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Present: Bruce Overmier, Michel Denis, Pierre Ritchie Saths Cooper, Ingrid Lunt, Michel Sabourin, Merry Bullock, Helio Carpintero, James Georgas, Hassan Khan; Sonoko Kuwano; Patrick Lemaire, Elizabeth Nair, Juan-Jose Sanchez-Sosa, Rainer Silbereisen, Barbara Tversky, Kan Zhang, Laura Hernandez; Claudia Dalbert; ICP2008 organizers.

The President opened the meeting with greetings to the EC and a recap of EC member updates. Sanchez-Sosa was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in Mexico; Sabourin was elected to the Executive Committee of CODATA; Denis was re-elected to the committee for cognitive sciences in France; Bullock was appointed Senior Director for International Relations at APA; Georgas received an honorary degree the University of El Salvador; Tversky will move to Columbia University.

The President summarized Union events over the last year, including meetings of the officers to carry out Union tasks such as the statutes revisions, strategic plan, resource allocations, and large events such as the Tsunami workshop in Singapore. He noted that the major focus of the meeting would be: strategic planning, resource allocation and discussion of the revised statutes and terms of reference for committees and activities.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without comment

2. Minutes

The minutes of the outgoing and incoming EC's were accepted. The minutes of the Assembly were received

3. Report of the President

The President challenged the EC to become engaged in working on a strategic plan.

4. Report of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General referred to the Annual Report.

5. Report of the Treasurer

5.1 2004 Audited Financial Statements

The EC accepted the 2004 audited statement. There was discussion of the basis for investments.

5.2 2005 Budget 2005

The treasurer explained each of the budget documents and the EC accepted the 2005 budget.

5.3 Unpaid Dues for 3 years

Russia, Italy and Slovakia are National Members that have unpaid dues for 3 years. They are in danger of entering Observer status.

5.4 Preliminary 2006 Budget

the EC received and accepted the 2006 preliminary budget.

6. Membership Issues

6.1 Liaison with National Members - Reports

There was discussion of the importance of the liaison function for membership and for identifying national member needs. There was discussion of mechanisms for how to further the liaison process and suggestions that EC members use all means possible to gain contact, including contacting EFPA and contacting other EC members, as well as using

telephone contacts in addition to email. It is important to provide information to each National Member about what the Union can offer them.

6.2 Observer Category

There was concern with taking proactive action with National Members in or approaching Observer status prior to the Athens 2006 Assembly.

6.3 Recruitment

Recruitment possibilities were discussed and the importance of an individual, protracted approach was noted. It was noted that the ICSU regional offices that are coming on line may facilitate contact with the psychological community and also with the local national academies of science that may be able to help provide support for dues.

6.4 WG on Membership (and Item 9.1.2, dues categories)

A new scheme with 6 dues categories was proposed that will be developed for the next EC meeting:

A	(\$125)	1 unit	1 vote
B	(\$775)	5 units	1 vote
C	(\$2325)	15 "	2 votes
D	(\$4640)	30 "	2 votes
E	(\$9300)	60 "	3 votes
F	(\$15,500)	100 "	3 votes

There was agreement with the general goals of the dues structure and the goal of producing a fair and equitable system. There was agreement to consider further definition of how dues level would be assessed. The officers were encouraged to work further on the new system.

7. WG on Strategic Planning

The President referred the EC to documents outlining a strategic vision and set of goals. The primary vision is for the union to be a voice to the world.

7.1 Strategic plan preliminary discussion

There was wide ranging discussion of the strategic planning document.

Central issues concerned the actions and roles through which the Union achieves its vision, and the goal of developing a plan that creates goals based on the statutes, and that then delineates specific actions in service of these goals. The strategic plan should strive to incorporate an interdisciplinary viewpoint, and should support a catalyst role to promote psychology in the public domain and the funding domain. There was discussion of the need to include goals and means for achieving them in the strategic document; a need to include information and input from developing countries; a need to provide measurable outcomes and documentable success.

A synthesis of the discussion that included elements for a general framework that can be mapped in terms of several dimensions was provided. The dimensions include:

1. the nature of activities (e.g., core functions, informational activities, capacity building)
2. a time perspective (short or long term activities and goals)
3. projected impact value
4. interdisciplinarity

In all cases outcomes will be defined in terms of strategic goals and with evaluation benchmarks. Measures that will give feedback on progress toward goals will be identified.

A synthesis of the first part of the discussion was provided to inform the second session (see annex 1)

7.2 Strategic Planning Phase II

There was discussion of the scope of the Union's activities within its central mission. Suggestions to add a number of dimensions to the strategic vision, including direct capacity building (rapid intervention to address capacity needs); a focus on public interest activities, a focus on human rights activities; a focus on developing and promoting standards (e.g., in education); and a focus on developing awards and disciplinary recognition.

Issues addressed included

- the Union's role :
 - as an active agent (providing humanitarian relief or direct capacity building or human rights interventions, or resources to others for humanitarian relief)
 - as a catalyst to others or other organizations to pursue these activities
 - as a conveyor of information about these activities (e.g. by promoting information exchange, or developing a clearinghouse function)
 - as an educational organization (e.g., direct training)
 - as a developer of standards
 - as a body to promote psychology to the public
- what procedures, policies, etc to follow
- what activities would provide support to National Members asking for advice or assistance, including in special occasions such as the tsunami

There was a suggestion to map how resources can be used to accomplish these activities; how they map onto the statutes; how National Members perceive needs

There was discussion of the need to balance direct activities and the goals of focusing on psychology as a discipline at the international level and increasing the visibility of psychology in society.

