

**International Union of Psychological Science
Union Internationale de Psychologie Scientifique**

**Minutes
Meeting of the IUPsyS General Assembly
Berlin, Germany
2008
July 21, July 23**

AGENDA

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Assembly Delegates

Numbers present: 69 (session 1); 72 (session 2)

Country (delegates) Names (Sessions attended)

Argentina (1)	Maria Cristina Richaud <u>de Minzi</u> (1, 2)
Australia (2)	Amanda <u>Gordon</u> , Trang <u>Thomas</u> (1, 2)
Austria (2)	Oliver <u>Vitouch</u> , Christoph <u>Kabas</u> , (1, 2)
Belgium (2)	Jan <u>De Houwver</u> , Gery <u>d'Ydewalle</u> (1, 2)
Canada (2)	Janel <u>Gauthier</u> , John <u>Berry</u> (1, 2)
China (2)	Xiolan <u>Fu</u> (1,2); Buxin <u>Han</u> (1), Xianghong <u>Sun</u> (2)
Colombia (1)	Ruben <u>Ardila</u> (1, 2)
Croatia	Hrove <u>Gligora</u> (1, 2)
Czech Republic	Daniel <u>Heller</u> (1, 2)
Denmark (2)	Roal <u>Ulrichson</u> ; Arne Groenborg <u>Johansen</u> (1, 2)
Finland (2)	Jarkko <u>Hautamäki</u> , Tuomo <u>Tikkanen</u> (1, 2)
France (2)	Pascal <u>Huguët</u> , Annie <u>Vinter</u> (1,2)
Germany (2)	Peter <u>Frensch</u> , Carola <u>Brücher-Albers</u> (1,2)
Greece (1)	Jim <u>Georgas</u> (1, 2)
Hungary	István <u>Czigler</u> (1, 2)
India (1)	Janak <u>Pandey</u> (1, 2)
Indonesia (1)	Retno <u>Suhapti</u> (1, 2)
Ireland (1)	Christopher <u>Lewis</u> (1,2)

Japan (2)	Kazuo <u>Shigemasu</u> , Kyoko <u>Noguchi</u> (1,2)
Jordan	Adnan <u>Farah</u> (1, 2)
Lithuania	Birutė <u>Pociute</u> (1, 2)
Mexico	Georgina <u>Cárdenas-López</u> , Laura <u>Hernandez-Guzman</u> (1,2)
Netherlands (2)	Ype <u>Poortinga</u> , Peter <u>Greeven</u> (1,2)
Nigeria (1)	Yuwanna <u>Mivanyi</u> (1,2)
Norway (2)	Tor Levin <u>Hofgaard</u> , Odd <u>Havik</u> (1,2)
Poland (2)	Adam <u>Niemczynski</u> (1,2), Andrzej <u>Sekowski</u> (2)
Russia (2)	Yuri <u>Zinchenko</u> , Boris <u>Velichkovsky</u> (1, 2)
Singapore (1)	Elizabeth <u>Nair</u> (1,2)
Slovenia (1)	Mojca <u>Pavsic</u> (1)
South Africa (2)	Ann <u>Watts</u> , Shahnaaz <u>Suffla</u> (1, 2)
Spain (2)	Jose Maria <u>Prieto</u> , Alicia <u>Salvador</u> (1,2)
Sudan (1)	Shamseldin <u>Abdin</u> (1,2)
Sweden (2)	Lars <u>Ahlin</u> , Örjan <u>Salling</u> (1,2)
Switzerland (2)	Alexander <u>Grob</u> , Mike <u>Marlin</u> (1,2)
Turkey (1)	Gonca <u>Soygüt</u> (1,2)
United Kingdom (2)	Richard <u>Eiser</u> ; Pam <u>Maras</u> (1, 2)
United States (2)	Suzanne Bennett- <u>Johnson</u> ; Dianne <u>Halpern</u> (1,2)
Uruguay (1)	Nelda Cajigas-Segredo (2)
Yemen (1)	Hassan Khan (1), Maan ABarry (2)
Zimbabwe (1)	Magen Mutepfa (2)

