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ISSC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS AT UNESCO PARIS HEADQUARTERS

IUPsyS President, Saths Cooper, and IUPsyS Treasurer, Michel Sabourin, participated in the Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of the International Social Science Council (ISSC) that was held on March 11 and 12, at UNESCO House, Paris, France. Prof Cooper is the ISSC Vice-President for Information and Communication, while Prof Sabourin is the ISSC Treasurer.

High on the agenda was the upcoming World Social Science Forum - which will be held at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa, from 13-16 September 2015 - and strategic and leadership transition planning since Dr Heide Hackmann's appointment as the Executive Director of the International Council for Science (ICSU). The ISSC EC confirmed the appointment of Vivi Stavrou as Acting Executive Director for Management, while Mathieu Denis would continue as Acting Executive Director for Science.

Also discussed during this meeting was increasing the relationships between ISSC and its key partnership organisations, such as UNESCO and ICSU. Reports of the various ISSC activities and especially the state of advancement of the flagship World Social Science Report 2016 and the World Social Science Fellows Programme, were reviewed. Finally, items dealing with Constitutional Review, membership issues - including the admission of new members - and the financial budgeting of the ISSC were also considered by the Executive Committee.



Gudmund Hernes and Saths Cooper



Saths Cooper, Vice President for Information and Communications Outreach; Alberto Martinelli, President; Elisa Reis, Vice President for Scientific Planning and Review; and Michel Sabourin, Treasurer



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CALL FOR IUPsyS 2016 AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The deadline for the 2016 IUPsyS Awards Nominations has been extended to **May 31 2015**.

Further information can be accessed at:

<http://www.iupsys.net/about/awards/index.html>

News from National Members and Affiliates



THE DUTCH ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS (NIP)

The Dutch Association of Psychologists (Nederlands Instituut van Psychologen, NIP) is the largest professional association for psychologists in the Netherlands, representing more than 13 000 members. The Dutch philosopher Heijmans marked the beginning of psychology in the Netherlands by founding the first psychological laboratory in 1892. Over the past forty years, psychology in the Netherlands has undergone an explosive growth. Today the NIP can proudly claim that it has been an advocate, quality controller and protector of the profession for psychologists and their field for more than seventy-five years.

NIP members form a dynamic group that advocates for psychologists at all levels in the psychological sector and in government. They are constantly promoting the contribution psychology makes to people's health and wellbeing, and to understanding important social issues facing Dutch society.

Mission:

- The NIP and its members represent the full spectrum of psychology as a science and professional practice
- NIP monitors the quality of the profession and ensures standardisation of the profession
- NIP gathers and combines knowledge and ensures the exchange of knowledge through internal and external platforms and partnerships
- NIP is interlocutor for governments and stakeholders and through psychology contributes to improving society
- NIP is service provider and advocate for its members

Stronger Together: One Federation

In the future the NIP wants to take a strong position by being the House of Psychology: the knowledge platform for the science and practice of psychology and professional practice. On the 4th of February 2015 nine associations, including the NIP, confirmed a plan to join together as one federation for psychologists, pedagogues and psychotherapists. All nine associations share the same ambition and have the same goal: to work together on substantive themes within the field of psychology for both children and adults and represent the field as a unified strong voice.

Themes

In 2015, the federation will focus on the following themes:

- Heads of Department practitioners and structuring the profession
- Continuing development of basic and specialist mental health care
- Youth

For more information about the NIP, see:

<http://www.psyinip.nl/the-dutch-association-of-psychologists.html>



The NIP publishes a newsletter, "De Psycholoog" (The Psychologist)



Meeting with Members of the NIP during the 75th Anniversary Conference in 2013

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THE GHANA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

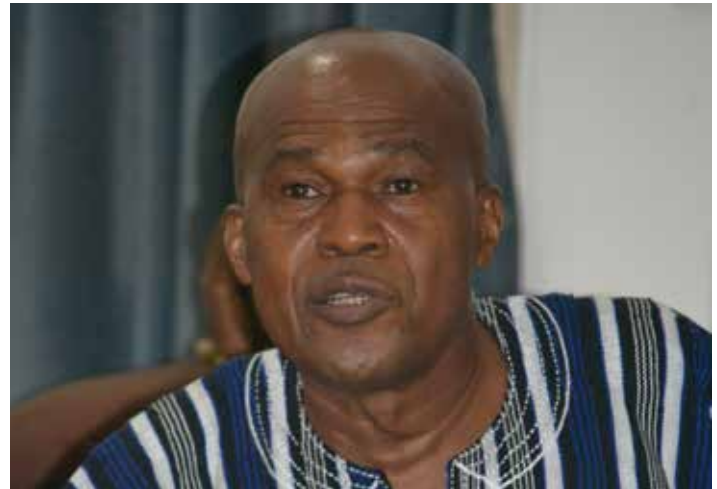
The Ghana Psychological Association (GPA) was established in 1999, but became dormant as a result of inactivity and lack of enthusiasm from the members. However, on 02 November 2011, the association was reborn and has been active since. The GPA is currently under the leadership of Professor C.C. Mate-Kole, and supported by an executive who are resolved to ensure the survival and success of the association.

The current executive include Professor C.C. Mate-Kole, President; Dr Angela Ofori-Atta, Vice-President; Dr Kingsley Nyarko, Public Relations Officer; Dr Joseph Osafo, Secretary; Mr Collins Agyeman Badu, Organizing Secretary, and Mrs Aku Hayfron, Treasurer. Currently active membership stands at 300 and this number is expected to increase in the coming years due to membership drive programs that have been put in place by the executive.

