

**ANNUAL REPORT
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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE (IUPsyS)**

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INTRODUCTION

The International Union of Psychological Science is an organization composed of National Member organizations (national societies/associations/committees of scientific psychology, national academies of science, or similar organizations), comprising not more than one National Member per country. Eleven charter Members founded IUPsyS in 1951. At December 31, 2007 the number of National Members was 70. As a Union, IUPsyS holds membership in the International Council for Science (ICSU) and in the International Social Science Council (ISSC), Special Consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Consultative status with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), and Official Relations with the World Health Organization.

MEMBERSHIP

Countries with National Membership in IUPsyS in 2007 were: Albania; Argentina; Australia; Austria; Bangladesh; Belgium; Bulgaria; Canada; Chile; China; Colombia; Croatia; Cuba; Czech Republic; Denmark; Dominican Republic; Egypt; Estonia; Finland; France; Georgia; Germany; Greece; Hong Kong; Hungary; India; Indonesia; Iran; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Japan; Jordan; Korea; Lithuania; Malta; Mexico; Mongolia; Morocco; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Nigeria; Norway; Pakistan; Panama; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Russia; Singapore; Slovakia; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sudan; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; Uganda; Ukraine; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Venezuela; Vietnam; Yemen; and Zimbabwe. At the end of the year, several potential applications were at varying stages of preparation. It is expected that new applications will be finalized for submission to the 2008 Assembly.

Twelve organizations are affiliated with IUPsyS. The complete list of Affiliates is: Association de Psychologie Scientifique de Langue Française (APSLF); European Association of Experimental Social Psychologists (EAESP); European Association of Personality Assessment (EAPA); European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP); European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology (EAWOP); European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCP); Interamerican Society of Psychology/Sociedad Interamericana de Psicología (SIP); International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP); International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP); International Council of Psychologists (ICP); International Neuropsychological Society (INS); International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development (ISSBD); International Society of Comparative Psychology (ISCP). In addition, special liaison relationships have been established with the European Federation of Professional Psychologists Associations (EFPPA) and the International Test Commission (ITC).

At the end of the year, one new application was anticipated to be finalized for submission to the 2008 Assembly.

VITAL STATISTICS

Number of National Members:	70			
Number of Affiliated Organizations:	12			
Number of Liaison Organizations	2			
Number of Publications:	2:	<i>International Journal of Psychology and Psychology</i>	<i>Global Resource</i>	
Number of Scientific Meetings	1	quadrennial	International Congress	
	1	biennial	Regional Conference	

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

This section provides an overview of some items of business of an over-arching nature or not otherwise presented elsewhere in the Annual Report.

Highlights of 2007 included the following: Sustained special emphasis was given to implementation of the strategic planning framework adopted by the Assembly in 2004. As specified in the directive adopted by the Assembly, a strategic plan and set of strategic priorities for the quadrennium will be submitted to the 2008 Assembly. As mandated by the 2006 Assembly, work continued on revision of the Dues Structure and Membership Categories to develop a more streamlined and transparent system rather than revenue enhancement. A proposal will be submitted to the 2008 Assembly.

Initial work on review of the Union's publication arrangements was begun. It is expected that this review will be completed in the first half of 2008 with the outcome to be reported to the 2008 Assembly. The Union was invited to make a substantial contribution to the revision of the Mental Health and Substantive Abuse chapter of the next version of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11). Initial work has begun and the framework for the Union's continued involvement is expected to be in place during the coming year.

Assembly and Executive Committee Meetings

The Assembly of the Union last met in Athens, Greece in July, 2006. The details were summarized in the 2006 Annual Report. The Assembly will next meet in Berlin, Germany in July, 2008 in conjunction with the XXIX International Congress of Psychology.

The Executive Committee met in July, 2005 in Berlin, Germany. Excellent arrangements for this meeting were coordinated by EC member Professor Rainer Silbereisen. The meetings were held at the Institute of Developmental Psychology and Center for Applied Developmental Science (directed by Professor Silbereisen) of the University of Jena.