Executive Committee (EC) Members

J.Bruce Overmier (1,2)
 Saths Cooper (1,2)
 Juan-Jose Sanchez-Sosa (1,2)
 Rainer Silbereisen (1,2)
 Kan Zhang (1,2)
 Michel Denis (1,2)
 Patrick Lemaire (1,2)
 Barbara Tversky (1,2)
 Sonoko Kuwano (1,2)
 Helio Carpintero (1,2)
 Ingrid Lunt (sessions 1, 2)
 Hassan Khan (session 2)

Ex Officio (Non-Voting) EC Members

Pierre Ritchie (1,2)
 Michel Sabourin (1,2)
 Merry Bullock (1,2)

Observers

Argentina : Jose Moreno, Viviana Lemos
 Austria: Christine Spiel
 Chile: Alfonso Luco (1, 2)
 Colombia: German Guttierrez
 France: Yann Coello
 Germany : Thordis Bethlehem
 Indonesia: Josephine Marieta, Retno Purba
 Italy: Vito Tummino
 Kuwait: Jasem Al-Khawaja
 Mexico: Isabel Reyes
 New Zealand: Sydney Davis (1)
 Nigeria: Rahila Mohammed, Andrew Mogaji
 Norway: An-Magrit Aanonsen
 Philippines: Allan Bernardo (1)
 South Africa: Norman Duncan (1)
 Spain: Manuel Berdullas (1)

United States: Alan Kraut, Ester Sztein, Oscar Barbarin
 Venezuela: Erik Becker Becker (1)
 Zimbabwe: Elias Mpofu
 EFPSA: Aart Franklin,
 EFPA: Roger Lecuyer (1)
 International Society for Comparative Psychology: Ethel Tobach (1)
 International Council of Psychologists: Saogo Sakata (2)

I. Procedural Business

1. *Call to Order and Roll call*

President Overmier called the meeting to order, welcomed all delegates, observers and guests. Secretary-General Ritchie called the roll of delegates, and announced that quorum was reached.

2. *Adoption of the Agenda*

THE ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE AGENDA AS RECEIVED

3. *Membership issues*

3.1 *Category O (Observer)*

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO MOVE NATIONAL MEMBERS EGYPT AND KOREA INTO CATEGORY O (OBSERVER) STATUS.

3.2 *New Members (Namibia, Thailand)*

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO ADMIT NAMIBIA TO THE UNION AS A MEMBER. THE SECRETARY- GENERAL NOTED THAT NAMIBIA WOULD BE IN CATEGORY A BY EC RECOMMENDATION.

The Secretary-General noted that the application for membership from Thailand had been withdrawn as an action item.

3.3 *Change in Adhering Bodies (Spain, France)*

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO CHANGE THE ADHERING BODY FOR THE NATIONAL MEMBER FOR FRANCE TO THE *COMITÉ NATIONAL FRANÇAIS DE PSYCHOLOGIE SCIENTIFIQUE* (CNFPS).

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO CHANGE THE ADHERING BODY FOR THE NATIONAL MEMBER FOR SPAIN TO THE *SPANISH PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION – COLEGIOS OFICIALES DE PSICÓLOGOS (COP)*

3.4 *New Affiliate (ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies-ARUPS)*

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO ADMIT THE *ASEAN REGIONAL UNION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETIES (ARUPS)* AS AN AFFILIATE TO THE UNION.

4. *Minutes*

4.1 *2006 Assembly*

There was a request to remove a parenthetical editorial note from item 14.3 in the draft minutes.

THE ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE MINUTES WITH THIS ONE CORRECTION.