There was discussion of the extent of capacity building activities beyond ARTS and National Psychology Association capacity building, and general consensus that the next step (providing resources for humanitarian assistance) is outside the scope of the Union's expertise and resources.

There was a shared opinion that the strategic plan should focus on an enabling, mediating, matchmaking function and should not include specific activities.

There was discussion of whether the statutes would support direct advocacy or the use of psychology to presume a social policy agenda or set of activities, and consensus that this would not be in the strategic plan. It was noted that support for psychology in the public interest underlies ongoing Union representation in the activities that the Union undertakes as the voice of psychology in communication with the public and with other global policy and scientific organizations. It also underlies the Union role to facilitate, encourage, train, the psychology community – through Congresses, journal, newsletter, website, etc.

It was also noted that when there are immediate public issues the Union has authorized

the President to speak out on those issues *under certain circumstances* (note this is the topic of a WB on policy).

It was also noted that the Union is involved in human rights and anti-violence campaigns through its association with global policy and science bodies. For example, the Union engages on the issues of human rights through ICSU -- we subscribe to various ICSU and UN protocols and frameworks. Through our associations with these bodies we do adhere to their principles. For example The Union has engaged in the area of violence prevention through the Peace Committee. The Unions role in these areas is limited. In the same way we are not humanitarian agency we do not take on human rights in a general way as part of the Union mission. When psychologists are targeted, we join with a National Member to oppose any violations. This is a focused human rights agenda.

7.2.2 There was a suggestion to add to the mission statements

- o Foster excellence in standards for education, training, research and the applications of psychology

And an agreement that this could be added to the statutes as part of the housekeeping function.

7.3 EC Activity sheets. In the service of increased transparency and accountability, the officers devised a strategy for capturing EC activities. Overmier distributed "governance accounting sheets" that list all Union activities with a grid for accounting for time and resources. This will allow the Union to aggregate information about activities and resources to aid in decision making.

The EC agreed that this would be a useful exercise to the operations and deliberations of the EC and Assembly, and can be used to direct resource allocation.

Documents for beginning assessments in January 2005 will be distributed during this summer. EC members should try to capture 2005 as well..

8. Financial planning

8.1 WG on Funding and Fundraising

The workgroup chair Silbereisen noted that the terms of reference and activities of this group are not well defined. Although there were a number of successful activities, the actions of the WG were not yet well grounded. Ritchie noted that the ad hoc nature of the group is expected until a strategic plan is in place.

The Workgroup proposed developing a workshop on grant funding and there was discussion of the need to develop procedures and mechanisms for developing project grants.

8.2 International Psychology Development Fund

The IUPsyS has established a development fund with the American Psychological Foundation (APF). The goal is to establish an endowment for the development of the infrastructure to sustain IUPsyS projects.

It was noted that there are constraints on the fund dictated by the APF relationship. The specifics of the fund were explained: the fund, as authorized by the EC, is a contractual undertaking with the American Psychological Foundation which will have a subsidiary account – International Psychology Development Fund, operated on behalf of the Union. According to the contract, the Union has 5 years to attain a minimum of \$50,000 for APF to continue to manage the fund on the Union's behalf. This is an endowment fund that will operate off generated capital that will provide interest to spend for specific purposes. The

donations that people are being asked to give is to generate that capital. The immediate challenge is to come up with the \$50,000.

There was discussion of developing subcategories for funds because donors may like to see their money devoted to specific projects for specific purposes, with recognition to the donor (e.g., awards, ARTS, training, international projects). Such special funds would not be possible until the initial \$50,000 capital is attained.

There was discussion of the need to provide concrete content to the purpose of the fund. The EC considered the contractual language and passed the following motion:

Motion: Funds generated in the International Psychology Development Fund (item 2 under 1.1.1 and item 1.1.3) should focus on developing and transitional countries.

9. Statutes

9.1 WG on Statutes / Rules – Housekeeping and Structure

Lunt introduced the statutes with a brief overview noting that the changes recommended were either of a “housekeeping” variety (changed to ensure consistency, proper terminology, etc) or were structural (addressed the organization or function of Union governance).

9.1.1 Revised Statutes

- Articles 1-4: no changes except to add that IUPsyS adheres to ISCU and ISSC.

After discussion it was decided to broaden this statement to include adherence to a variety of organizations, and to mention ICSU and ISSC as illustrative organizations.

The EC voted to accept changes to articles 3 and 4 as written

- Articles 5,6: the Union mission and objectives were added; The terminology in Article 6 was changed to make it more modern.
- Article 7: change “special sources” to other sources
- Article 7: change “aims” to “goals”
- Articles 15.1, 15.2 change “delegate” to “Delegate”
- Article 17 Quorum for Assembly was changed to “half plus one of the National Members entitled to vote” rather than “half plus 1 of the Delegates entitled to vote”.
- Articles 20-21 were altered to specify the duties of the officers in more detail (the role of the Deputy Secretary-General has been further defined to include a broad communications purview (e.g., managing the website, newsletter)
- Note that description of Standing Committees was removed from the Statutes and will be reflected elsewhere in the Union documentation.