In his report to the Executive, Union President, Professor Bruce Overmier, noted that the Union remains focused on fulfilling its mission to advance psychology as an applied and basic science by serving as the voice for psychology on an international level, fostering the development of the

discipline, engaging policy makers, and contributing to new initiatives to science, applications; and the advancement of human welfare. These elements were further elaborated in the President's report to the last Assembly as summarized in the 2006 Annual Report. Hence, strategic planning and creating the means to achieve strategic priorities will remain at the center of the work of the EC and of the Officers as it will be for the remainder of the current quadrennium.

The Standing Committee on Communications and Publications, chaired by Union Past-President, Professor Michel Denis, is preparing a comprehensive review of the Union's publications programme, including various contractual arrangements. A Request for Proposals was approved by the EC. Professor Denis also presented an update on a potential new publication series that will focus on topics of interest to other disciplines. Continued development of publications programmes will await the outcome of the renewed publications arrangements expected following the current review.

The EC also received progress reports on several initiatives begun in this quadrennium. The International Psychology Development Fund (IPDF), originally proposed by Union President Overmier has continued fund-raising work. It is hoped that the target of one major contribution will be secured in the coming year.

Established under the leadership of EC member Professor Rainer Silbereisen, Chair of the Work Group on Awards, the EC approved the procedures and Jury members for selection of the initial recipient of the Mattei Dogan Foundation Prize in Psychological Science.

The EC also received detailed progress reports on the scientific programme as well as on the organization and planning of the XXIX (Berlin 2008) and the XXX (Cape Town 2012) International Congresses of Psychology. Based on a positive report from the Union's Liaison to the XXX ICP, the EC reaffirmed the Assembly's selection for 2012 and directed that a contract be prepared. It is expected that the contract will be signed at a ceremony in conjunction with the Berlin Congress.

A report was received on the successful Second Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference of Psychology held in Amman, Jordan in April 2007. Discussions continued with the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) and the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) on the 2009 First South-East European Regional Conference of Psychology, which is expected to occur in Bulgaria.

The EC received a progress report from Assembly delegate, Professor J. Gauthier, on a joint IUPsyS-IAAP initiative (in which IACCP is also participating) on the development a universal declaration of ethical principles for psychologists. It is expected that the declaration will be submitted for adoption at the 2008 Assembly.

The EC remained preoccupied by continued decreases in support to scientific unions via ICSU and ISSC under the UNESCO Framework Agreement and consequent implications for research and special projects. The President and other Officers stressed that it will be important to develop alternate sources of support.

The Standing Committee on Capacity Building, chaired by Union Vice-President, Professor Ingrid Lunt, encompasses a number of focal work groups and activities. The priority accorded to capacity-building and to regional development continued in 2007, including the Second Middle East and North Africa Middle Regional Conference. Under the chair of EC member Dr. Elizabeth Nair, the Work Group on the Development of National Organizations completed follow-up activities particularly in Asia, particularly the ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies (ARUPS).

In the realm of Capacity Building, the EC also received progress reports from the Work Groups on (i) Education for Psychologists, chaired by EC member Professor James Georgas, and (ii) Psychological Science Informing Educational Practice, chaired by EC member, Professor Patrick Lemaire. These activities are still at the gestational stage. They will be the object of dedicated activities at the Berlin Congress.

Within the framework of strategic planning, the EC also devoted considerable attention to the administration and management of the Union as well as to the related matter of workload planning and workload management. The EC recognized the Assembly's endorsement of attaining dedicated resources to achieve some element of professional management to complement the voluntary contributions that are currently the means of administering the Union's affairs. Nonetheless, it is recognized that this can only be achieved with new funding. The Officers will attend further to this issue in the coming year and make recommendations to the 2008 EC and Assembly.

The Executive Committee reviewed activities of the Union's several international research networks and projects (reported further below). Activities for the next quadrennium are under active consideration. Longer-term planning of special projects is now contingent on the directions and priorities to be set in the course of strategic planning.