5. *Report of the President*

The President reviewed the last quadrennium of the Union – including the financial challenges; the request from the Union Assembly to move forward in a strategic manner, to pay more attention to the National Members, and to professionalize the administration of the Union.

In response, the Officers and the EC have re-envisioned the Union by putting into place new statutes, and developing a new strategic plan.

The 2008-2012 strategic plan includes new commitments for capacity building, new services, new communication and publications outlets. All will involve the development of professional administrative structures.

The Union ends this quadrennium with a substantial change in its financial prospects. The Union just concluded an agreement that will add \$135,000 minimum to the budget over each of the next 5 years, which means that proposed elements of the strategic plan can be brought forward and implemented.

In addition, the Union's Endowment Fund, begun this quadrennium, has now reached \$70,000 and will grow to \$230,000 with continued support and contributions.

THE ASSEMBLY ACCEPTED THE REPORT.

5.1 *Ratification of the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary-General, Treasurer*

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO RATIFY THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL AND TREASURER.

At the stated request of the SG and DSG, the terms of re-appointment are for 2 years, until 2010. The term for the Treasurer is the standard 4 years.

6. *Report of the Secretary-General*

7. *Report of the Treasurer*

7.1 *Financial statements*

The Treasurer reviewed the Union's expenditures and revenues over the last quadrennium and referred the Assembly to written financial statements.

7.2 *Budget Forecast 2009-2010*

The Treasurer deferred discussion until consideration of strategic plan allocations.

II. ACTION

8. *Statutes and Rules of Procedure*

8.1 *Dues Structure and Membership Categories*

President Overmier reviewed the mandate from the EC and Assembly to develop a dues category system that is transparent, equitable, does not require a dues increase, and for which change can be gradually implemented.

He noted that the draft system developed by the Officers uses three dimensions: a measure of country economics (Purchase Power Parity); a measure of psychology development within the country (derived from a questionnaire sent to National Members), and a measure of the number of psychologists in the country.

The President noted that none of the measures comprising the dues scale can be entirely precisely measured, but appeared to offer a reasonable ranking with clear and transparent criteria.

President Overmier asked that the assembly approve the dues scheme in principle, and approve asking National Members for detailed information to assign categories.

Discussion of the dues proposal included clarification of each of the three dimensions. The President explained that the question of using number of psychologists in a country as a criterion versus number of psychologists in the National Member organization was one with which the Union had been grappling and that this criterion was chosen to support the aspirational goal of the Union to encourage broad representation of all the psychologists within a country.

There were also questions about the relation between the dues system and numbers of delegates. The President noted that the question of number of delegates was independent of the number of dues categories or criteria for category assignment and that the issue of number of delegates could be discussed at the Assembly's discretion.

The following motion was proposed and seconded:

Motion: *the assembly accept a 7 category dues system as proposed by the Officers and accepted by the EC, using the formula as noted in the dues document.*

Amendment: The measure of the number of psychologists should be increased in specificity, e.g., 5 or 7 levels rather than 3. APPROVED

Amendment: retain the flexibility to have fewer or more categories than the proposed 7.
APPROVED

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO ACCEPT THE MOTION AND AMENDMENTS. THE ASSEMBLY TASKED THE EC WITH COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL MEMBERS TO COMPLETE THE PSYCHOLOGY DEVELOPMENT INDEX, AND WITH COLLECTING INFORMATION ON NUMBERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

The following motion was proposed and seconded:

Motion: to increase all representation to two delegates per National Member.

Following a break, the originator of the motion proposed to withdraw the motion. However the seconder did not agree.

Amendment: to postpone a vote on the motion until the 2010 assembly.
APPROVED

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO POSTPONE A MOTION TO CONSIDER AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES PER COUNTRY TO THE 2010 ASSEMBLY. AT THE 2010 ASSEMBLY THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE INVITED TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING A MOTION TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES PER COUNTRY.