Revised Rules of Procedure

- Section III was modified to regularize wording.
- Section g (p. 9) clarified that EC members are elected by absolute majority.
- Section h (p. 10) specified the rules for a vote (by a specific plurality)
- Section 18.8 (p. 5) proposed a new rule specifying that the EC has the power to remove an EC member for misconduct. The President asked for a vote on this change from the EC.

After discussion of the role of the EC and the Assembly in oversight over elected officials, the following motion to add the following rule was passed:

Motion: the following sentence will be added to the Rules of Procedure: “The executive committee has the power in exceptional circumstances to remove a member whose behavior is detrimental to the Union... In this situation the Pres or Vice Pres shall appoint a 3-person committee to investigate and provide a report within a time limit (30 days)”

9.1.2 Dues Categories (see item 6.4)

9.1.3 Terms of Reference for Standing Committees, Networks and Work Groups

Lunt presented an overview diagram showing the proposed reorganization of Standing Committees and Workgroups. The proposal is for 3 Standing Committees and many Workgroups.

Proposed reorganization:

Standing Committees (SCs)

The Standing Committees provide a management structure for the elements of the strategic plan. Their activities are long lasting and pursued continuously. The SCs include: ;

- o Publications
- o Capacity Building
- o Strategic Planning

(Note: the committees on the Development of Psychology as a Science and a Profession and the Standing Committee on Research would each be disbanded. Their functions will be represented in workgroup activities).

Workgroups (WGs): under the goal of managing resources as wisely as possible, each WG will have a clear purpose and reason for its existence expressed in the terms of reference (TOR). The present workgroups are as follows:

1. **Workgroup on National Capacity Building:** Nair and Lunt will revise the present draft TOR for this WG.
2. **Workgroup on Funding:** there are presently two such workgroups that will be consolidated into one WG (TOR forthcoming)
3. **Workgroups on Statutes:** There are presently two. They will be disbanded in 2006. [add TORs]
4. **Workgroup on Membership Issues** – may be disbanded 2006 [add TOR]
5. **Workgroups on Healthnet, Health Psychology:** will be one workgroup (TOR forthcoming)
6. **WG on the Developing World:** (TOR forthcoming).
7. **WG on Psychology Education** (TOR in hand)
8. **Workgroup on Psychological Science informing Educational Practice** (TOR forthcoming)

The EC endorsed the structure of the new standing committees.

The EC agreed to provide TORs for the proposed workgroups for later review.

9.1.4 Size of EC

9.1.4.1 Proposal to reduce the size of the EC as a means of conserving resources. Discussion included concerns about reducing the geographical diversity of EC membership, and affecting the efficiency of the EC.

It was agreed to separate the questions of *representation* and *size*, and to postpone the issues for later discussion and vote. The proposals include:

- Limit the size (reduce the elected EC members by $n=2$) so that the EC includes 6 officers and 8 regular member
- Limit country representation for the entire EC (not just the elected 10) to 1 per country
- Raise country representation to a limit of $N=2$ but apply this to the entire EC of elected and non-elected EC members

9.1.4.2 Proposal to add the regional representation issue to the strategic plan to be studied and evaluated on its merit for reporting to the Berlin Assembly.

The EC discussed the issue of both ensuring geographical diversity and maintaining required expertise on the EC. For the elected members, the Assembly will decide the distribution by its elections. For the administration of the Union, matching skill sets and supporting longevity and continuity must be balanced with geographical diversity. The outgoing EC is ratified by the Assembly. There was a general consensus that representational issues will be addressed by the Assembly.

The EC passed a motion to maintain the status quo and not propose Statute changes in the size or distribution of the EC.

9.2 WG on Statutes / Rules – Adoption of Policy and Principles

The goal of this WG is to ask whether and how the Union might engage in making policy or social impact statements and, if so, what mechanisms are required to do so.

There was discussion about the kinds of statements this might entail (e.g., policy or political issues raised by National Members, human rights abuses, issues on which psychology has data. There was also discussion about the need to have a mechanism that would allow rapid and well-grounded statements by the Union.

It was agreed that this was a timely issue and that the WG should consider both positive (publicity, science in the public eye) and negative (lack of consensus among National Members; controversy among National Members) implications of Union-supported policy statements.

Discussion addressed balancing the desire for psychology to be in the public eye when there are relevant events with a need for guidelines on areas and topics on which IUPsyS might or might not comment; guidelines on how IUPsyS might comment; guidelines on themes; and guidelines for when to speak alone and when to seek collaborations.

10. Standing Committee on Research and Special Projects

10.1 2004 Annual Reports to ICSU & ISSC

The reports are summarized in the Annual Report.

10.2 Projects

10.2.1 2005 ICSU Category I - Human Dimensions of Global Change: Human Perceptions & Behaviour in Sustainable Water Use

Ritchie noted that this project is proceeding very well and may be a star project for the Union.

10.2.2 2005 ICSU : IAU Category I - The Impact of Asteroids

A report and materials from the IUPsyS representative are in the documents list.

