

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

**Meeting of the IUPsyS Assembly
Melbourne, July 14 & 15, 2010**

DRAFT MINUTES

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Assembly participants

Numbers of delegates:

Session 1: 40; Session 2: 30

Number of National Members represented:

Session 1: 29; Session 2: 22

Voting EC committee members (excluding those serving as delegates):

Session 1: 7; Session 2: 7

Ex officio EC members/secretariat:

Session 1: 4; Session 2: 5

Observers:

Session 1: 9; Session 2: 3

Names of Assembly delegates present

Country	Max no delegates	Session 1		Session 2	
		Delegate 1	Delegate 2	Delegate 1	Delegate 2
Argentina	1	Maria Cristina Richaud		Maria Cristina Richaud	
Australia	2	Bob Montgomery	Simon Crowe	Simon Crowe	
Austria	2	Sandra Lettner		Sandra Lettner	
Canada	2	Janel Gauthier	John Berry	Janel Gauthier	John Berry
China	2	Buxin Han	Xianghong Sun	Jianxin Zhang	Xianghong Sun
Czech Republic	1	Ludek Kolman		Ludek Kolman	
France	2	Pascal Huguet	Michel Denis	Pascal Huguet	Michel Denis
Germany	2	Christoph Steinebach	Kurt Pawlik	Christoph Steinebach	Kurt Pawlik
Greece	1	James Georgas		James Georgas	
Hong Kong SAR	1	Fanny Cheung		Fanny Cheung	
India	1	Arvind Sinha		Arvind Sinha	
Indonesia	1	Retno Suhapti			
Israel	1	Gil Goldzweig			
Italy	2	Vito Tummino			
Japan	2	Makiko Naka	Kazuo Shigemasu	Kazuo Shigemasu	
Korea (South)	1	Hoon-Seok Choi			
Netherlands	2	Huib van Dis	Peter Greeven	Huib van Dis	Peter Greeven
New Zealand	1	Neville Blampied			
Nigeria	1	Yuvanna Mivanyi			
Norway	2	Tor Levin Hofgaard	Aina Holmen	Tor Levin Hofgaard	Aina Holmen
Philippines	1	Allan Bernardo			
Poland	2	Andrej Sekowski		Andrej Sekowski	
Russia	2	Boris Velichkowsky		Boris Velichkowsky	
Singapore	1			Julia Lam	
South Africa	2	Fatima Seedat	Saths Cooper	Fatima Seedat	Saths Cooper
Spain	2	José Prieto	Maria Paz Garcia-Vera	José Prieto	Maria Paz Garcia-Vera
Sweden	2	Örjan Salling			
Turkey	1	Gonca Söyğüt		Gonca Söyğüt	
United Kingdom	2	Gerry Mulhern		Gerry Mulhern	
United States	2	Oscar Barbarin	Sonia Suchday	Sonia Suchday	

Voting Executive Committee members (excluding those serving as delegates)

Session 1	Session 2
Helio Carpintero; Pam Maras; J. Bruce Overmier; Janak Pandey; Rainer K. Silbereisen; Barbara Tversky; Ann Watts	H Helio Carpintero; Pam Maras; J. Bruce Overmier; Janak Pandey; Rainer K. Silbereisen; Barbara Tversky; Kan Zhang

Ex Officio Executive Committee members and Secretariat (non-voting)

Session 1	Session 2
Merry Bullock; Nick Hammond; Pierre Ritchie; Michel Sabourin	Merry Bullock; Nick Hammond; Pierre Ritchie; Michel Sabourin; Ann Watts

Observers present

Representing	Session 1	Session 2
Argentina	José Eduardo Moreno	José Eduardo Moreno
Indonesia	Retno Dewanti	
Italy	Maria Criscuolo	
Nigeria	Andrew Mogaji	
USA	Pamela Flattau	Pamela Flattau
USA	Karumuna Kaijage	Karumuna Kaijage
EFPA	Roger Lecuyer	
ISP-SIP	Silvia Koller	
ISP-SIP	Maria-Regina Maluf	

I Procedural business

1. Call to order and roll call

President Silbereisen called the meeting to order, welcomed all delegates, observers and guests. Secretary-General Ritchie called the roll of delegates, and announced that quorum was reached (29 National Members represented; 27 required).

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Assembly adopted the agenda as received.¹

3. Membership issues

3.1 Category O (Observer)

The Secretary-General noted that, at the opening of the meeting, 50 members are in good standing, 5 are not in good standing and 16 are in Category O.

3.2 New members

Bahamas

The Assembly voted unanimously to admit the Bahamas to the Union as a national member, represented by the Bahamas Psychological Association.

