)**

Cooper reported on progress on the ICP XXX Planning. Cooper has been elected President of the Congress (which will be ratified by the Officers). The Congress Organizers delayed appointments until the last liaison visit and had elections then. Minutes are available and can be copied to EC members who are interested. Cooper made an offer to send minutes to the EC as relevant. He reported that there was a long consultative process on Congress procedures and nominations that resulted in the present structure.

Cooper reported that the scientific committee has been constituted as a small scientific management grouping and then a larger grouping divided into substantive areas (n=40). The Chairs of each of the substantive subcommittees will be South African; there will be at least one emerging scientist in each committee and at least one if not two from the rest of the continent. The committees will be working or resident in South Africa.

There has been collaboration between the organizers and the ICSU regional officers in South Africa.

Information about the ICP XXX has been disseminated to institutions on the continent.

Ritchie had circulated a written Liaison Report. He summarized the Liaison Report by noting that the Congress organizers are at a comparable point to other congress organizers 5 years out and recommended that the EC authorize its Liaison to proceed to

negotiate the final details of the contract for signing in Berlin. The Liaison commended the South African colleagues for their activities in meeting the Union's expectations and demands.

Cooper commented that the Congress promises a good venue and a top rate scientific program. The organizers are working on strategies to address issues of distance and personal security.

There were questions about the extent to which the congress was involving colleagues from other African countries in the promotion of the country and suggestions were invited.

The EC discussed Congress fee models. Overmier suggested fee-sharing mechanisms for Congress fees whereby the Union would take a specific amount of each congress registration fee. Silbereisen suggested another model to set incentives for the Congress organizers to increase participation by working on a cost-benefit model that will have a low break even point and strong incentives for generating substantially more participants.

ACTION:

**The EC endorsed moving forward with the ICP XXX in South Africa.**

**The EC moved to endorse the Liaison's recommendation to negotiate the final contract details and, subject to a satisfactory outcome to sign the contract at the Berlin Congress.**

## **12. XXXI Congress**

Carpintero reported that the Spanish Colegio is interested in presenting a bid for the ICP2016. This would be appropriate 80 years after the 1936 Congress that failed to take place in Spain because of the Spanish Civil War. If Spain were chosen the Congress would most likely be in Madrid. The Colegio has resources to organize a Congress.

There were mentions of other interest but no formal reports of other actual bids being prepared at this time.

## **13. Regional Conferences**

Overmier commented on the regional conference in Amman, Jordan, 2007. He noted that although IUPsyS was represented at the Congress by a number of individuals the Union as an organization was not prepared to carry out a genuine capacity building activity at that conference.

### **13.1 2009 Regional Conference**

Several EC members reported on conversations concerning the 2009 planned conference in Bulgaria. Cooper reported on discussions of meetings with IAAP and encouraged the EC to make liaison efforts to learn more about what the organizers in Bulgaria might need in their region. This conference will take place in October and will have EFPA as a partner.

Denis reported that involvement from the universities and also from the academy of sciences will offer an original feature in this conference.

The decision making for this regional conference is early enough so that the EC can plan for a broad capacity building activity. The EC tasked the capacity building committee (including workgroups on cognitive science and education, education for psychologists, and national capacity building) to develop a proposal.

Silbereisen noted that the only one of the three partners entitled to European funds is EFPA. EFPA would not necessarily be a good partner in the funding search.

Lunt volunteered to be a liaison to EFPA and to work on funding mechanisms. Overmier tasked Lunt as capacity building chair and Nair as national capacity building workshop chair to develop proposals for the regional conference in 2009.

Proposals will need to be developed by March for the next officers meeting.

### **13.2 Future Regional Conferences**

#### **Part I**

Overmier reported discussions with IAAP in which there was an effort to think of mechanisms to satisfy IAAP's interests in individual psychologists and the Union's interest in organizational development in capacity development.

#### **Part II**

There was discussion of resources for a Union commitment to encouraging regional interaction and regional conferences. The sense of the EC was that the Union needs to find ways to take advantage of regional meetings to carry out capacity building exercises.

#### **2011 Regional Conference**

The EC was tasked with developing ideas for the next 2011 regional conference for which the IUPsyS is responsible.

Georgas noted that there will be a regional IACCP congress in Nigeria in 2009 June 29 to July in Lagos. There is considerable cooperation between representatives from nearby countries.

IACCP has also made the decision to sponsor small work group meetings in other areas of the world.

### **14. Committee for the Psychological Study of Peace**

Overmier reviewed the decision of the 2006 EC to invite the Committee for the Psychological Study of Peace to affiliate with the Union and noted that he had intended to send a letter to Chair Professor Dan Christie. Nair noted that when she attended the summer meeting for the Committee, the letter still had not been received. The EC reviewed and retained its 2006 decision and the President will notify Professor Christie and invite affiliation.

Silbereisen added that tasks and task groups should have a sunset date as a general rule.

### **15. ISCU**

Past-President Denis and Secretary-General Ritchie briefly described some current issues at ISCU, including the issue of the role of the social sciences and how ISCU might engage the social sciences. One suggestion is for a workshop or meeting that brings together the social sciences and hard sciences to reinforce the value of working collaboratively.

Ritchie informed the EC that ICSU is poised to undertake a major new interdisciplinary undertaking of a strategic project on health and well-being.

The topic is urban health in the context of a systems analysis approach. The likely first activity will be a high level workshop to be held in January 2008, co-chaired by Professor Dov Jaron (Co-Chair of the Unions Health and Well-being Joint Work Group) and himself. In the context of that first meeting, a planning group will be formed to carry the workshop results into focal stage planning committees to take the initiative forward.