10.2.3 2005 CODATA On the Road to Tunis

The second World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) will be 14-16 November. ICSU and CODATA are coordinators of a satellite meeting to ensure that elements of the digital divide are addressed by the science community. ICSU has worked hard to get a strong science community presence at the meetings.

10.2.4 International Polar Year

ICSU has created a new international year. There was an invitation to submit associated projects and the IUPsyS project made it through the first cut. Final decisions have not yet been made, but there will be a psychology presence.

10.2.5 International Network of Psychology and Global Change

This network resulted in the current water project

10.2.6 ICSU 2007 - development of proposals

ICSU will be continuing the grant programmes. It is expected that the criteria for cross-Union grants will continue as will the focus on capacity building, broadly defined. There is also a focus on using the grant programme as a seed function so that projects submitted need to be novel and new to a Union. Psychology is increasingly seen as a bridge science across areas (rather than a core area).

There is also an increasing consideration of how all the sciences can contribute to health: ICSU will provide 2006 funding for the 17-union Health and Well-being project that will be a scoping exercise.

The EC was asked to communicate any ideas for proposals for the ICSU 2007 year to Ritchie and to Overmier by September 15. There is a need to identify collaborator disciplines, and to focus on capacity building,

10.2.7 ISSC 2004-05**10.2.7.1,2 ARTS and National Capacity-Building / Civil Society**

Reports have been sent to ISSC and have been received without request for further clarification.

10.2.8 ISSC 2006-07 - development of proposals

The EC agreed to put forward ARTS programmes as the two projects that would be submitted.

10.2.10 Future of ISSC / UNESCO Grants Programme

It is expected that the grant program will be dropped to such low levels after 2006-2007 that this will not be a viable source of grant funding

10.3 Ad Hoc Joint Committee on Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles

The EC endorsed adding IACCP to the coordinating committee for this project. The EC was encouraged to read the declaration for action at the next Assembly.

11. Standing Committee on Communications and Publications

Chair Denis gave a report with a focus on 6 work objects: International Journal, CD Rom, Proceedings, Books under the auspices of the Union, Website, and Newsletter. He

congratulated the committee for being comprised of people who work hard on the tasks of the Union, and noted that the committee also maintains a continuous relationship with Psychology Press.

11.1 International Journal of Psychology

11.1.1 Editor's Report

Editor Hernandez-Guzman gave a report on the IJP and provided an overview of the workings of the journal, the distribution of subscriptions; the proportions of papers submitted from geographical regions of the world; and acceptance and rejection rates.

There was a suggestion to publicize the journal more in Asia.

Standing Committee Chair Denis congratulated Hernandez for her persistent efforts to increase the quality and visibility of the journal, and to ensure that the journal, the flagship of the Union, is well regarded.

The Standing Committee and the EC thanked Hernandez-Guzman for her stewardship of the journal and presented her with a certificate of appreciation.

11.1.2 Appointment of New Editor

Denis reviewed the editor appointment process and introducing the incoming editor, Claudia Dalbert.

11.1.3 Review of Future Directions with new Editor

Dalbert joined the EC in a discussion of new directions:

- Talks are underway with Psychology Press to begin a web-based editorial process.
- Dalbert is developing list of consulting editors who can also serve as action editors
- Dalbert raised a pipeline issue: the journal is full with accepted papers until the middle of 2007 which will prevent a transition to a new editorial perspective.

The EC raised additional issues about the niche of IJP, the relation between this niche and the IJP mission, and the need to develop a focus for the journal and to reflect this in the editorial board.

In discussion of possible niches for IJP (generalized / short reports / focus on empirical reports vs. policy discussions vs. discussion of national trends) there was consensus that the journal should be known for high standards and that it should be visible and attractive to a broad audience. There was discussion of what is meant by international (cross cultural, multicultural, diverse, and general). There was also a concern with finding a balance to maintain high quality but to invite submissions from psychologists in underdeveloped countries where the topics of concern may not be as academic. There was discussion of mechanisms for being a general audience journal and a suggestion to review journals of other Unions, and to conduct author and reader surveys (ask authors why they submit to IJP; ask readers what holes they see and what they would like the niche to be).

There were also suggestions to explore including advertisements in the journal

11.2 Resource File

The CD ROM 2005 edition was successfully published. This edition has new resources, including a directory of international grants and fellowships and the proceedings of the Montreal Congress. It also has an improved search engine which makes navigation faster and user friendly.

The 2006 edition (in progress) will include new abstracts from conference proceedings and other activities.

The EC was informed that co-editor Stevens resigned from the editing arrangement. The EC discussed options for ensuring continuing editorship and asked the officers to contact Wedding for discussion.

11.2.1 Editors' Reports

11.3 Conceptual History project

It is anticipated that all chapters will be sent to the publisher by the end of September.

11.4 Proceedings of XXVIII Congress

Manuscripts for this volume have been sent to the publisher. The EC congratulated the Chinese organizers on their rapid work.

The orders for the proceedings is still low, however, with only 40 pre-orders opposed to 200-300 orders from prior Congresses. It was agreed that there needs to be increased marketing and information dissemination of the proceedings volumes.