Guatemala

The Assembly voted unanimously to admit Guatemala to the Union as a national member, represented by the Guatemalan Psychological Association.

3.3 Change in adhering body

3.3.1 Italy

The Assembly voted unanimously to change the adhering body for the National Member for Italy to the Italian Network Psychologists Association (INPA).

3.4 New affiliates

3.4.1 SRCD

The Assembly voted unanimously to admit the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) as an affiliate to the Union.

¹ Note: Decisions made by the Assembly are boxed

3.4.2 European Association of Counselling Psychology

The Assembly voted unanimously to admit the European Association of Counselling Psychology (EACP) as an affiliate to the Union.

The criteria for and status of affiliate status were briefly discussed. The Secretary-General noted that the Officers are developing more explicit criteria for affiliate status, for further consideration by the Executive Committee.

4. Minutes

4.1 2008 Assembly

The Assembly unanimously adopted the 2008 Assembly minutes as received.

4.2 2008 EC

The Assembly received the 2008 EC minutes.

4.3 2009 EC

The Assembly received the 2009 EC minutes.

5. Report of the President

The President reviewed the Union's activities since the 2008 Assembly and referred the Assembly to the written report. Objectives to which action is directed include: to have a greater focus on regional conferences and events, to capitalize on the increased exposure offered by recognition through awards, and to improve the financial situation of the Union by increasing links to sources of funding.

The President particularly thanked the departing Deputy Secretary-General for her dedicated work for the Union over many years.

5.1 Ratification of the Secretary-General

The President provided a background to the proposal for the current Secretary-General to remain in post until the next Assembly in 2012.

The Assembly voted unanimously to ratify the extension of the tenure of the current Secretary-General until the next Assembly in 2012.

5.2 Ratification of the Deputy Secretary-General

The President provided a background to the proposal to retain the Deputy Secretary-General position and the recommendation of the Executive Committee to appoint Dr Ann Watts to the position. In response to questions, the Secretary-General provided additional background information on the candidate.

The Assembly voted unanimously to ratify the appointment of Dr Ann Watts to the position of Deputy Secretary-General forthwith.

6. Report of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General briefly introduced his report to the Assembly.

7. Report of the Executive Officer

The Executive Officer introduced himself to the Assembly and briefly outlined his role.

8. Report of the Treasurer

8.1 Financial statements

The Treasurer reviewed the Union's expenditures and revenues over the last two years. The Assembly noted the auditing arrangements and the strength of the current financial situation.

The Assembly voted unanimously to receive the financial report.

8.2 Quadrennial Budget Review

The Treasurer outlined the Union budget for the remainder of the current quadrennium.

Assembly delegates noted the generally conservative nature of the budget, whilst identifying that the budgeted slight excess of expenditure over income over a number of years might be a risk. The Treasurer pointed out that the anticipated net annual loss is small compared to the overall capital surplus.

The Assembly received the report of the Treasurer on the Quadrennial Budget.

9. Report on Strategic Planning

The Secretary-General briefly outlined the development of the Strategic Plan and referred delegates to the written report.

II Action

10. Statutes and Rules of Procedure

10.1 Election procedures

The Secretary-General outlined the rationale for the proposed statute change on how the last two members of the Executive Committee are elected, enabling the Assembly to determine what additional criteria might be considered and facilitating greater transparency through successive rather than concurrent voting.

In discussion, the Assembly noted the succinctness of the proposed change which makes the intention clear and solves a number of existing problems.

A typographical error was noted: "[g]" should read "[h]".

The Assembly voted unanimously to accept the proposed Statute change subject to the typographical correction.

10.2 Membership Structure and Dues Revision

10.2.1 Statutes Article 11

10.2.2 Rules of Procedure, Section 2

The President introduced the proposed changes to the statutes and rules of procedure for determining membership category and dues, noting that letters had been sent to all those National Members whose dues might increase, and that no disagreements had been received.

The Deputy Secretary-General provided a background to the proposed changes, which aim to meet the criteria that the statutes and rules of procedure should be transparent, objective and equitable. She outlined the procedure for determining the National Member Score and for determining dues level categories, and referred delegates to the written reports.

In discussion, the question of including the specific formula used to compute National Member scores in the Rules of Procedure was raised. The Secretary-General responded that the Rules of Procedure should capture the principles of the score computation, because the specific formula might change over time. He suggested that the computational formula be posted on the members' area of the Union website.

It was noted that in one of the written documents the category cut-off points for dues were in error and that this error should be corrected.