### **15.3 ICSU Grants**

The grants programme may be revived in 2008. The Union needs to be prepared for this possibility.

### **15.4 Review of ICSU Dues Structure**

The ICSU Review will issue a Report, likely before the end of 2007.

### **15.5 Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in Science**

EC member Zhang sits on this ICSU Committee. The newly re-structured CFRS is developing its work plan.

### **15.6 CODATA**

Sabourin reported on WSIS follow-up activities. Bullock reported on US CODATA activities and the emergence of new behavioral initiatives.

### **15.7 Regional offices**

Cooper suggested contact with colleagues in Mozambique to foster connections to address post-war issues;

Overmier called on Zhang as a representative to the ICSU regional office in Asia to promote interaction and contact with the Union and the regional offices.

### **15.8 Unions' Meeting (07/04/23-24)**

Denis and Overmier reported on the Union's meeting.

## **16. ISSC**

### **16.1 ISSC General Assembly (November, 2006)**

Overmier reported on the GA meeting. He commended the plenary talk by the Librarian of Alexandria and suggested that there be a link to it on the IUPsyS website.

Outcomes from the Assembly meeting may include a possible new voting structure and a possible new dues structure.

## **17. Special projects**

### **17.1 New Proposals**

#### **17.1.1 Atlas / Survey of Clinical Psychology Training proposal**

The Union has been approached about supporting the development of a world wide report on clinical training programs in conjunction with a WHO project. The Union will exchange information with this project.

#### **17.1.2 Ethics Survey**

Professor Mark Leach has approached the Union to develop a listing of the ethics codes of psychology associations around the world. This will be posted on the IUPsyS web. The Union will facilitate contact with National Members for gathering ethics codes.

### **17.1.3 IUPsyS Health & Well Being**

(see item 15) \*\*\*

## **18. Relationships with Other Psychological Organizations**

### **18.1 Joint Officers Committee on IUPsyS / IAAP Cooperation**

Overmier communicated a request from IAAP that the World Forum focuses on using psychology for policy making. The EC discussed the format and structure of the World Forum, including its value to the Union, the Congress, and international organizations and mechanisms to increase attendance and participation.

The EC considered its role as an umbrella organization, and discussed alternative structures and programs for the World Forum. It was noted that the 1998 World's Fair (an earlier precursor of the present World Forum) at the IAAP San Francisco Congress was a modest success. The EC believed that the next International Congress of Psychology (XXIX ICP) in Berlin would provide a unique opportunity for an **international psychology showcase** for Congress participants and suggested that a subcommittee develop ideas for a program in which international organizations would be invited to bring materials to introduce themselves.

Cooper, Silbereisen and Bullock will develop a plan for the event. Overmier will contact IAAP President, Mike Knowles, to convey this discussion and to request that IAAP partner with IUPsyS. This event would replace the World Forum.

The Secretariat will invite the Presidents and Secretaries-General of other International Psychology Organizations (including IUPsyS affiliates) to participate in this event. The benefits of participating would include increased visibility, especially to new psychologists and new Congress-goers; and an opportunity for interaction with other International psychology organizations.

After discussion with IAAP and internally, space for the event will be discussed with the Congress organizers.

### **18.2 EFPA (Prague 07/07)**

Silbereisen reported on recent events. Raol Ulrichsen from Denmark is the new President; Silbereisen's term is concluded; there is a new activity plan with an emphasis on fundraising; there is a strong emphasis on lobby work on the European level; there is progress on the European certificate of psychology; there are ongoing attempts to increase internal cohesion and communication among members.

### **18.3 SIP (Mexico City 07/07)**

Overmier and Sabourin reported on the delegation to the SIP conference (Overmier, Bullock, Carpintero, Sabourin, Sanchez-Sosa. IUPsyS EC members met with the leadership of SIP and with the different countries in Latin America – 15/20 persons were at the meeting which was held in Spanish; Sanchez-Sosa and Carpintero chaired the meeting.

Some observations included: (1) The reason why there are so few Latin American countries in IUPsyS – it is not money issue but rather is an interest issue – it is not clear to the countries why they should be members of IUPsyS.

### **18.3 ITC**

Bullock reported on ongoing events and the last governance meetings. Cooper raised an issue concerning conflict of interest in the ITC and requested that it be considered by the

EC. The discussion of conflict of interest concerned South African issues with a high court case on certification of people not qualified to give tests. Cooper was concerned with a conflict of interest in the ITC governance. The EC suggested that PsySSA as a national member, send a letter to the President asking for follow-up with the ITC concerning this matter.

## **19 United Nations System**

### **19.1 Economic and Social Council / Dept of Public Information**

Sabourin circulated a report

### **19.2 UNESCO**

Documents were circulated

### **19.3 WHO**

#### **19.3.1 ICD revision project**

Ritchie reported that the ICD division project is receiving support from the APA practice directorate which has supported a former staffer to work on this project as the IUPsyS representative. This is a multi-year project. Progress-to-date underscores the importance of a direct psychology presence at a project level with WHO.

## **20. Other Business**

### **21. 2008 dates**

#### **21.1 Assembly**

General Assembly I: July 21, 13:00-18:00; General Assembly II July 23, 13:00-18:00

#### **21.2 EC**

Outgoing EC: July 19 9:00-17:00 + dinner; July 20 9:00-17:00 + dinner

Incoming EC: July 25, 9:00-12:00

#### **21.3 Officers Meetings**

Outgoing Officers Meeting: July 18 9:00-17:00

Incoming Officers Meeting: July 26 9:00-15:00

## **22. Adjournment**