11.6 Newsletter. The newsletter has been well received as a source of information.

11.7 Website. The website continues to be a major information conduit.

11.8 Meetings with Psychology Press (I don't have minutes on this)

11.9 New ideas for Publications Programme

Denis reviewed ideas for a book series – including “big books” which are authored by prominent people. Examples are the Blackwell handbook of social psychology (Miles Hewstone); Handbook of research methods in I/O psychology; Handbook of behaviorism; International Encyclopedia of the social and behavioral sciences (Smelser & Baltes – 26 volumes); Sage handbook of health psychology; Handbook of Cognition; Handbook of industrial work in organizational psychology and “slim books” which generally appear in a series and target real world applications. These can be edited to appeal to a more popular audience, or to be accessible to scholars outside of psychology. Examples include Psychology and education (point of view of memory, reasoning, etc). The EC was asked for suggestions for each book type.

Future directions for union publications included:

- expanding the journal program to more specialized journals;
- developing books targeted to developing countries promoting psychology as a disciplinary and practical partner;
- developing scholarly publications that showcase psychology or that provide useful information
- developing the slim book concept of volumes geared to audiences outside of psychology, for example to bring psychology to other disciplines (e.g. politics and political science, nursing, health outlets, industry). This direction would require a series editor.
- There was a suggestion to promote the slim book idea to Congress presenters, especially to those in IUPsyS sponsored symposia. One challenge will be to convince authors and editors to work on books whose royalties will go to the Union

It was agreed that publications need to be related to the strategic plan and to Congress themes and participants. It was also agreed that IUPsyS needs to undertake market analysis of its publications. The concept of several journals will be given more thought.

Denis agreed to circulate a summary to the Standing Committee and will ask the committee to assess specific projects to be pursued.

12. SC on the Development of Psychology as a Science and as a Profession

12.1 WG on National Capacity-Building

12.1.1 Beijing Workshop

This workshop was summarized in the Annual report.

12.1.2 Singapore Workshop

Nair summarized the IUPsyS workshop and its outcome. She noted that the workshop primarily covered how intervention and training had been managed to date, and discussion turned to future plans only on the last afternoon. Nair suggested that activities such as the IUPsyS workshop would be a good vehicle for tapping available tsunami-related relief resources, especially for research funding. She suggested that the union utilize tsunami-earmarked resources to develop a long term research initiative – to get each of the countries involved in disaster relief efforts as a long term process. The Union's role would be to help them get funding as needed. She suggested next step activities including:

- Thai November regional workshop (organized by IAAP)
- Support for Congress presentations of country reports – one person from each country.
- More focused capacity building in countries to help them develop programs, to encourage countries to work together, and to provide training in skills such as grant writing, etc.

The EC thanked Nair for her efforts in implementing the Singapore workshop. It was noted that resources were available only for a Thailand followup symposium. The EC endorsed by consensus that the Chair of the Standing Committee on capacity building (Lunt) and the Chair of the Capacity Building Workgroup (Nair) coordinate appropriate closure to the tsunami project with the officers. The EC agreed that the tsunami project will complete its activities this year. It will be necessary to prepare a final report of the project for submission to the workshop donors.

12.1.3 Next steps and follow-up

The EC agreed that further capacity building activities will be undertaken as part of the strategic planning process. There was a general discussion about the Union's role in such capacity building activities, in particular whether the Union should function to provide direct training and capacity building or whether the Union should act as a catalyst to such activities by providing information about resources. Further discussion was deferred until the discussion of the strategic plan.

12.2 WG on Psychology and the Developing World

The EC was referred to the WG report and recommendations. Recommendations for actions included: attention to recruitment of national members, capacity building, and the involvement of psychology and human rights issues

In discussion it was noted that recruitment and capacity building fit within the current strategic plan. There was discussion of whether and how a public interest focus (e.g., on human rights) fits with the strategic plan, and how it would fit with the core mission of the Union. The question of strategic goals was deferred to the discussion of the strategic plan.

12.3 WG on Health Psychology and HealthNet

Sanchez-Sosa provided an oral report. It was agreed that it is important to publicize the work of this group more broadly

12.4 WG on Education for Psychologists in the Science and Profession of Psychology

The aim of this workgroup is to develop information on psychology curricula that would form the basis of international standards. There was a suggestion to explore this as a joint IAAP and Union activity, with a focus on standards not on certification.

The outcomes of the workgroup would provide information on what are the common elements and what are the culturally specific elements of psychology curricula across culture and across country. In addition to providing valuable information to psychology departments around the world, such an activity would raise the level of awareness and prestige and visibility of psychology more broadly in each country.

This is expected to be a long term project of the union. It will build on the analogous process for the European diploma which led to a basic core curriculum and will serve to bring curricula in all countries to a standard level of quality. This exercise would provide a mechanism to support training with a strong empirical direction (including training in experimental techniques and an orientation to broad social and health questions).

Suggestions included looking at training in other professions and sciences to try to avoid biases in deliberations, to send the EFPA work to all national members to encourage information on what is presently happening in the training of psychologists and encourage meetings in Athens or Berlin; send information to the ministry of education in countries;

It was agreed to send a copy of the European Diploma to all National Member associations and to put it on the web site. It was also suggested to begin a web resource with documents on standards in psychology: ethics papers, ITC standards, European Diploma standards

12.5 WG on Psychological Science Informing Educational Practice

The workgroup is in the process of developing the terms its reference which will specify the added value of union involvement. The short term goal is to develop a symposium (with subsequent books) to show how the discipline is making progress in contributing to the involvement of psychology expertise in educational practices.

