

**International Union of Psychological Science
Executive Committee (Outgoing)
Cape Town, 20-21 July 2012**

DRAFT MINUTES

Members in attendance: Helio Carpintero; James Georgas; Nick Hammond; Laura Henández-Guzmán; Pam Maras; Bruce Overmier; Janek Pandey; Pierre Ritchie; Michel Sabourin Rainer K Silbereisen (Chair); Gonca Soygüt; Barbara Tversky; Ann Watts; Kan Zhang

Invited guests: Merry Bullock; Verona Christmas-Best; Saths Cooper (for item 6.1); Toshihiko Hinobayashi (for item 6.2); Rohays Perry (for item 9.1); Michèle Robert; Kazuo Shigemasu (for item 6.2)

Apologies: Peter Frensch; Maria Larsson

0 Information on arrangements and reimbursement

The Treasurer provided members with information on *per diem* rates and reimbursements.

1 Adoption of the Agenda

The EC adopted the Agenda as received.

2 Report of the President

2.1 Orientation and goals

The President thanked all members of the EC for their contributions during the quadrennium.

The President noted the importance projecting consistent messages during the Assembly meetings, and briefly referred to the powerpoint presentation to be shown at the Assembly.

Resolved: The EC voted to record its thanks for the excellent and facilitatory leadership provided by the President during his term of office (Unanimous)

2.2 Recommendation for Secretary-General

Motion: To recommend to the Assembly the ratification of Ann Watts as the Secretary-General for the period 2012-2016 (Approved unanimously)

2.3 Recommendation for Treasurer

Motion: To recommend to the Assembly the ratification of Michel Sabourin as the Treasurer for the period 2012-2014 (Approved unanimously)

2.4 Recommendation for Treasurer-Designate

The Secretary-General reminded the meeting that position of Treasurer Designate is currently non-statutory, and noted the recommendations of the auditors commissioned to review the requirements for maintaining the status of the Union within Canadian law.

Motion: To recommend that the Assembly ratify a non-statutory position of Treasurer Designate (Approved unanimously)

Motion: To recommend to the Assembly the ratification of Jean-Pierre Blondin as the Treasurer Designate for the period 2012-2014 (Approved unanimously)

3 Report of the SG and DSG

3.1 Transition planning

The Secretary-General reported on transition activities for the Deputy Secretary-General, noting the support for the previous DSG, Merry Bullock, the Treasurer and the Executive Officer. The current DSG reported on the success of the transition process.

3.2 Planning for Treasurer Designate

The Secretary-General recommended that the transition for the Treasurer Designate should follow a process similar to that adopted for Deputy Secretary-General. It was noted that there is likely to be some overlap with the transition for a new Executive Officer.

3.3 Annual Report 2011

The Annual Report for 2011 was received by the Committee

3.4 Changes to Statutes and Rules of Procedure

The Committee reviewed the proposed changes to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure:

3.4.1 Deletion of Deputy Secretary-General and addition of Executive Officer

3.4.2 Clarification of eligibility for nominations from the floor at the Assembly

3.4.3 Universality of Science: Addition of free and responsible practice and equitable opportunities for access

3.4.4 Succession procedures for Secretary-General and Treasurer Post

It was noted that the new Statutes clarify that the Executive Officer is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. The Secretary-General confirmed that this position complies with Canadian law.

Motion: To recommend to the Assembly that all proposed changes to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure be adopted (Approved unanimously)

4 Report of the Treasurer

4.1 Auditor's report

4.1.1 Financial Statement 2011

The Treasurer tabled his report, noting a balanced budget and the strong reserve funds and accumulated surpluses.

It was suggested that consideration be given to reporting off-budget income and expenditure (e.g. DAAD funding). The Treasurer agreed that such reporting would be desirable for the future.

Motion: To receive the Financial Statement 2011 (Approved unanimously)

4.1.2 Financial Statement 2012

The Treasurer tabled his report, noting that a small deficit had been budgeted for the year (although there is a surplus over the quadrennium – see 4.2.1).

Motion: To receive the Financial Statement 2012 (Approved unanimously)

4.2 Quadrennial budget

4.2.1 Quadrennial budget 2009-2012

The Treasurer tabled the quadrennial budget 2008-2012, noting the anticipated surplus of about \$250K over the quadrennium.

4.2.2 Quadrennial budget 2013-2016

The Treasurer tabled the quadrennial budget 2012-2016, noting that the document is a first draft and conservative in its assumptions, especially for revenues.

5 Report of the Executive Officer

The EO's Report was received by the Committee.

The EO formally informed the Committee that he would not be seeking to renew his current contract when it expires on 31 August 2013. He expressed his willingness to support the transition to a new Executive Officer both prior to and following the end of his contract.