The Executive Committee for the current quadrennium (2004-2008) is: President, Prof. Bruce Overmier (USA); Secretary-General, Prof. Pierre Ritchie (Canada); Past-President, Prof. Michel Denis (France); Treasurer, Prof. Michel Sabourin (Canada); Vice-Presidents, Profs. Saths Cooper (South Africa) and Ingrid Lunt (United Kingdom); Deputy Secretary-General, Dr. Merry Bullock (USA); Members: Profs. Helio Carpintero (Spain); James Georgas (Greece); Hassan Kassim Khan (Yemen); Sonoko Kuwano (Japan); Patrick Lemaire (France), Elizabeth Nair (Singapore), Juan José Sanchez Sosa (Mexico), Rainer Silbereisen (Germany), Barbara Tversky (USA), and Kan Zhang (China).

The Officers are the President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, Vice-Presidents, Past-President, and Deputy Secretary-General. The Officers held three meetings in 2007 (two in conjunction with the EC meeting in Jena). Smaller groups of EC members and EC members met when possible in conjunction with other activities.

Finances

Detailed financial statements, independently audited, have been completed and submitted to other organizations where required as part of reporting on the use of external grant funds.

The Treasurer, Professor Michel Sabourin, presented a comprehensive report to the Executive Committee. While the financial base of the Union remains sound, the Treasurer continued to note increasing concern about the prospect of deficits in future years. As in 2006, a small operating deficit was incurred in 2007. Current operational finances remain very tight and provide little margin for new initiatives. As noted previously, the budgets of some National Members continues to affect their capacity to render timely dues payments; this is typically due to economic and currency problems in their respective countries. As noted above, a continuing strategic priority is to increase the Union's non-dues based revenues. The establishment of the International Psychology Development Fund to build an endowment for capacity-building is an important first step in this direction. New publications arrangements offer another potential source, particularly for support of the Union's core operations. In the short-term, the Treasurer reaffirmed that fiscal prudence in the management of the Union's affairs has allowed it to maintain financial viability. He again noted that more stringent financial reporting requirements continue to add to the administrative load of the Union.

The Treasurer has been directed by the Assembly to bring to the 2008 Assembly a proposal to revise the dues category system. Chaired by the Treasurer, this is being developed in collaboration with the Work Group on Membership and the Officers. A progress report was submitted to the 2007 EC.

Secretariat

There has been sustained progress on electronic communications for internal communications within the Executive Committee and the Assembly as well as externally with the more established international organizations. Nonetheless, this mode of communication continues to be difficult to access for a number of National Members.

As noted in recent Annual Reports, the administrative burden of the Union continues to be greater than available resources. The Secretary-General again recommended that internal resources be an important consideration in strategic planning, a matter that received considerable attention at the 2007 meeting of the EC.

Work begun in 2006 on an electronic archive for communications and records that are received and retained electronically made only modest progress in the past year due to other demands on the Secretariat.

The work of the Secretary-General continues to be complemented by the excellent collaboration of Deputy-Secretary-General, Professor Merry Bullock who also continues to provide invaluable service as web master of the Union's web site <www.iupsys.org>.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING 2007

Scientific meetings

XXIX International Congress of Psychology

The XXIX International Congress of Psychology will be held in Berlin, July 20-25, 2008. Congress President, Professor Peter Frensch, and Secretary-General, Dr. Barbara Schauenburg, delivered a progress report to the EC. Union Past-President M. Denis is the Union Liaison to the Berlin Congress.

XXX International Congress of Psychology

The 2004 Assembly voted to hold the XXX International Congress of Psychology in Cape Town, South Africa in 2012. Secretary-General P. Ritchie is the Union's Liaison to the Cape Town Congress. Two liaison visits, including a meeting with the Minister of Science and Technology of the Republic of South Africa and senior official of the National Research Foundation as well as meetings with Congress organizers confirmed solid progress toward achieving initial goals for organizing the 2012 ICP.

XXXI International Congress of Psychology

National Members have been invited to submit bids for the 2016 ICP to be considered by the 2008 Assembly.