8.2 Dual Service Policy

The President referred the Assembly to the Dual Service policy concerning service in multiple *international* Organizations of Psychology and noted that the policy specifies that:

Dual service is allowed:

- as Board member in two or more organizations
- as an Officer in one and Board member in another

Dual service is precluded

- as an Officer in IUPsyS and an Officer in any other organization with which IUPsyS has substantial shared commitments to collaborative activities

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO ACCEPT THE DUAL SERVICE POLICY AS PRESENTED AS UNION POLICY AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION.

9. *Nominations and Elections*

SESSION I

9.1 Report of the Elections Committee

The chair of the elections presented a written report and summarized it to the Assembly. He noted that although there were three people nominated for President, only one was judged valid by the Elections Committee; there were two nominations judged as valid for the Vice President, and 13 nominations judged as valid for the Executive Committee.

9.2 Election of the President

The Assembly debated the question of whether to accept additional nominations for President. There was discussion of the circumstances leading to only one valid nomination. After extensive discussion the Assembly voted to receive additional nominations. It was also suggested that the incoming EC should consider the election procedures for future years.

The Assembly received two additional nominations for President:

The final slate consisted of:

- Saths Cooper (South Africa)
- Rainer Silbereisen (Germany)
- Juan Jose Sanchez Sosa (Mexico)

The nominations were closed.

9.3 Vice President

The chair of elections committee reported that the slate was complete with two nominations.

The slate consisted of:

- Elizabeth Nair (Singapore)
- Kan Zhang (China)

9.4 Regular Members of the Executive Committee

The chair of the elections committee reported that there were 13 valid nominations for regular members of the Executive Committee. Because there were fewer than two nominations for each open position, the Assembly was asked if it wished to accept further nominations. The Assembly voted to accept further nominations for the Executive Committee from the floor.

Nominations for the Executive Committee included: Hernandez-Guzman (Mexico); Watts (South Africa); Richaud (Argentina); Khan (Yemen); Niemczynski (Poland); Farah (Jordan)

The nominations were closed

The slate thus included the following 19 names:

Helio Carpintero	Spain
Fanny Cheung	Hong Kong
Adnan Farah	Jordan
Peter Frensch	Germany
James Georgas	Greece
Amanda Gordon	Australia
Laura Hernández Guzman	Mexico
Pascal Huguet	France
Hassan Kassim Khan	Yemen
Maria Larsson	Sweden
Pam Maras	United Kingdom
Adam Niemczyński	Poland
Kyoko Noguchi	Japan
Janak Pandey	India
Maria C. R. de Minzi	Argentina
Gonca Soygut	Turkey
Barbara Tversky	United States
Ann Dorothea Watts	South Africa
Kan Zhang	China

The Chair noted that all new nominees must provide a 1-page summary of their vita and a statement that they are willing to serve. This information had to be delivered to the IUPsyS office in the Congress building before 10 am on the day of Session II.

SESSION II

9.1 Report of the Election Committee

The Chair reported the numbers of candidates for each position with valid nominations and reviewed the nominee names

9.2 President

A vote was taken for President. The total number of votes cast was 72, with absolute majority set at 37 votes. The tally was: Silbereisen 34, Cooper 27, Sanchez-Sosa 11. A second round was called. There were 72 ballots cast with absolute majority set at 37. The vote was Silbereisen 40, Cooper 32.

RAINER SILBEREISEN WAS ELECTED IUPSY S PRESIDENT FOR 2008-2012 ON THE SECOND BALLOT.

9.3 Vice President

A vote was taken for Vice President. The total number of votes cast was 72, and absolute majority was set at 37. The tally was Zhang 39, Nair 33.

KAN ZHANG WAS ELECTED IUPSYS VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2008-2012 ON THE FIRST BALLOT.