Ever since the 'resurrection' of the GPA, it has achieved numerous feats. Notable among them is the successful organisation of the Annual Joint Psychology and Psychiatry Conference co-sponsored by the GPA and the Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry of the University of Ghana that focuses on mental health. This annual conference, the fourth held on 24 October, 2014, has given psychology a respectable place, not only within the academia, but larger society as well. The citizenry appreciates the value of psychology and its role in helping solve societal ills. Apart from the annual conference, the GPA intends organising workshops and seminars to build the capacity of the members by providing them with the skills and competencies needed to make them more productive in their profession and functional in society.

In April 2014, the GPA organised its first Annual Psychology Conference at the University of Ghana. On the 30th of April 2015, the GPA will be holding its second Annual Psychology Conference at the University of Ghana and the theme is "Psychology in Ghana: Progress, Prospects, and Problems." This stand-alone conference is aimed at making psychology more visible in the country as well as opening doors to the wider society. This conference and the jointly hosted conference bring psychologists from within and out of the country to make available their research findings to society in order to realise the objective of the association to promote, support and enhance research activities.

Individual members of the GPA contributed to the passage of the Mental Health Bill, which has now been passed into law. This development has given psychology a legal locus in the country, and it's expected to contribute to the socio-economic transformation of the country.



Professor Charles Mate-Kole, President of the Ghana Psychological Association



Dr Angela Ofori-Atta, Vice-President of the Ghana Psychological Association



Dr Kingsley Nyarko, Public Relations Officer of the Ghana Psychological Association

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GEORGIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

In 2015, the Georgian Psychological Society (GeoPsyS) is celebrating its 88th anniversary. In 1927, Dimitri Uznadze - the founder of Georgian Psychological School - The Psychology of Set (Translated in New York, 1966) established the Georgian Psychological Society (GeoPsyS). Owing to the GeoPsyS activities, the Georgian psychological school gained international recognition (J. Piaget, A. Luchins etc.). The GeoPsyS has held numerous international symposiums, conferences and workshops; including, the Symposium on the Unconscious (Tbilisi, 1978 - materials were published in the 4 volume edition of The Unconscious). The society participated in the 9th, 13th, 15th, 16th and 20th International Congress of Psychology (ICP). At the 18th and 22nd Congresses, the then GeoPsyS President chaired a symposium on the Theory of Set. The third IUPsyS workshop in the Series on Conflict Prevention in the South Caucasus Region - Bereavement: Advances In-Field Training and Curriculum Development was held in Tbilisi, Georgia, in October, 2011.

In 2013, the GeoPsyS organised the conference dedicated to the 70th Anniversary of the Dimitri Uznadze Institute of Psychology, as well as published the International Edition of the peer-reviewed journal (regularly published since 1960) with the support of Mr. Giorgi Margvelashvili, the then Minister of Education and Science of Georgia (and current President of Georgia).

At present GeoPsyS aims to further develop academic (theoretical, experimental) and applied psychology in Georgia; establish contacts with scientific and educational institutions, the Academy of Sciences, structures of the Ministry of Education and Sciences, civil society organizations and individual scientists. GeoPsyS intends to enhance collaboration with the related disciplines; organize scientific conferences, discussions, seminars, workshops, training on the issues of psychology; carry out educational, awareness raising and publishing activities. GeoPsyS plans to hold elections in March 2015.



GeoPsyS Conference 2013



Meeting at the GeoPsyS 2013



GeoPsyS Round Table Discussion



The third IUPsyS workshop in the Series on Conflict Prevention in the South Caucasus Region in Tbilisi, Georgia, 2011

News from International Bodies

WHO: GLOBAL CLINICAL PRACTICE NETWORK



A reminder that The Global Clinical Practice Network (GCPN) is an international set-up of mental health and primary care professionals established

as a core apparatus for the development of the classification of mental and behavioural disorders in ICD-11. To provide feedback and to participate in internet-based field studies, and for further information, see:

<http://www.globalclinicalpractice.net/>

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL: SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH IN THE ARAB WORLD

From 14 to 15 March 2015 in Beirut, the ISSC took part in the 2nd conference of the Arab Council for Social Sciences on the theme of "Questioning Social



Inequality and Difference in the Arab Region". Speakers from UNESCO, CLASCO, and the ISSC addressed researchers and members of the Arab Council to inform them on the work conducted by UNESCO related to the Post-2015 Development Agenda. A strong focus of discussion was the 2015 World Social Science Forum (the first to be held on African soil, in Durban, South Africa, from 13 to 16 September 2015), as well as the planning of the 2016 World Social Science Report (WSS Report), which will focus on inequality.

For more information:

<http://www.worldsocialscience.org/2015/03/sleeping-giants-social-science-research-arab-world/scientists-networking-conference-now-online/>

ICSU: ALLAN LAVELL WINS UNITED NATIONS SASAKAWA AWARD FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



Allan Lavell, a key member of the community of the ICSU co-sponsored Integrated Research on Disaster Risk

programme (IRDR), has been awarded the prestigious prize that is awarded to individuals or institutions that have taken active efforts in reducing disaster risk in their communities and advocated for disaster risk reduction.

For more information: <http://www.icsu.org/news-centre/news/allan-lavell-wins-united-nations-sasakawa-award-for-disaster-risk-reduction>

SCIENCE PHILANTHROPY ALLIANCE



Funding Basic Research – The Foundation of Our Future
Professor Marc Kastner, renowned physicist and MIT Dean has been named President of the Science Philanthropy Alliance. Prof. Kastner will head group of funders aiming to build U.S. philanthropic support for basic science research. Prof. Kastner, who was formerly nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as Director of the Office of Science at the Department of Energy, will begin his appointment as Alliance President on March 15 and will be on leave of absence from MIT.

For more information:

<http://sciencephilanthropyalliance.org/>



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