The Secretary-General wished to have recorded the fact that, had the EO not made this decision, a recommendation for renewal on the Union side would have been offered.

6 International Congresses

6.1 30th Congress (Cape Town 2012)

Dr Saths Cooper joined the meeting for this item

Saths Cooper provided an up-to-the-minute overview of ICP2012, highlighting the large number of delegates and of countries represented, the range of invited sessions, and the distinguished guests attending the Opening Ceremony.

The Secretary-General, as liaison to ICP2012, noted how effectively the team had worked together.

The President, on behalf of the whole Committee, congratulated Saths Cooper and the ICP2012 team on their hard work and the anticipated success of the Congress.

6.2 31st Congress (Yokohama 2016)

Professor Kazuo Shigemasu (President, ICP2016 Organizing Committee) and Professor Toshihiko Hinobayashi (Treasurer, ICP2016 Organizing Committee) joined the meeting for this item.

Kazuo Shigemasu presented a brief progress report on ICP2016, noting that the theme "Diversity in Harmony" is especially appropriate for the region and that events and activities are planned around the theme. Plans for the Scientific Programme are progressing, with over 100 keynotes and many symposia anticipated.

The Congress fees will be fixed when the second circular is published in December 2012.

6.2.1 Report of the liaison

The President, as liaison to ICP2016, confirmed that the team is now working well with the Union, and that progress is encouraging.

6.3 XXXII Congress (2020) bids

The Secretary-General reported that the Officers had received two draft bids in time for their April meeting and had provided feedback on these. They had considered the two revised bids at their recent meeting, and on the information available considered that that from the Czech Republic was receivable, while that from Italy was nominally receivable.

Following discussion the following motion was proposed:

Motion: To recommend that the Assembly be asked to consider the bids from both the Czech Republic and Italy (Approved unanimously)

It was further agreed that the Assembly should not be advised of the views of the EC on the respective merits of each bid.

The Secretary-General was asked to co-ordinate the provision of feedback to both teams on their bids in order to maximise the quality of information provided during the verbal presentations at the Assembly.

7 Archives

7.1 Archive agreement implementation

The Secretary-General, in his role as Archive Officer, confirmed that all the paper materials are now in Würzburg. Work on the electronic archives is deferred until later in 2012.

Pierre Ritchie confirmed that he would be willing to continue as Archive Officer should the incoming EC invite him to do so.

8 Standing Committee on Strategic Planning

8.1 Report on 2008-2012 Strategic Plan

The EC received the report on the 2008-2012 Strategic Plan.

8.2 Awards

Bruce Overmier informed the Committee of the winners of the Dogan Prize and the IUPsyS awards.

8.3 Funding

8.3.1 International Psychology Development Fund

Bruce Overmier reported that the first call on the IPD Fund was for ARTS (\$6,000). He noted that further promises of donations had been received, and encouraged EC members to do all they could to solicit for funds.

The Secretary-General stated that the Fund, and its success, was one of Bruce's true legacies on which he had worked hard and patiently.

Resolved: The Committee voted to record their thanks for the work of Bruce Overmier in establishing and building the International Psychology Development Fund.

8.4 Membership

8.4.1 Applications for membership

8.4.1.1 Grenada

Motion: To recommend that the Assembly consider and accept the application from Grenada for admission to the Union (Approved unanimously)

8.4.1.2 Lebanon

Motion: To recommend that the Assembly consider and accept the application from Lebanon for admission to the Union (Approved unanimously)

8.4.1.3 Trinidad and Tobago

Motion: To recommend that the Assembly consider and accept the application from Trinidad and Tobago for admission to the Union (Approved unanimously)

8.4.1.4 Botswana

An application for membership from Botswana was received during the course of the meeting, and the application was discussed.

Motion: To recommend that the Assembly consider and accept the application from Botswana for admission to the Union (Approved unanimously)

8.4.1.5 Applications already received by EC

The Committee noted that applications from Brazil, Cyprus, Malaysia, Mozambique and Sri Lanka had already been approved for consideration by the Assembly.

8.4.2 Changes in adhering body

8.4.2.1 Colombia

Motion: To recommend that the Assembly consider and accept the application from Colombia for a change in adhering body (Approved unanimously)

8.4.3 Category O members

The Treasurer reported that there are currently 17 Category O members, and noted that Slovenia and Zimbabwe now meet the criteria for transfer to Category O.

Motion: To transfer Slovenia and Zimbabwe to Category O membership (Approved unanimously)

8.4.4 Applications for Affiliate Status

8.4.4.1 ISPA (International School Psychology Association)

Motion: To recommend that the Assembly consider and accept the application from ISPA for Affiliate Status with the Union (Approved unanimously)

8.4.4.2 IAPR (International Association for the Psychology of Religion)

Motion: To recommend that the Assembly consider and accept the application from IAPR for Affiliate Status with the Union (Approved unanimously)

8.4.5 WG on Communication with National Members

James Georgas introduced his report, noting the improved structure of the Newsletter and his concerns over the limited extent of its circulation.

