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1. IUPsyS Executive Committee meets in Yokohama, Japan

The annual meeting of the Union’s Executive Committee took place in Yokohama, Japan, 25-28 May, generously hosted by the Organizing Committee for the International Congress of Psychology (ICP) 2016 and the Japanese Psychological Association. The Committee visited the venue for ICP2016, the Pacifco Yokohama Convention Center, and heard about the progress and plans for ICP2016 (24-29 July 2016). The Committee will report on progress to the next General Assembly in Paris, July 2014. The Committee also considered the recommendations from the reviews of key areas of the Strategic Plan which have been conducted over the past year (on Membership, Policy, Regional Conferences and International Representation). More details will be provided prior to the Paris General Assembly.

2. IUPsyS requested to provide input on open access to scientific literature/data and the use of performance metrics

The Union has been asked by the International Council for Science (ICSU) to provide input to a discussion document for ICSU's 2014 General Assembly on the two related issues of: (1) open access to scientific literature and data, and (2) the evaluation of the performance of individuals, departments or universities by metrics.
A copy of the email sent to IUPsyS and providing details is available:
www.iupsys.net/images/announcements/icsu-open-access-request.pdf

If you wish to contribute to the Union’s response on these important topics, please send comments to the Executive Officer (executiveofficer@iupsys.org) as soon as possible, and by 31 July at the latest. Do not send your comments directly to ICSU as they will only receive responses from representatives of their Scientific Union members.

3. News from the International Council for Science (ICSU)

3.1 Study on scientists’ and engineers’ responsibilities. The ICSU and ISSC Secretariats have advised us that the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) is launching a study of scientists’ and engineer’s responsibilities. All scientists are invited to participate in a questionnaire aimed at identifying how scientists and engineers view their responsibilities. The AAAS is especially interested in reaching out to scientists in developing countries. The questionnaire, which is anonymous and should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete, is available at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/SciEngResponsibilities-Questionnaire

3.2 Vacancy: Executive Director of the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) Programme. ICSU invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the post of Executive Director of the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) programme, starting in December 2013 at the IRDR International Programme Office located in Beijing, China. IRDR is a decade-long, internationally integrated, all-hazards research programme bringing together the talents of the natural, social, medical and engineering sciences. The deadline for applications is 19 July 2013. Further details at: www.icsu.org/news-centre/jobs-at-icsu/jobs/vacancy-irdr-executive-director

3.3 Summer school on Linked Data, Big Data and the Semantic Web. The third ESWC (Extended Semantic Web Conference) Summer School takes place in Crete, Greece, 2-7 September 2013, and is intended for postgraduates studying in a Semantic Web related area or at an early stage in their career. The closing date for applications is 21 June. For further details, see: http://summerschool2013.eswc-conferences.org/

4. News from the International Social Science Council (ISSC)

4.1 Applications for early career social scientists to become World Social Science Fellows. Talented early career social and other scientists are encouraged to apply to participate in a seminar on “Risk Interpretation and Action: Decision-making under conditions of uncertainty” and become World Social Science Fellows. The deadline for applications is 15 July 2013. For details, see: www.worldsocialscience.org/2013/05/call-for-applications-world-social-science-fellows-2/

5. Forthcoming Regional Conferences of Psychology

The 13th European Congress of Psychology (ECP 2013) will be held in Stockholm, Sweden, on 9-12 July 2013. Further details: www.ecp2013.se/

The 34th Interamerican Congress of Psychology takes place in Brasilia, Brazil 15-19 July 2013. Further details: www.sip2013.org/eng/principal.html

The Fourth ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies (ARUPS) Conference takes place 23-26
October in Miriam College, Quezon City, Philippines. Further details: www.papconvention.org


The latest edition of Global Observer, the international newsletter of the Association for Psychological Science (APS) is now available: www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/global-observer

APS and the European Society for Cognitive Psychology are sponsoring a half day pre-conference symposium on “Building a Better Psychological Science: Good Data Practices and Replicability” on 28 August 2013 in Budapest, Hungary. For details: www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/convention/escop-precon

An integrative science symposium, co-sponsored by APS and the European Association for Developmental Psychology, “Understanding Environmental and Genetic Influences on Neurocognitive Development,” will be held 3 September 2013 in Lausanne, Switzerland at the 16th European Conference on Developmental Psychology. For details: www3.unil.ch/wpmu/ecdp2013/files/2013/03/EADP-APS_2013.pdf

7. American Psychological Association (APA) Nominations and Grants

The American Psychological Association (APA) is seeking nominations for two awards: APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology, and APA International Humanitarian Award (deadline for nominations for both is 1 June 2013). Details may be seen at: www.apa.org/international/programs/index.aspx

The APA is also seeking applications for grants on Program Development of National Psychology Associations (deadline 1 September 2013). Details at: www.apa.org/international/programs/index.aspx

8. American Psychological Foundation (APF) Grants

The American Psychological Foundation is seeking applications for the following grants: Henry P. David Grants for Research and for International Travel in Human Reproductive Behavior and Population Studies; Frances M. Culbertson Travel Grant, providing support for women from developing countries who are in the early stages of their careers by providing travel funds to attend international regional conferences in psychology. Details may be seen at: www.apa.org/international/programs/index.aspx

The APF is also seeking applications for The Kenneth B. and Mamie P. Clark Fund, which supports research and demonstration activities that promote the understanding of the relationship between self-identity and academic achievement, with an emphasis on children aged up to 14. Proposals are sought for the 2013 grant (of 10,000 USD) to support a research project by a graduate student, deadline 15 June. For details, see: www.apa.org/apf/funding/clark-fund.aspx

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