The proposal includes changing the number of delegates so that all National Members except for those in Category 1 have two delegates to the Assembly.

The issue of proxy voting (i.e. one delegate being able to vote for a second delegate when the second delegate is not present) was raised. The Secretary-General noted that the Statutes currently have no provision for proxy voting. It was suggested that the Officers and Executive Committee consider the advantage and disadvantages of proxy voting in relation to the intention of fair voting, and report back to a future Assembly.

The Assembly voted to accept the proposed changes to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure.

10.3 Policy on Free Circulation of Scientists

10.3.1 Statutes Article 3

The President introduced the proposed changes to the statute relating to policy on the free circulation of scientists.

In discussion it was noted that the changes bring the Union into line with some existing national policies.

The Assembly voted unanimously to accept the proposed changes to the Statutes.

11. Elections Committee

11.1 Election of two members to the committee for 2012 nominations and elections

Two delegates were nominated and seconded: Michel Denis and Kurt Pawlik. Both indicated their willingness to serve on the Elections Committee if elected.

The Assembly elected Michel Denis and Kurt Pawlik to the Elections Committee.

12. XXXI International Congress of Psychology (2016)

12.1 Selection of Venue

12.1.1 Presentation of bids (Italy; Japan)

The President introduced the item, noting that both bids met the formal requirements and that the decision on the selection of the venue for ICP2016 was entirely a matter for decision by the Assembly, with no recommendation from the Executive Committee.

The order of presentation was determined by the toss of a coin. Japan presented first. Questions and discussion followed the two presentations.

One delegate commended the Japanese bid on its plans for the inclusion of a student miniconference and visits program. The issue of budget flexibility in view of possible currency fluctuations was raised. The Italian team noted that their low budget allowed for flexibility, whilst the Japanese team indicated flexibility through possible changes in the contribution from the Japanese Psychological Association (JPA).

A secret ballot was conducted to choose the venue for ICP2016, subject to negotiation of a contract and a satisfactory site visit.

The Assembly voted by secret ballot that Japan be the venue for ICP2016, subject to negotiation of a contract and a satisfactory site visit.

The President thanked both teams for their excellent presentations and encouraged the Italian team to consider the possibility of bidding for future congresses.

III Discussion/Consultation

13. Standing Committee on Strategic Planning

The President introduced the work of the Committee and its associated working groups.

13.1 Awards and Recognition

The President outlined the progress achieved by the Awards and Recognition Work Group (chair Kan Zhang), including the award of the Mattei-Dogan prize and the development of plans for the new IUPsyS awards (Young Investigators Awards; Lifetime Career Award; Achievement Against the Odds Award).

13.2 Funding

The President briefly described the work of the Funding Work Group (chair Peter Frensch): the development of a database on the funding of international co-operations; plans for an edited volume on funding sources for international co-operative projects in psychology; a strategic meeting on the Union's financial activities.

13.3 Membership

The President outlined the work of the Membership Work Group (chair Helio Carpintero) in developing potential membership and reinstating Observer Category members to full status.

13.4 Policy

The President described progress made by the Policy Work Group (chair Maria Larsson) in reviewing current Union policies and developing potential new policies.

13.5 Quality Enhancement / Evaluation

The President briefly outlined the work of the Quality Enhancement / Evaluation Work Group (chair Barbara Tversky) in advancing the Union's approach to evaluating its projects and in developing evaluation instruments.

14. Standing Committee on Communications and Publications

The President introduced the work of the Committee, chaired by Bruce Overmier, and its associated working groups.

14.1 Communications and Publications Strategic Planning

The President described the work of the Communications and Publications Strategy Work Group (chair Bruce Overmier) in developing an integrated strategy for the International Journal of Psychology, the publication of Congress Abstracts and Proceedings, possible future book series, the development of a web portal and the expansion of the Newsletter and Bulletin.

14.2 International Journal of Psychology

The President noted the appointment of Michèle Robert as the new editor, the increased impact factor of the Journal and the increase in submissions.

14.3 Communication with National Members

The President described work conducted by the Work Group on Communications with National Members (chair Jim Georgas): development of a coordinated communication strategy, regular publication of the Newsletter and Monthly Bulletin, re-launch of the Union's web site and member listservers.

14.4 Web Resources

The President noted the progress made by the New Web Resources Work Group (chair Merry Bullock) in planning and developing the "Psychology Around the World" web resource.

15. Standing Committee on Capacity Building

The President introduced the work of the Standing Committee (chair: Laura Hernández-Guzman) and its associated working groups.