13. ARTS

13.1 ARTS 2004

Coordinator Lunt reported that an overview of this successful program has been published in IJP

13.2 Transition to new Co-Coordinator

Heidi Keller is the new co-coordinator. Lunt expects that she will take the lead as coordinator in 2008

13.3 ARTS 2006

To date, submissions from the ads on the web did not yield suitable offerings. The call for conveners was not sufficiently detailed, including the requirements to generate funds. One of the special parts of the program is that the conveners do this entirely as volunteers and there is a need to find funds from national associations or other organizations to sponsor conveners.

There are presently 3 proposals in different stages of development. This is expected to be finalized in July 2005.

Ype Poortinga, Cigdem Kagiticibasi, and John Adair are the advisory committee for ARTS (as earlier coordinators).

Lunt added additional points on funding and on the goals of ARTS.

- Funding: no ARTS participant is completely funded. Generally funding covers the Congress fees and some of travel costs.
- Goals: ARTS has never been regarded as capacity building simply for individuals; there is an attempt to create a multiplier effect that will require the ARTS trained scholars to use the training further.
- Participation: Presently about 50% of ARTS participants participate in the associated international congress. The coordinators are intending to change this to strengthen the requirement to network in the Congress. These factors mean that the ARTS selection process needs to take strategic goals into account and to rigorously apply a set of selection criteria.

The EC offered strong support for encouraging the multiplier effect. There was discussion of subsidies for attendance at international congresses, including advocating for a waived or reduced fee for ARTS. Despite concerns that there would be an implication that congress organizers should accept the ARTS attendees as participants, and despite an understanding that Congress organizers have competing needs for subsidies, this was seen as an important function of ARTS..

It was agreed that the Union needs to offer core support for ARTS, to facilitate outside funds for the seminars themselves, and to support congress attendance.

There was general discussion of future ARTS topics. Lunt noted that ARTS generally relies on topics that come over the door, and does not solicit presenters. There was discussion of how to encourage National Member Associations to participate more strongly in convener solicitation and assessment.

During the ARTS social hour participants were asked about current and future topics to develop a basis for soliciting volunteer coordinators.

Evaluation efforts will be continued. There will be an attempt to contact past ARTS participants and ascertain their current activities.

14. WG on Awards

Silbereisen covered the material in his report, recounting the history of the workgroup on awards. He noted that the Mattei Dogan Foundation had approached the President who asked him to take over the issue. Silbereisen described a plan for the Union to take advantage of the offer to develop a prize funded through the Mattei Dogan Foundation. Nominations for the award will be sent to a selection committee composed of EC members and others. This committee will make a recommendation to the EC, which will decide on the recipient. This decision will be sent to the Mattei Dogan Foundation for processing. The awardee will be honored at an IUPsyS Congress and a lecture given by the Laureate. The award will be focused for the social science aspect of the recipients work (behavior in context).

There was discussion of the scope of the Mattei Dogan opportunity and a suggestion to focus on an early career psychologist where the funds have a catalytic effect.

The EC moved that SG and Silbereisen negotiate contract with Mattei Dogan on the basis of the EC discussion.

In further discussion there were mixed opinions on the value of IUPsyS – awarded prizes. There was a suggestion to: focus awards where there is less access to resources or to encourage creativity and innovation in the discipline.

There was discussion of different kinds of awards, such as book awards, or a prize for the best young psychologist contribution to the congress that could be published in IJP.

It was agreed that the work group would take the comments during the EC and present a synthesis and new work plan to the next EC meeting.

15. Committee for the Psychological Study of Peace

There was no report. The EC expressed a wish for information so that it could evaluate this project. There was a commitment to review relations with the peace committee more fully.

16. International Congresses of Psychology

16.1 XXVIII Congress (Beijing) Report

Zhang thanked the EC and the Union for its support and help leading to the success of the congress.

He then provided a report on psychology in China, and noted that training the increasing numbers of undergraduate students is an issue. He suggested a program whereby retired psychologists come to China to provide lectures and symposia. It was noted that there is support for such capacity building through funders in several countries. There was a suggestion for the Union to develop a capacity building program to engage scholars to go to China to train in basic psychology training

16.2 XXIX Congress (Berlin) Progress Report

16.2.1 Preliminary discussion of site visit and meeting with Congress Organizers

The EC prepared for a site visit to the Congress venue.

16.2.2 Site Visit of Congress Venue

The EC visited the Congress venue and developed notes for presentation to the Congress organizers in a subsequent meeting. These included comments on the physical venue and on arrangements to assure that there are sufficient meeting spaces, that rooms are assigned to keep interaction possibilities high, that presenters be able to bring conference presentations in multiple formats, and that the venue arrange “special interest” gathering places.

16.2.3 Meeting with Congress Organizers

16.2.3.1 Organizational Structure

The Congress organizers outlined the structure of the Congress governance, which includes a President, 2 Vice Presidents, Committee chairs, (3 of these are on the Exec Committee). At present, a General Secretary is to be added. There is a competition to find the Opening and Closing ceremonies from the University of the Arts

16.2.3.2 Scientific Programme

The organizers discussed the structure of the program and actions to date.