Motion: The Incoming EC should consider collecting further information on the impact of the Newsletter and Monthly Bulletin (Approved unanimously).

The Committee thanked James Georgas for his work in this area.

8.5 Policy

8.5.1 WG on policy development and policy statements

There was no discussion of this item

8.6 Quality enhancement and evaluation

8.6.1 WG on Quality enhancement and evaluation

Barbara Tversky noted that her work in the area had been completed, and she would be pleased to receive feedback.

8.7 2012-2016 Strategic Plan

The Secretary-General outlined the process of development of the new Strategic Plan and outlined its structure: its similarity to the previous Plan; its focus on the outcomes of strategic reviews; inclusion of new reviews, in particular on membership.

Motion: To recommend that the Assembly adopt the 2012-2016 Strategic Plan (Approved unanimously)

9 Standing Committee on Communications and Publications

9.1 Psychology Press Report

Rohays Perry presented her report. She noted that in terms of circulation the IJP had done well in a tough environment, and that the growth in electronic usage was strong. The entire journal, back to the first issue, is now digitised. The fall in the impact factor (to 0.404) is a problem, and an analysis of papers is under way.

The ICP2012 Abstracts will be available at the Congress; support for the website and PRATW continues.

The President thanked Rohays Perry for her report.

9.2 International Journal of Psychology

9.2.1 Editor's Report

Michèle Robert presented her report, noting that top priority is given to invited reviews. As a response to the large increase in the paper backlog, the intention is to tighten up the quality criteria for acceptance.

The President proposed that a small taskforce be set up to consider possible actions for improving the impact factor, including developing a plan of action for the current backlog.

Motion: The incoming EC should be asked to consider setting up a taskforce to develop a plan to deal with the current backlog and consider actions to improve the impact factor (Approved unanimously)

The President thanked Michèle Robert for her report.

9.2.2 Appointment of new editor

Bruce Overmier described the selection process for the new editor, with a strong shortlist of five candidates and the recommendation that Elena Grigorenko be appointed.

Motion: To offer the post of Editor of IJP to Professor Elena Grigorenko (Approved unanimously)

Michèle Robert expressed her willingness to do all she could to facilitate the transition to the new editor.

9.3 Psychology Resources around the World

Merry Bullock introduced her report. PRATW will be launched at ICP2012; country liaisons are being appointed; continued funding will be required in the next quadrennium.

The President thanked her for her report.

9.4 Book series

Plans for a possible book series are currently on hold, for consideration in the next quadrennium.

9.5 Review of publication arrangements

Bruce Overmier reviewed the status of the current contract with Psychology Press, and recommended that the EC consider the possibility of inviting new open tenders when the contact ends. The President noted that he had made some informal enquiries and had received some interesting suggestions.

Motion: The Incoming EC should consider inviting open tenders for publication arrangements following the end of the current contract with Psychology press (Approved unanimously)

10 Standing Committee on Capacity Building

10.1 Report on Capacity Building Strategy

The Committee noted the content of this report, which had been formally received at its previous meeting.

10.2 ARTS

Gonca Soygüt referred to the ARTS progress report, and noted that the 2012 Programme, recently completed, had been a success, although there were some accommodation problems exacerbated by the unusually cold weather.

The President thanked Gonca Soygüt and Nick Hammond (as ARTS Co-ordinator) for their report and their support for ARTS2012

10.3 Education / Development of the Discipline

10.3.1 Workgroup on Education for Psychologists

Janek Pandey spoke to his report, highlighting the success of the Dornburg Conference and the subsequent signing of a book contract.

10.3.1.1 Dornburg Conference

The President introduced his report, noting the support of the University of Jena and the excellent locale for the event.

10.3.1.1.1 Book

Two contracts have been signed: between Psychology Press and IUPsyS, and between Psychology Press and the book editors.

10.3.1.1.2 Implementation

The conference report includes a workplan which sets the stage for the next quadrennium, with a focus on exploring curricular issues.

10.4 Health

10.4.1 Workgroup on Health Net and Health Psychology

Ann Watts reminded the EC of the recommendations from the Health Net review (approved at the 2011 meeting of the EC) and noted progress in terms of materials on the "Psychology Resources Around the World" portal and the development of a survey database in conjunction with the WHO project.

The President emphasised the benefits to the Union in developing this area of work and thanked Ann Watts for her contributions.

10.5 National Capacity Building

10.5.1 Workgroup on National Capacity Building

Pam Maras referred to her paper, noting a number of key issues: the difficulty establishing contacts with local organisers when there is no existing network; the importance of collaboration with local organiser in planning the event, including surveying existing need; the involvement of people from previous NCB events as facilitators where possible. NCB events have stimulated applications for National Membership, bringing wider benefits for the Union.