9.4 Executive Committee

A first vote for members of the Executive Committee was held. The tally was: Carpintero 28; Cheung 7; Farah 14; Frensch 39; Georgas 32; Gordon 27; Guzman 22; Huguet 24; Khan 28; Larsson 22; Maras 31; Niemczynski 15; Noguchi 18; Pandey 39; de Minzi 13; Soygut 30; Tversky 32; Watts 34. Absolute majority was set at 37.

PETER FRENCH AND JANAK PANDEY WERE ELECTED IN THE FIRST BALLOT.

The top 12 nominees (for 6 positions) from the first ballot were retained for the second ballot. A second vote for members of the Executive Committee was held. The nominees with the top 6 votes were elected. The tally was: Carpintero 28; Georgas 28; Gordon 21; Hernandez-Guzman 17; Huguet, 18; Khan 21; Larsson 22; Maras 27; Noguchi 14; Soygut 21; Tversky 30; Watts 34.

The top 6 nominees were elected to the Executive Committee

HELIO CARPINTERO, JAMES GEORGAS, MARIA LARSSON, PAMELA MARAS, BARBARA TVERSKY, and ANN WATTS WERE ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE SECOND BALLOT.

The Assembly was then asked to make nominations for the remaining two positions and discussed issues of geographical and other demographic distribution. It was agreed that only candidates from Latin America, Middle East and Northern Africa, and Eastern Europe would be eligible.

The Nominees included: Farah (Jordan), Hernandez-Guzman (Mexico), Khan (Yemen), Niemczynski (Poland), Soygut (Turkey) and Velichkovsky (Russia).

The vote was taken. There were 66 ballots submitted. The tally was Farah 14; Hernandez-Guzman 26; Khan 17; Niemczynski 17; Soygut 23; Velichkovsky 21. The two candidates with the highest number of votes were elected to the EC.

LAURA HERNANDEZ-GUZMAN AND GONCA SOYGUT WERE ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE FINAL BALLOT.

The final 2008-2012 Executive Committee is:

Rainer Silbereisen, President
 Kan Zhang, Vice President
 Bruce Overmier, Past President
 Pierre Ritchie: Secretary-General
 Merry Bullock, Deputy Secretary-General
 Michel Sabourin, Treasurer
 Peter Frensch, EC Member
 Janak Pandey, EC Member
 Helio Carpintero, EC Member
 James Georgas, EC Member
 Maria Larsson, EC Member
 Pamela Maras, EC Member
 Barbara Tversky, EC Member
 Ann Watts, EC Member
 Laura Hernandez-Guzman, EC Member

Gonca Soygut, EC Member

10. Standing Committee on Strategic Planning

10.1 Adoption of Strategic Priorities 2008-2012

The President presented an overview of the strategic plan and an outline of programs and activities as well as an associated rough budget.

IUPsyS Strategic Plan –

Core Operating Principles

- Core goals are to serve the science and the profession at the global level
- National Members vary in their specific developmental and policy needs
- Capacity Building efforts focus on national and individual levels
- Representational and Policy activities focus on international over-arching organizations
- Monitoring and evaluation of activities is a necessary vehicle for planning and accountability

Basic Principles and Decision Rules

- Activities support continuous engagement with National Members
- Activities support continuous engagement in international representation
- Activities are important for development of the discipline and of organized psychology
- Activities are uniquely suited to the Union There are consequences to the discipline if the activity is not done

Strategic Priorities

- Capacity Building
- International Representation
- Service to National Members
- Service to the Discipline: Development of a Common Core
- Communications and Dissemination

Enablers

- Financial Resources
- Human Resources
 - Proposed Executive Officer of the Union
 - Transition Planning from current to future structure

He then opened the floor for discussion

The Assembly discussed the feasibility of funding the ambitious strategic plan and noted that there is a minimum guarantee of sufficient funds for the next 5 years. There was discussion of the lines of approval and responsibility for approving the strategic plan and specific funding. It was agreed that the Assembly would review budgets.

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO ADOPT THE 2008-2012 STRATEGIC PLAN TO GUIDE THE UNION'S PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES.

