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1. Statement by ICSU on the 4th Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Assessment

The International Council for Science (ICSU), of which IUPsyS is a member, has released a statement on the controversy around the 4th IPCC Assessment. Important issues have been raised in relation both to the interpretation of scientific knowledge and to the procedures used by the IPCC in its assessment. These issues are relevant to the wider public understanding of the scientific process.

The statement is available at:

www.icsu.org/Gestion/img/ICSU_DOC_DOWNLOAD/3031_DD_FILE_IPCCstatementICSUfin.pdf

2. Call for nominations: Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize for Productive Youth Development

The Jacobs Foundation is seeking nominations for candidates for the prestigious Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize for Productive Youth Development 2010, which awards outstanding scientific contributions of individuals from all disciplines aiming at the improvement of young people's development and perspectives worldwide. Nominations should be submitted by 30 April 2010 at the latest. Details of the call for nominations, including a nominations form, can be seen at:

<http://award.jacobsfoundation.org/en/call-for-nominations/>

3. Past IUPsyS President Professor Géry d'Ydewalle elected to post of Secrétaire Perpétuel of the Belgium Royal Academy of Sciences

Congratulations are due to Géry d'Ydewalle, Professor of Psychology at the University of Leuven and President of the Union from 1996 to 2000, who has been elected by a large majority of academicians to be Secrétaire Perpétuel at the Royal Academy of Sciences in Brussels. The post starts officially at the beginning of September, 2010, at which point Professor d'Ydewalle will leave the University. The position has a very high level of scientific and political influence in Belgium.

4. Professor Dr Stefan Hormuth, President of the German Academic Exchange Service and friend of the Union, has passed away

Stefan Hormuth, who died on 21st February, had been President of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) since January 2008 and a good friend of the Union's international mission, most recently supporting the Union in gaining funding for a programme of workshops for capacity development in the Caucasus region. The leadership of IUPsyS has had the privilege of his advice and support on issues of Psychology's international representation and development, and will miss him as a friend and colleague. For a more extended tribute to Professor Hormuth, see:

http://tokyo.daad.de/wp/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/hormuth_obit_engl.pdf (in English), or:

www.uni-protokolle.de/nachrichten/id/192603/ (in German).

5. South African Psychological Society issues a statement to the Ugandan people and their

leadership offering a science-based assessment of the proposed “Anti-Homosexuality Bill of 2009”

The Psychological Society of South Africa (PsySSA) has recently issued a statement to the Ugandan people and their leadership offering a science-based assessment of the proposed “Anti-Homosexuality Bill of 2009” and calling upon them to abandon or defeat it. Noting that, “...it is good practice that legislation is based not on unsubstantiated opinion, but rather on recognised research findings,” the statement concludes that, “The scientific fields devoted to mental health and well-being, including psychiatry, psychology and sociology, do not consider homosexual orientation to be a disorder, but rather view it as a naturally occurring variation of normal human sexuality”.

The PSSA invites other organisations and professionals dedicated to mental health and well-being, particularly throughout the African continent, to join it in endorsing the statement, which can be seen at www.psyssa.com/documents/Open%20Statement%20from%20PsySSA%2023-02-10.pdf.

6. Invitation to contribute to the IUPsyS Newsletter

The editors of the IUPsyS Newsletter (www.iupsys.net/index.php/publications/newsletter) invite National Members to consider submitting articles for publication in forthcoming issues. Articles, which should be of regional or international interest, might include reports of activity or developments in psychology education, practice or research. Note that the Newsletter does not publish primary research. If you are interested in submitting an article for inclusion in the Newsletter, please contact the Union’s Executive Officer, Dr Nick Hammond (Nick.Hammond@iupsys.org).

7. IUPsyS General Assembly meeting (Melbourne, Australia: July 2010)

National Members who have not already done so are requested to check the list of Assembly Delegates of record (www.iupsys.net/index.php/governance/general-assembly/209) and send updates via the update link on that page. National Members may also access this information and preliminary information in the National Members’ area of the IUPsyS website.

To access the Members’ area, go to www.iupsys.net/index.php/members-area and enter the login information which has been sent to you previously. This area may also be accessed from the home page after login by clicking “Members’ area” in the lower left corner.

8. Events in Australia and New Zealand around time of IUPsyS General Assembly

2-4 July, Sydney

4th International Congress on Licensure, Certification and Credentialing of Psychologists

See: www.hprb.org/psych_congress/

4-7 July, Darwin

Asian Psychological Association 2010 Conference

See: www.cdu.edu.au/apsya/

7-10 July, Melbourne

IACCP (XX Congress of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology)

See: www.iaccp2010.com

8-11 July, Sydney

ICOPE (4th International Conference on the Teaching of Psychology)

See: icope2010.psy.unsw.edu.au/

11-16 July, Melbourne

ICAP 2010 (International Congress of Applied Psychology)

See: www.icap2010.com/

Note: The key dates have been updated to assist the scientific committee and congress delegates. Authors will be notified of acceptance by 12 March, and the early bird registration deadline is now 12 April.

17-20 July, Rydges Rotorua, New Zealand

New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference

See: www.psychology.org.nz/Conference2010

The theme of this conference is Psychology for a Sustainable Future. The theme is broadly encompassing, looking not only at human factors related to environmental sustainability but also considering sustainability in individual, family and community relationships.

If you have comments about the Bulletin or suggestions for items to include in future editions, please contact the IUPsyS Executive Officer, Dr Nick Hammond, email Nick.Hammond@iupsys.org