16.2.3.2.1, 2,3,4,5 Keynote, State of the Art, Speakers & Invited Symposia, Workshops & Oral Presentations and Posters

The organizers described the process of soliciting names and inviting participants. There was discussion about assuring diversity and geographical representation. The EC encouraged the organizers to compare distributions with the congresses in Stockholm as well as in Beijing. The EC encouraged the organizers to take advantage of the critical mass of European psychologists in the region, within the EU and outside of the EU. It was agreed that EC members should send names for up to three people from each EC member by 31 July 2005

16.2.3.3 Call for Submissions

16.2.3.4 Budget and Finances

The fee structure was presented:

Early registration	300 EUR
Late registration	350 EUR
On Site	400 EUR
Developing country	120 EUR (early)
Developing country	170 EUR (late)
Developing country	220 EUR (on site)
Student	100 EUR
Invited speakers	no fee
Full day workshops	100EUR
Half day workshop	70EUR
Accompanying persons	120EUR

Expenses in Berlin will be kept low for accommodation. Berlin is relatively low for transportation compared with other European capitol cities.

- CPO Hanser is responsible for accommodations

16.2.3.4.1 Support for Majority World Attendees

16.2.3.5 Young Psychologists Program

Planned activities include a reception, a breakfast round table, a meet the scientist program. Denis reported on a meeting of the young psychologists in they requested that special programs occur early in the conference process.

16.2.3.6 Promotional Activities

16.2.3.7 Satellite meetings

Satellite meetings organized to date are the ISSBD and IACCP meetings

16.3 XXX Congress (Cape Town) Progress Report

Cooper reported that the organizers have formed a non-profit 30th International Congress of Psychology Committee. It is not yet clear whether there will be non-South Africans on the board of this organization. The organizers have approached the Minister of Tourism and the Minister of Science to ask individuals to sit on the governing board to link it with funding. They are presently working on linking with the city and the province to get greater support for convention costs and other organizing costs.

Meetings are scheduled with the mayor and the province premier in the next few months. By the time of the annual South African Congress to take place in September, 2005, the Cape Town arrangements should be in place. The annual meeting was shifted to Cape Town for this year to test the conference site.

The first meeting with the IUPsyS liaison Ritchie has not yet been established.

The EC suggested that the South African organizers consult with the German organizers about the transition from 2008 to 2012. There will be an official signing ceremony in Athens.

16.5 Athens Congress

The EC discussed proposed program for the Congress as follows:

Keynote from Overmier

Proposed symposia:

- o Health symposium from Ritchie (title needed)
- o Lunt – symposium on education systems across psychology
- o Tversky and Lemaire : symposium on learning science
- o Denis: symposium on cognition

17. Regional Conferences

17.1 Report on South East Asia (Bangkok) 2005

Sabourin reported on the regional conference, which will be in Bangkok in November 2005. Because of the tsunami events it was unclear whether the conference could be held, and the organizers are now quite late in the process. The dates are 14-16 November at the Retso Hotel, Bangkok. The conference has targeted the whole area of Southeast Asia. There were some concerns with the title of the conference, the Asian Applied Psychology Conference, and it was noted that there is a joint protocol with IAAP that indicates that all regional conferences should follow the same pattern for naming.

Sabourin outlined details of the meeting: there will be a good presence of the Union: Nair will organize a symposium in connection with the Singapore workshop; Overmier will present a keynote address; Sabourin will attend with university funds. The Union does not have funds to send EC members but it would be good to have a strong showing during the Bangkok meeting.

17.2 Future Regional Conferences

17.2.1 2007

The EC discussed possible venues for the next regional conference in 2007 taking into account balancing venues that would allow promoting the development of a psychology infrastructure and venues where there are already partners in the region. Regions discussed included the Caribbean, the southern tier of states from the former Soviet Union; the Balkans; the Middle East.

There was continued discussion of Turkey, which would provide a partner to help organize the conference. In this case the goal would be to organize the conference in the eastern part of Turkey with a focus on countries to the east that do not have strong organized psychology. There was a suggestion of Ankara as the site. There was discussion of the Balkans and neighboring Eastern European countries, which have less developed psychology infrastructure. There was an invitation to hold the EC meeting at the second MENA conference.

After discussion it was agreed to pursue possibilities with a venue in the Balkans (with a focus on National Member Slovenia) or if that does not work out, in a venue that would allow Balkan attendees.

The EC agreed to offer conceptual support and endorsement of the second MENA conference but not financial support. The Union will promote collaboration on capacity building activities.

17.2.2 2009 Regional conference

This item was deferred to a later EC meeting.

18. Relationships with Other Psychological Organizations

18.1 Joint Officers Committee on IUPsyS / IAAP Cooperation

1. Thailand meeting. There was agreement to revisit the joint IUPsyS-IAAP agreement at the next joint officers meeting to underscore the importance of working collaboratively.

18.2 EFPA

The Union conveyed its congratulations to EFPA on a successful conference.

Updates included:

- The European Diploma was accepted by EFPA. The next step is to: create a register of European Psychologists.
- There has been progress on building up the European Psychologist as the organ of EFPA. Silbereisen is the editor.
- There were no contested elections. The Secretary General was reelected. One member of the EC was reelected. All officers and other EC members remained the same. The General Assembly was productive and cordial.

