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PRESIDENT COOPER PARTICIPATES IN THE 44TH BRAZILIAN ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

The Brazilian Psychology Society organized its 44th Annual Meeting in Ribeirão Preto, State of São Paulo, from 21-24 October 2014. This event comprised 19 lectures, 12 addresses, and 63 symposiums and round tables, with 900 research communications being presented. The event attracted 1,200 participants, including students, researchers and psychology professionals, from all 25 Brazilian states, as well as international guests, including President Cooper. Cooper delivered the closing lecture with the theme “Scientific Politics: The First International Congress of Physiological Psychology”. During this presentation Cooper highlighted the importance of interaction between scientists to promote the development of knowledge in psychology. The main theme of the Annual Meeting was the integration of diversities. Within this context, a meeting was also held between the Brazilian Psychology Society and 10 entities from specific areas in psychology in Brazil, where opportunities for interaction were discussed. The group also discussed the possibility of Brazil submitting a bid to host the International Congress of Psychology in 2024 (ICP 2024) in Rio de Janeiro, an idea that was very well received by the participants.

Mariza Monteiro Borges (President, Federal Council of Psychology); Saths Cooper (President, IUPsyS); Ricardo Gorayeb (President, Brazilian Society of Psychology); Dora Fix Ventura (Vice-President, Brazilian Society for the Advancement of Science); J. Landeira-Fernandez (President, National Association of Graduate Studies in Psychology).

Ricardo Gorayeb, President of the Brazilian Society of Psychology and President Cooper with students participating at the 44th Brazilian Annual Scientific Meeting.

Saths Cooper (President, IUPsyS) and Ricardo Gorayeb (President, Brazilian Society of Psychology).

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The Union has issued a call for nominations for the position of Treasurer. Nominations are due by January 31, 2015.

For more information, see:
http://www.iupsys.net/dotAsset/8278cb8d-c770-42d1-8cb3-f1261db35267.pdf

IUPsyS has great pleasure in announcing the call for nominations for the 2016 awards. The awards are as follows: Major Advancement in Psychological Science Prize; Young Investigator Awards; Achievement Against the Odds Award; and Lifetime Career Award. Nominations should be received by March 31, 2015.

Further information and nomination forms can be accessed at:
http://www.iupsys.net/about/awards/index.html

For more information, see: http://www.icp2016.jp/
Brazilian psychology is represented within the Union by The Brazilian National Association for Research and Graduate Studies in Psychology (ANPEPP) which has formed a consortium of four scientific and professional associations in Brazil: ANPEPP, The Brazilian Society of Psychology, The Brazilian Association of Organizational Psychology and the Brazilian Association of Social Psychology. News from the Brazilian Society of Psychology is provided below.

The Brazilian Society of Psychology (SBP) is a scientific association whose membership comprises professionals, researchers and students from different areas in psychology. Founded in 1971, it presently has 2,000 members from different categories. When it was founded, the psychology profession had not as yet been regulated in Brazil and there were no official bodies to inspect and guide the professional practice of psychology in Brazil, a role that the Society also performed initially.

With the creation of the Federal Psychology Council and regional Councils, the Society’s objective is now to develop actions that contribute to research, teaching and the advancement of psychology, as well as the promotion and exchange of the country’s students, professionals and researchers abroad. To achieve these objectives, SBP organizes activities in several fields. For the past 44 years SBP has held a yearly national scientific meeting that attracts 1,200 participants on average, and during which there are addresses, symposiums and courses. As such this takes the best of Brazilian and international scientific research to different regions in the Brazilian territory. In addition, SBP has held and supported smaller regional scientific events as a way of offering updates in psychological research and practice. SBP also publishes a scientific journal, Temas em Psicologia (Trends in Psychology), created in 1993. The journal is currently published every four months and its articles are indexed in several databases.

Lately, one of SBP Board’s priorities has been promoting interaction between different entities of psychology professionals. In this regard, it has established partnerships with other Brazilian associations whose membership comprises professionals from specific areas. During 2014/2015 this board is presided over by Ricardo Gorayeb and has as members Dora Fix Ventura, Marcelo Frota Benvenuti, J. Landeira-Fernandez, Ronaldo Pilati, Renata Tamie Nakao and Maria Rita Zoega Soares.

The Mozambican Association of Psychology (Associação de Psicologia de Moçambique - APM) is a social and professional institution that is endowed with judicial, financial, administrative and patrimonial autonomy. It promotes, with full independence and responsibility, the legitimate interests of its associates and advocates for the science and profession of psychology. It assumes a proactive role in the matters that affect or may come to affect the well-being of the local communities in Mozambique.