Regional Conferences:

The Second Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference of Psychology was held in Amman, Jordan under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah and the auspices of the International Union of Psychological Science, the International Association of Applied Psychology, and the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology. It was hosted by the Jordanian Psychological Association. Union Treasurer, Professor M. Sabourin, was the IUPsyS Liaison to MENA II. The Conference succeeded in attracting more than 150 participants from 28 countries including 15 from the Middle East and North Africa region. The Scientific Program explored ways and means to promote the role of psychology in meeting life challenges at regional and international levels. The Conference concluded with the signing of a formal Declaration which called upon governments, academic and professional institutions and organizations, non-governmental organization and other civil society groups, and the United Nations, to work together and to make every possible effort individually and collectively to achieve the Declaration's twelve objectives. The Conference is reported more fully by Knowles & Sabourin (2008).

Following the First Asean Regional Union of Psychological Science (ARUPS) Congress held in 2006, the Second Congress will be held in Thailand in early 2008. The Union continues to be represented by EC member, Dr. Elizabeth Nair in her capacity as Chair of the Work Group on the Development of National Organizations. In 2007, Dr. Nair contributed to the development of the Second ARUPS Congress.

Publications

The IUPsyS publications program is guided by the Standing Committee on Communications and Publications chaired by current Past-President M. Denis.

The *International Journal of Psychology* (Professor Claudia Dalbert, Editor) remains the major regular scientific publication channel of IUPsyS. The International Platform Section of the Journal (Editors: Professors P. Ritchie and M. Bullock) continued to serve as a quick-access information forum on major national and regional developments in scientific psychology. A continuously updated calendar of international congresses and conferences in psychology was again part of that section as well as posted to the web-site.

The eighth edition of the *Psychology Resource Files* (Co-Editors: M. Stevens and D. Wedding) was published in 2007. This initiative, the Union's first venture in publishing in CD-Rom format, continues to be well received. The eighth edition, as with other recent editions, allows users of the CD-Rom with concurrent access to the internet to take advantage of this feature. However, such access is not required for the use of the databases. Among the resource tools, users will find a historical time-line for psychology, with integrated links to the internet, an organized list of useful internet web sites that are primarily meta-sites offering access to further sites, review of the origins and developments of scientific psychology in various regions of the world, as well as updates of materials that were included in preceding editions.

The IUPsyS Website (www.iupsys.org), under the direction of the Deputy Secretary-General, M. Bullock, continues to be enhanced. It is a rich source of current information on the Union and activities of international significance.

The Union's newsletter *Keeping You Posted* under the direction of Deputy Secretary-General, M. Bullock facilitates communication with National Members.

Special Projects and Activities

The Advanced Research Training Seminars (ARTS) continues to be a centre-piece of the Union's capacity-building program. ARTS are held every even-numbered year, in conjunction with the major international congresses of the Union and of International Association of Applied Psychology. The International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology is the third partner in ARTS. For the 2008 ARTS, the Co-Coordinator are Union Vice-President, Professor I. Lunt and Professor H. Keller (Germany). The 2008 ARTS will be held in conjunction with the XXIX International Congress of Psychology. Three ARTS will be offered: Large-Scale International Data Sets Relevant for Research in Educational and Developmental Psychology (Profs. J. Torney-Purta and R. Lehmann, Conveners); Qualitative and Mixed Method Research in Cross-Cultural Studies (Prof. T. Weisner, Convener); Structural Equation Modelling with EQS 6.1 (Prof. P. Bentler Convener).

The IUPsyS HealthNet, co-ordinated by EC member Professor J.J. Sanchez Sosa, is now part of the Work Group on HealthNet and Health Psychology, also chaired by Professor Sanchez Sosa. It continues its renewal and expansion. It has grown steadily with participants in more than 30 countries. It is a network of psychologists working as clinicians and scientists on a wide range of health problems. They develop and implement illness prevention and health promotion programs as well as specific clinical interventions. HealthNet was instrumental in creating the Latin American Network of University Health Research Programs as well as the Latin American Association of Schools and Institutes of Psychology. Currently, HealthNet plays an instrumental role in both organizations. This Network also provides collaboration and assistance to Union and to the World Health Organization (WHO) in implementing the IUPsyS-WHO Work Plan. The

HealthNet web site is fully operational with assistance from the General Directorate for Academic Computing of UNAM. The Health Net web page may be found at: <http://www.unam.mx/healthnet>.