The President then presented to the Assembly a budget document outlining in some detail probable allocations of the Union's new funds.

11. International Congresses of Psychology

11.1 XXIX Congress (Berlin, 2008) Progress Report

Silbereisen presented a report on the ICP2008 on behalf of the Congress President.

11.2 XXX Congress (Cape Town, 2012) Progress Report

Cooper presented a report on the ICP2012 progress.

11.3 XXXI Congress - Selection of Venue

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO POSTPONE SELECTION UNTIL THE 2010 ASSEMBLY.

12. *Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles for Psychologists*

Gauthier presented a report on the history and current status of the development of the Universal Declaration and asked for the Assembly's endorsement.

THE ASSEMBLY ENDORSED THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION

The Declaration and accompanying materials will be disseminated to National Members by posting on the web.

III. DISCUSSION/ INFORMATION

13. *Standing Committee on Publications and Communications*

13.1 Publisher Arrangements

Denis, chair of the Publications and Communications committee, reviewed the procedures used to request proposals for new publication arrangements, evaluate proposals, and select a publisher. He announced that the Union's publisher for the 2009-2012 quadrennium would be Psychology Press. This arrangement will provide the Union with significant new resources for program development.

13.2 International Journal of Psychology

The Assembly was referred to the report.

13.3 Psychology Resource File

The Assembly was referred to the written report.

13.4 Web

The Assembly was referred to the web (www.iupsys.org) and encouraged to provide feedback and information.

14. *Standing Committee on Capacity Building*

14.1 ARTS

In her capacity as ARTS coordinator, Lunt presented a report and offered thanks to ARTS donors. She encouraged the Assembly to review the ARTS reports on the website (www.iupsys.org/arts) and in the IJP Platform section and noted that each ARTS participant was invited to write their own report.

14.2 National Capacity building

Lunt acknowledged the important organization on the part of Elizabeth Nair and her facilitation and encouragement at the regional level in MENA and ARUPS. Lunt noted that Nair has worked extensively for regional capacity building and organizing capacity building workshops in the regional workshops.

THE ASSEMBLY CONGRATULATED WARMLY NAIR'S CONTRIBUTIONS.

14.3 Healthnet

Lunt noted that HealthNet was coordinated by Sanchez-Sosa and provides an important resource to the Union. She urged the Assembly to look at the new Healthnet website.

Lunt urged assembly to continue to recognize the importance of capacity building to the life of the union.

15. *Regional Conferences of Psychology*

Upcoming regional conferences include Sophia, Bulgaria in 2009 and the Caribbean region in 2011.

16. *International Council for Science (ICSU)*

The Union's relations with ICSU were briefly reviewed, including Union representatives in governance positions (Denis on the Executive Committee, Ritchie on the Committee for Scientific Programme Review, and Zhang on the Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in Science).

17. *International Social Science Council (ISSC)*

Upcoming ISSC activities, including the World Social Sciences Forum in Bergen, Norway in May 2009 were reviewed. For further information the Assembly was referred to accompanying written materials.

18. *United Nations (UN)*

The Assembly was referred to the written report.

19. *World Health Organization (WHO)*

19.1 Report

Geoffrey Reed provided a report on the revision process for the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) at WHO. He encouraged the Union and regional organizations to provide assistance to this process by providing lists of expert psychologists who can assist in the ICD revision.

19.2 Invitation to National Members re: ICD

Reed also described future steps of the ICD revision process that will involve field trials of the classification system and invited National Members to be active participants in this endeavor.

20. *World Forum*

A World Forum meeting is planned to occur during the Congress, with informational displays from international associations and discussion led by IUPsyS President Bruce Overmier and IAAP President Mike Knowles.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

21. *Time and place of the next Assembly meeting:*

The 2010 Assembly meeting will take place during the IAAP Congress in Melbourne.

22. *Adjournment*