APM’s main purposes are to:
• Gather and represent the profession of psychology;
• Promote and protect the interests of psychology as a profession, in particular the dignity of its practitioners;
• Promote and protect professional ethics
• Promote and protect the development of psychology as a science;
• Ensure compliance with the law, and its respective regulations, in particular with regard to the title and profession of the psychologist;
• Uphold respect for the human rights, in particular those reflected in the “Universal Declaration of the Human Rights”.

The Board of Directors and Council of the Brazilian Society of Psychology.

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MOZAMBICAN ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOLOGY
The 17th Annual Conference of the Chinese Psychological Society was held in Beijing in October, 2014. An important round-table discussion was held during this event among the leaders from three national associations of psychology that neighbor each other in Eastern Asia, namely, the China Psychological Society (CPS), the Korean Psychological Association (KPA), and Japanese Psychological Association (JPA). The key figures that participated in the discussion included KPA President Prof. KyeMee Lee; JPA President Prof. Takao Sato; ICP 2016 Congress President, Prof. Kazuo Shigemasu; CPS General Secretary, Prof. Xiaolan Fu; and CPS Vice-President, Prof. Jianxin Zhang.

A round table, each side first gave a brief introduction about the development of their association and the status of psychological research, as well as services in their own country. It was concluded that there were many possibilities for psychologists from the three nations to work together in specific research areas, such as cultural psychology and health psychology. The first symposium of this kind was originally held in Korea in 2013 and the symposium in Beijing in 2014 followed from this. The three associations agreed to a proposal that such a symposium comprising participants from the three associations will in future be held during the annual conference of each association. The third symposium in this series will take place in Japan in 2015.

During the Beijing symposium, six researchers (two from each association) presented their findings to the audience at the CPS conference. All these presentations triggered stimulating questions and discussion between the speakers and the audience.

The topics of their presentations were as follows:
• “Biopsychosocial approach to stress and well-being”
• “Child abuse and forensic interviews”
• “Collectivistic independence promotes group functioning”
• “Health in the aged and globalized society: Future challenges and roles for psychology”
• “Pan-cultural self-enhancement: Evidence from China”
• “Traditional Chinese medicine compound ‘Zhizhuxiang’ exhibits anxiolytic-like effect in animal models”.

During the closing ceremony, CPS President, Prof. YueGuo-an, highlighted that facts that the round-table discussion and symposium organized by the Chinese-Korean-Japanese psychological associations was a new attempt to further develop Eastern Asian psychology.

The APM organizes an annual national congress of psychology and psychotherapy. The last congress took place in Maputo, from 18-19 September 2014, with 397 national and international professionals participating. The theme of this event was “The contribution of Psychology in the Peace Building process in Mozambique”. A highlight of the congress was a keynote address by Margarida Ventura, an Angolan participant who spoke about war-related research into psychological trauma in civilians and soldiers in Angola.

A General Assembly of the APM was held on 19 September 2014. Rosalina Siueia was elected as President of the Board of Directors. The former President of the Board of Directors, BoiaEfraime Jr., was elected as President of the Board of the General Assembly. For more information, see: http://www.apm.org.mz/new/
A resolution was passed at the 27th Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva that has sent a clear global message of support to those who experience violence and discrimination because of sexual orientation or gender identity. The new resolution, tabled by Uruguay, Chile and Brazil, called on the UN High Commissioner to update a 2012 study with a view to sharing best practices and methods of overcoming violence and discrimination. The resolution also expressed “grave concerns” at acts of violence and discrimination in all parts of the world against individuals due to their sexual orientation and gender identity. The resolution is viewed by many activists as a critically important achievement in upholding the principles of the Declaration of Human Rights.

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/

Neuroscientist John O’Keefe and psychologists May Britt and Edvard I Moser won this year’s Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. O’Keefe’s pioneering work in 1971 was confirmed a generation later, in 2005, by the Mosers, making a considerable contribution to behavioural science. This year’s Nobel Laureates received the prize for their discovery of cells that constitute a positioning system in the brain, an “inner GPS” in the brain, that makes it possible to orient ourselves in space, demonstrating a cellular basis for higher cognitive function. The President of the Norwegian Psychological Association and IUPsyS Vice President, Tor Levin Hofgaard, expressed his happiness for the three laureates and the scientific field of neuroscience. “Neuroscience has during the last two decades contributed substantially to our understanding of human functioning and pathology. I am happy to notice that psychology plays a major role”, Hofgaard said. For more information, see: http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/medicine/laureates/2014/