15.1 ARTS

The President outlined the work in preparation for the 2010 ARTS programme (liaison to ARTS Gonca Soygüt), including the signing of a memorandum of understanding (IUPsyS, IAAP & IACCP), fund-raising from National Members, establishment of an alumni network and the recent successful completion of the 2010 Seminars.

15.2 Education

The President briefly described the progress of the Education for Psychologists Work Group (chair Janak Pandey) in establishing an international advisory group, developing a survey on education and educational systems for psychology, running events and planning for an international expert workshop

15.3 Health

The President outlined the work of the Work Group (chair Ann Watts) on HealthNet and Health Psychology, including the development of and future plans for the Healthnet website and network, and involvement in WHO's revision of ICD-10 Mental and Behavioural Disorders.

15.4 National Capacity Building

The President briefly described the progress the Work Group on National Capacity Building (chair Pam Maras): establishing a virtual corresponding group, a workshop at SEERCP 2009 and other events, a survey of National Members on capacity building needs, and planned workshops at ARUPS 2010 and other forthcoming events.

15.5 Regional Conferences

The President briefly described the Union's involvement in the South-East European Regional Conference of Psychology (SEERCP 2009) and in the planned 2011 Caribbean Regional Conference of Psychology.

15.6 Other Capacity Building Activity

The President described the series of workshops for the Caucasus region on bereavement research and practice (one workshop held in October 2009, two planned for late 2010 and 2011).

16. International Congresses of Psychology

16.1 XXIX ICP (Berlin 2008) Final Report

The President noted the great success of ICP2008, and referred delegates to the article by Barbara Schauenburg and Peter Frensch in the IUPsyS Newsletter (volume 8 number 1). The Secretary-General explained that publication of the Final Report has been delayed because of the timing of German tax reporting procedures.

16.2 XXX ICP (Cape Town 2012) Progress Report

Saths Cooper, President of ICP2012, provided a progress report on the Congress. He noted that the second announcement and call for abstracts had been distributed at ICAP 2010. Planning is well in hand, with 43 topic divisions all with appointed African convenors. The congress team has analysed the strengths and weaknesses of past international congresses, and is building systematically on prior experience. Related events taking place in South Africa around the time of ICP2012 include IACCP 2012 and the ICOPE conference.

The Secretary-General, as Union's liaison with the ICP Committee, noted that progress on the organization of the congress is equal to or ahead of all previous congresses: planning is on target.

In discussion, it was suggested that the organizers consider placing a cap on the total number of low fee delegates.

17. WHO-ICD Initiative

Geoffrey Reed (Senior Project Officer for the Revision of ICD-10 Mental and Behavioural Disorders, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, WHO) provided a progress report. In particular, he emphasised the need for greater involvement of National Members, especially from under-represented areas, in the ICD-10 revision process, in particular in the survey of national and regional psychological societies and the formative field trials.

The Secretary-General thanked Geoffrey Reed and Ann Watts for their work in this area, and noted that we now need cooperation from National Members and psychologists across the world.

18. Assembly Consultation on Strategic Planning

The President introduced the consultation on strategic planning, proposing discussion on six topic areas:

- National Capacity Building
- Communication with National Members
- Policy
- Web resources
- Education for Psychology
- Evaluation and enhancement

It was proposed that the second group should be re-titled "communications with and services to national members"

Each discussion group was introduced by a member of the Executive Committee workgroups; discussion facilitators and rapporteurs were appointed by each group.

The written rapporteur reports from each group will be made available on the Members' area of the Union website.

IV Information

The Assembly was referred to the written reports for agenda items 19 to 23.

19. United Nations Secretariat and Regional Offices

20. International Council for Science (ICSU)

21. International Social Science Council (ISSC)

22. World Health Organization (WHO)

23. Organizations affiliated with IUPsyS

23.1 Report of the Joint IUPsyS-IAAP Committee

23.2 Report from Affiliated Organizations

23.3 Organizations in Liaison with IUPsyS

V Other Business

24. Any Other Business

24.1 Universal Declaration

Janel Gauthier introduced his written report: The Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles for Psychologists: A Living Document. He noted that the declaration has been endorsed or adopted by a number of national organisations as well as by international bodies, and that some organisations are using the Universal Declaration to develop or revise their own codes of ethics. He encouraged National Members to provide a link to the Universal Declaration from their own website² and to consider adopting or endorsing the Declaration.

25. Time and Place of the Next Assembly Meeting

The 2012 Assembly meeting will take place during ICP2012 in Cape Town, South Africa.

26. Adjournment

² The Universal Declaration is on the Union website at:
<http://www.iupsys.net/index.php/policy/113-universal-declaration-of-ethical-principles-for-psychologists->