The Union's Standing Committee on the Psychological Study of Peace, is chaired by Prof D. Christie (Ohio State University). The EC devoted considerable attention to deliberating the best means to enable the work of this committee to move forward. In 2006, the EC voted to invite and encourage the Committee for the Psychological Study of Peace to establish itself as an independent organization and to seek affiliation with the Union. Discussions on this continued in 2007.

International Council for Science

The Union continues to maintain strong relations with the International Council for Science (ICSU). Past-President Denis continues to serve on the ICSU Executive Board; Secretary-General Ritchie continues to serve on the Committee for Scientific Planning and Research; and EC member Professor K. Zhang continues to serve on the Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the Conduct of Science. Secretary-General Ritchie also served on the Ad Hoc Grants Review Committee and the Scoping Group on Human Health. Work continued on the development of a major new ICSU initiative focussed on human health that would present important challenges and opportunities to the Union. Deputy Secretary-General M. Bullock serves on the ICSU ad hoc group on publishing ethics.

International Social Science Council

In 2007, the International Social Science Council (ISSC) continued a process of renewal and reform initiated at its last Assembly in late 2006. IUPsyS together with other ISSC members have been convened to a special consultation in April 2008 prior to its next Assembly later in the year. The Officers will hold their regular 2008 meeting immediately following the ISSC meeting in order to enhance the Union's contribution.

World Health Organization

Official Relations between the Union and the World Health Organization (WHO) were established in 2002. Secretary-General, Professor Pierre Ritchie, serves as the Union's Main Representative to WHO. The main focus in 2007 is the Union's support for the development of the next edition of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11), with particular focus on the Mental Health section. The Union has appointed Dr. Geoff Reed (Spain) as its member of the Core Group coordinating this activity in WHO. The Union's strong contributions to the ICD project are made possible by an allocation from the American Psychological Association. The mechanisms supporting the Union's contribution to ICD-11 are being reviewed. This project will be the focus of an invited symposium at the Berlin Congress.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PLANS

The work of the current quadrennium will conclude with the Berlin Congress in July 2008. The shift toward a strategic planning and priorities approach to the governance of the Union

mandated by the 2004 Assembly and reaffirmed by the 2006 Assembly has taken root. The strides made by the Executive Committee and Officers toward implementing this objective are expected to be evident at the 2008 Assembly.

One priority is already clear. Capacity-building is and will be a central priority for strategic planning and is an integral component of the Union's core vision. As in the past, this continues through the International Congress of Psychology and more recently through regional conferences of psychology. National capacity-building initiatives have also emerged as a particular focus. The Cape Town Congress in 2012 offers the opportunity to support the development of psychology in Africa, a region requiring the Union's thoughtful engagement with those working on the continent. New opportunities in this and other regions await development. However, this cannot occur without securing the financial means to do so.

In the past year, as throughout the current quadrennium, the Union is making a sustained contribution to international development through strong relations with ICSU, ISSC, the UN secretariat, and WHO. Enhanced inter-disciplinary collaboration in the advancement of science and its application for human well-being is another strategic objective that is likely to be maintained although particular emphases will vary across time.

The increasingly heavy demands placed on the Union to mobilize the resources needed to make possible the achievements reported here have been identified in previous annual reports. The past year has been no exception based on the same continued increase in requests for participation and the sustained growth in electronic communications. While this is at least partly due to the Union's successes, its small part-time secretariat receives demands well beyond the limits of its resources. A review of the Union's human resource requirements is now part of the strategic planning that will form part of the report and recommendations to the 2008 Assembly. It became evident that without practical solutions to managing the Union's overall workload, it is unlikely that strategic priorities can be reliably achieved. Hence, a further strategic goal is to reduce the growing gap between demands and expectations compared with current internal capacity.

The actions of the Assembly, together with the leadership of the Executive Committee and Officers, in concert with National Members, Affiliates and Liaisons have guided the orderly renewal that has been the major internal focus of this quadrennium. In the remaining months of their tenure, the outgoing Executive Committee and Officers will continue to lay the groundwork for those who will provide the Union's leadership beyond the Berlin Assembly. Even a modest enhancement of financial and human resources will significantly enhance the prospects for middle and longer term success and the prospect of positive outcomes for strategic initiatives.

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