The Secretary-General encouraged Pam Maras to consider writing a report on the long-term issues of National Capacity Building, as a guide for future capacity building events.

The President thanked Pam Maras for her report and work in this area.

10.6 Regional Capacity Building

10.6.1 Caucasus series

The President referred to the report on the third workshop in the series, and also those of the earlier workshops on the web. There are plans for a fourth workshop, with funding from IUPsyS and the University of Jena.

10.6.2 Psychological Intervention after Disasters in the Asia and Pacific Region

Kan Zhang noted the success of the workshop held in February 2012 in Beijing, supported by ICSU, the Chinese Psychological Society and the Union. There are encouraging possibilities for support for a further workshop.

The President noted that the workshop was a great example of how successful partnerships can work and thanked Kan Zhang for his contributions.

10.7 Regional Conferences

10.7.1 RCP 2011 (Caribbean)

The report on RCP2011 was received by the Committee. The President thanked Merry Bullock for her work as the Union's liaison.

10.7.2 RCP 2013 (Uganda)

Ann Watts reported on the planning meeting held in Kampala in April, noting the major work to be done. Since then, the scientific committee has started work and the budget is in preparation, and currently the main elements are in place. There will be a further planning meeting in Cape Town during ICP2012.

11 International Council for Science (ICSU)

11.1 ICSU General Assembly

The ICSU General Assembly was attended by the President, Secretary-General and Past President. The Secretary-General oversaw a presentation on the new Programme on Health and Wellbeing in the Changing Urban Environment, which received strong endorsement by the Assembly.

11.2 Nominations

Pierre Ritchie was successfully nominated as a member of the *Scientific Committee for the Programme on Health & Wellbeing in the Changing Urban Environment: A Systems Analysis Approach*, and Merry Bullock was successfully nominated as a member of the *Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the Conduct of Science*.

In addition, Jianxin Zhang from the Chinese Psychological Society is a member of the ICSU Asia & Pacific Regional Committee last year and is willing to represent IUPsyS interests.

11.3 CODATA

Michel Sabourin confirmed that he has resigned from the CODATA Board.

11.4 Scientific Committee for the Programme on Health & Wellbeing in the Changing Urban Environment

See above

11.5 Grants 2013

The Committee encourage the incoming EC and Officers to consider applying for a grant to support a follow-on to the successful Asia-Pacific workshop.

12 International Social Sciences Council (ISSC)

12.1 Report from the Executive Committee

Michel Sabourin reported that the ISSC is currently undergoing restructuring in line with their Strategic Plan.

12.2 Nominations for Committees

Rainer Silbereisen has been nominated as a member of the *Scientific Programme Committee for the Second ISSC World Social Science Forum*.

12.3 WSS Forum

The next World Social Science Forum will be in Montreal, in October 2013.

12.4 WSS Report

The Union has proposed a Chapter for the next World Social Science Report (Title: *On the Role of Genome Activity in Psychological Response to Disasters*; Authors: Silbereisen, van Ijzendoorn and Zhang).

13 WHO

13.1 Report from the WHO Main Representative

The Secretary-General reported that the Union continues to hold an Official Relations status with WHO and that we continue to have a robust relationship.

13.2 ICD Revision

The Secretary-General referred to the report, noting that the contract is extended to the end of 2014.

13.3 mhGAP

The Secretary-General noted that the new programme was launched at the end of 2011 and is a flagship area with a high priority status. The perception is that the Union is a main source of information on the science base and will be asked to make a substantive contribution.

14 UN New York Representation

The Secretary-General is currently the interim representative, and this will be considered by the incoming EC.

15 Relations with other organizations

15.1 IAAP

15.1.1 Meeting of Presidents/SGs

The Secretary-General briefly described the meeting between the Presidents and Secretaries-General of IAAP and IUPsyS that took place in Jena, Germany, in January 2012.

15.2 ITC

The report from Merry Bullock was received. The liaison for the next quadrennium should be considered by the incoming EC.

16 Review of Assembly Agenda and Logistics

The Executive Officer showed the draft powerpoints prepared for the Assembly.

17 Review of Cape Town activities

The logistics for IOCP2012 and related activities were reviewed.

18 Other business

Honorary life membership of the Executive Committee

Motion: That Pierre Ritchie be elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Executive Committee (Approved unanimously)

Motion: That Bruce Overmier Ritchie be elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Executive Committee (Approved unanimously)

Rainer K Silbereisen's term of Presidency

Motion: That a formal record be included in the minutes thanking Rainer Silbereisen for his commendable leadership and hard work throughout a highly successful and productive quadrennium (Approved unanimously)

19 Adjournment