18.3 ITC

A concern was raised that the makeup of ITC creates the conditions for conflicts of interest, with research, user and publisher roles. There was a request for IUPsyS to raise issues about conflict of interest to the ITC council. The issue underlying this concern is a proliferation of the number of tests on the market.

The EC requested the ITC liaison to raise the question of mechanisms for avoiding apparent and real conflicts of interest, and how this is reflected in the election process. A second concern was the issue of providing psychological services on the net because there are few safeguards for competency in Telehealth and internet-based computer testing.

18.4 International Psychology Student Organization

There was no report from the organization. It was noted that students were active in Granada at staffing the registration desks. Students will also be active at the ICAP in Athens

19. Relationship with Other Organizations

19.1 ICSU

19.1.1 Executive Board

19.1.2 Committee on Scientific Planning & Research

19.1.3 Committee on Developing Countries

19.1.4 28th General Assembly

19.1.4.1 Strategic Plan

The EC had no comments on the strategic plan. There were comments that the comments were well done; that ISCU clustering would change the role of psychology.

19.1.5 CODATA

Sabourin reported that CODATA was involved in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in the first phase and plans to participate heavily in the second phase in Tunis in November. The central point that CODATA is supporting is that facilitating access should be shared among all nations. CODATA is trying to plan activities to bridge the digital divide and favor open access to scientific data and scientific publications. It was noted that ICSU policies are not identical, especially on the topic of open access. ICSU has a policy of full and open access to data and universally and equitable access to scientific publications. These will all be discussed in Tunis. The activities and materials will be available on the web (WSISonline), in a resource where people can register WSIS action plan activities...

There will be an international workshop in Paris Sept 2005 "Moving powers and information commons for information and innovation" specialized in data management issues and policies

Sabourin will not be able to attend the WSIS conference but Bullock will attend and Sabourin will arrange for a presentation venue (a CODATA symposium).

19.1.6 International Polar Year

19.1.7 Regional offices

The African regional office, located in Pretoria, has opened, with official launch September 1. It is funded by the National Research Foundation in South Africa. The Head is a non-South African African scientist. There is an opportunity to make contact with the regional office as a conduit for information because they will have the most up to date information. IUPsyS has already spoken with the leadership. They are focused on interdisciplinary activity. The other linkage is the NIPAD office (New Economic Plan for African Development) and are hoping for spin-off from them

Zhang reported that the Regional office in Asia will also open in September. There is a call for members for the regional office committee. The position of Director is full time and the committee will support this work. There will be 7 members for the national members. Zhang has been nominated by CAST.

Denis added this may be a very good opportunity for psychology as the regional offices will capitalize on the improved perception of the social sciences in ICUS and will focus on capacity building and education.

19.1.6 Meetings with ICSU Officials and Replies to Reports

19.2 ISSC

Ritchie thanked Zhang for representing IUPsyS at the ISSC General Assembly. He noted that IUPsyS will need to discuss its vision for the representation of the social sciences at the international level. This will be an item on the EC agenda for the 2006 meeting.

Discussion continued on the importance of highlighting psychology and behavioral sciences within the social sciences, especially the bridging role of psychology among the many sciences.

19.3 United Nations System

The status of the IUPsyS representative at the UN was discussed. IUPsyS has 4 representatives at the UN. Two have stepped down, and one was added, Harold Cook, emeritus professor from Columbia University. In addition to IUPsyS other psychology organizations are also represented: SPSSI, IAAP, APA, and ICP. These groups work hand in hand and try to be part of all the preparatory committees that will produce the important

statements that the UN produces. The groups attempt to include more input about psychology into statements. One example was in the millennium documents that the reps edited to include more mention of psychology and psychological research.

There was a suggestion to develop contacts in Geneva and to expand work in both New York and Geneva by involving others in IUPsyS-UN activities.

19.3.1 UNESCO

19.3.2 Economic and Social Council / Dept of Public Information

19.3.3 WHO

19.1.5.1 World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

19.4 Global Forum for Health Research (D3-10 min)

19.5 Inter Academy Panel / Third World Academies of Science (D3-5 min)

20. Preparation of 2006 Assembly

The dates for the 2006 meetings were reviewed:

- July 16 Officers 1-day meeting
- July 19 EC meeting
- July 20 or 21 General Assembly
- July 22-23 EC
- July 24 Officers

The officers had originally petitioned IAAP to have a two-session General Assembly because there was an expectation of extensive discussion of statutes change and the strategic plan. However, because the dues category and size of the EC items have been removed, the discussion will be shorter and it is likely that a single session General Assembly meeting will suffice. For the single slot, Thursday afternoon (July 20) or Friday morning (July 21) would be an ideal time. The regular EC meeting will be Saturday Sun July 22, 23. There will be a single EC meeting before the Assembly on 20 July, 2005

EC members should plan on being in Athens 19 July 2006 – July 23 evening

21. Other Business

21.1 Request from Rotary Centers for IUPsyS partnership.

There was a report and request from the Rotary Centers to Nair. The EC agreed that the goals in the request were laudable, but that there is no specific channel through which h IUPsyS can approach this at this time. The EC decided that the organizations request would fit more closely with a university of academic institution and that the Union did not fit into such a consultancy role.

21.2 The Officers will review the visiting scholars program proposed by Cooper.

22. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned