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The 32nd International Congress of Psychology 2020 (ICP2020) will be held in Prague, Czech Republic. The Congress will take place from 19-24 July 2020 and will be organized around the theme “Psychology in the 21st Century: Open Minds, Societies & World”.

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REPORT OF THE 36TH INTER-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY

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BY: DR. HUGO KLAPPENBACH, PAST PRESIDENT 2015-2017, INTERAMERICAN SOCIETY OF PSYCHOLOGY (SIP)

The 36th Inter-American Congress of Psychology of IUPsyS Affiliate SIP was held from 23-27 July 2017 in Merida, Mexico. More than 1080 presentations, comprising addresses, symposia, posters and other types of papers were presented. Participants from all of the Americas, Europe and Africa attended the SIP Congress.

While the presentations covered the diverse fields of psychology, the importance given to human rights must be noted. IUPsyS President Cooper delivered an address entitled “Psychology from a human rights perspective” and convened an Invited Symposium on “Latin American psychology’s profile internationally: Achievements and challenges” with presentations by former IUPsyS EC member Rubén Ardila, Ricardo Gorayeb (Brazil), Cristina Richaud (Argentina) and IUPsyS EC member Germán Gutiérrez (Colombia).

Dr. Hugo Klappenbach’s address was on the subject “UNESCO, WHO, and international NGOs in the emergence of scientific organizations after the Second World War: The case of IUPsyS and SIP”. In his Presidential Address during the opening ceremony, Klappenbach noted that the entire collection of SIP’s Interamerican Journal of Psychology, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, was available on SIP’s website. He urged that “maybe as citizens, but also as psychologists, we must create democratic and sustainable strategies to prevent our world from falling into the hands of economic and financial powers, only interested in self profit. It is clear that economic and financial power is only interested in profits.” Klappenbach emphasized, “I believe that most citizens, beyond the legitimate differences among existing political views, are more interested in many more issues than only economic gain. Most people, and probably most psychologists, are interested in issues like the rational care of the planet’s reserves, for the expansion and democratization of education, equal justice, the protection of gender equality, tolerance and peace among peoples and countries, respect for the different. Using a term from community psychology, I consider that it is not strange to our métier to contribute to empower the most marginalized, vulnerable and unprotected sectors of our communities. And to strengthen an international citizenship that is able to direct economic and financial processes in the sense of a rational, humanitarian and fair direction.”

At the end of his Presidential Address, Klappenbach invited Interamerican psychologists “to convoke good dreams, as was the will of SIP’s founders in 1951. Our supports are the rigor of scientific knowledge on the one hand, and our commitment to promote the social relevance of psychology on the other.”

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IUPsyS President Cooper and SIP Past President Hugo Klappenbach

Roberto Corral (Cuba), Cristina Garro (Argentina), Hugo Klappenbach (Argentina, SIP Past President), Saths Cooper (South Africa, IUPsyS President), and Sandra Luna (Guatemala, SIP President)
The Psychological Society of South Africa (PsySSA) was proud to host the Inaugural Pan African Psychology Union Congress (PAPU 2017) at the International Convention Centre in Durban from 18-21 September 2017. Organised under the auspices of the Pan African Psychology Union, this historic event drew over 1000 delegates from all parts of Africa and the rest of the world. Although conceptualised as a continental psychology event, the interest and contributions from scholars, researchers and academics in other parts of the world was encouraging.

PAPU2017 kicked off with a colourful opening ceremony that characterised the African spirit and the vibrancy of the continent. A fun-filled cocktail reception and congress party followed. A feature of the opening ceremony was the conferring of the Biko-Fanon Award for Psychological Liberation on South African Chief Justice and President of the Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa Mogoeng Mogoeng.

The overall impression, and especially that derived from delegate feedback, has been that the programme provided a wide array of content with substantial engagement and stimulating debate ensuing in the various scientific sessions. While delegates were spoiled for choice, most agreed that the numerous specialised tracks allowed them to pursue their interests and spend more time gaining in-depth exposure on specific content. It was evident that the large number of focal symposia addressed this issue as well, providing important spaces for special interest groups within an inaugural continental conference that catered for all the numerous fields within psychology. The invited addresses by a number of internationally renowned scholars, including IUPsyS representatives, added to the numerous highlights in the scientific programme.

IUPsyS and PAPU leadership with African, Caribbean and North American delegates
A call for inputs to the Global Sustainable Development Report has been published. The GSDR was mandated by the United Nations' Member States in the outcome document of the 2012 Rio + 20 conference, and aims to strengthen the science-policy interface and provide an evidence-based instrument to support policymakers in promoting poverty eradication and sustainable development. For more information, see: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSjDMLFP44iwTf58-aDCoKnQnKTyprimZa2dx7cnzpFEow/viewform

Nominations are invited for the Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research, open to works in comparative studies from all social science disciplines. The prize is presented by the ISSC, the University of Bergen and the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR). Submissions can be an unpublished manuscript of book length, a printed book, or collected works published within the two years preceding the award ceremony. The deadline for nominations is 15 February 2018. For more information, see: http://www.worldsocialscience.org/2017/10/call-nominations-stein-rokkan-prize-2018/

At the October 2017 joint meeting of the ISSC and the International Council for Science (ICSU), members of both organizations voted overwhelmingly to merge, launching a process that will see the formation of a single global entity called the International Science Council in mid 2018. The vote launches a legal implementation phase to establish the new organization, setting ISSC and ICSU on a path to create a unified new council that will champion all sciences, across the disciplinary spectrum and in all parts of the world.

For more information, see: https://www.icsu.org/

To see how events unfolded in the Flickr album, see: https://www.flickr.com/photos/icsu/sets/721576889700276438