

IUPSYS 2006 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Athens, Greece

Session 1: July 20 2006, 09:00 – 12:00

0. Greetings and Announcements

Overmier greeted the EC members and noted that announcements of awards, changes, events, and honors would be made at Session 2.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without change

2. President's Orientation

Overmier reminded the EC that the purpose of this session was to prepare for the Assembly meeting and that ongoing issues would be addressed in Session 2.

3. 2006 Assembly Meeting

3.1 Overview of Session I

Ritchie outlined the structure of the Assembly meetings and informed the EC about external speakers during session I

3.2 Overview of Session II

4. Membership Issues

4.1 Liaison with national members

Overmier commended EC members for their liaison activities and noted that this initiative carried positive and negative potential that needed to be remembered in liaison activities. Contact with national members in developed countries may be perceived as intrusion; contact with national members or potential members in developing countries may raise expectations that the Union will provide services or resources of which we are not capable (funds, broker, etc). Product image that we carry is not adequate to the needs expressed by national members.

EC members reported that contact has been variable; some countries promise to respond and do not; others do not respond. Some respond with detailed sets of expectations and suggestions. There was also discussion of attention to developments at the regional level and using these regional affiliations to build identity and programs. Current activities in Asia may be model for other countries or regions. There was discussion of working with EFPA on regional groupings involving East European countries to encourage the development of collaborations where they do not exist.

Sabourin noted that the Membership committee has been addressing membership benefits and intends to survey countries to ask what they would want or need.

4.2 Observer Category.

Sabourin noted the countries that will enter observer status.

5. Treasurer's Report

Sabourin reviewed the 2005 Audited Financial Statements and the 2006 Budget as they will be presented to the Assembly.

6. Statutes

6.1 Revised statutes / rules

The EC reviewed the materials to be presented to the Assembly

6.2 Membership categories

The EC reviewed the materials to be presented to the Assembly

7. Terms of Reference for Standing Committees, workgroups

The EC reviewed the materials to be presented to the Assembly

8. Strategic Planning

8.1 Consultation with Assembly on Strategic Priorities and Programs

The EC reviewed the materials to be presented to the Assembly

9. Report on Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles

The EC reviewed the materials to be presented to the Assembly and the letter from Overmier to Gauthier outlining the Union's feedback.

10. Policy on Recognition of Psychology as a Profession

The EC reviewed the materials to be presented to the Assembly

11. Adjournment

**IUPSYS 2006 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Session 2**

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July 22-23, 2005

0. Greetings and Announcements

Overmier greeted the EC members and reviewed honors, professional changes and awards received in the last year. These included:

- Bullock received the 2006 APA Division 52 Outstanding Service Award
- Carpintero was elected a Fellow of IAAP, and was elected foreign member at the Academy Royale de Belgique
- Cooper received the International Humanitarian Award, Mumbai January 2006; is the Chairperson of the Medcover Medical Aid Scheme; won a Toyota Corolla in a CarHire-Airline competition
- Georgas was elected President of the IACCP
- Lunt was elected a Fellow of IAAP

- Khan was appointed Professor at the University of Aden 2005-2006
- Sanchez Sosa was elected to the National Council for Science and Technology in charge of evaluating candidates to the National System of Researchers
- Silbereisen was reelected Editor of Journal of the European Psychologist
- Rosenzweig was awarded Doctoris Honoris Causa from the University of Montreal
- Sabourin received the 2006 Canadian Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology as a Profession; received the Noel Maiolloux Lifetime Contribution to Psychology Award; received the 2006 APA Division 52 Distinguished International Psychologist Award

I. Procedural Items

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with an addition of 6.5, attention to conflict of interest with multiple organizations.

2. Minutes

The EC adopted the minutes

3. Report of the President

Overview of Assembly Meeting. Overmier reviewed the priorities to be addressed during the meeting, including new activities; publications issues and plans for new and future publications; assessing strategic priorities and how to implement them; and reviewing the outcomes of the consultation with the Assembly.

He reviewed the actions endorsed during the General Assembly. The Assembly endorsed the new structures of standing committees and workgroups, and terms of reference to provide a foundation and endorsement for moving forward; it endorsed a new policy statement on support for psychology, and it offered new visions for further consideration that require better use of technology to implement and disseminate information about IUPsyS activities.

Dual organizational roles. Overmier raised the issue of the proliferation of dual leadership roles in international organizations. These dual roles raise an issue of possible conflict of interest across international organizations. He noted that it is important to avoid the perception of conflict of interest or commitment and that it is important to maintain a context in which the leadership of each organization can freely discuss inter-organizational relations, which may be difficult when EC members are also leaders of other international organizations. This potential for conflict is particularly acute when the discussion concerns financial issues. Overmier noted that it is the President's responsibility to ask each individual on the EC to assess potential conflict of interest and to recuse themselves if appropriate after expressing their views as a member of the other organization. He noted that recusal is a matter of individual judgment but that any member of the EC might ask for a recusal if they perceive a conflict of interest.

Discussion concerned the benefits (increased opportunities for cooperation among organizations) and costs (perceived or actual conflict of interest; concentration of activity in a smaller pool of individuals) of multiple roles in international organizations was discussed

There was further discussion of the merits of multiple versus merged international organizations and of the importance of creating a platform for discussion of relations among international organizations. It was agreed that the officers will prepare a discussion of the issues of replication of leadership across organizations and of conflict of interest for the next EC meeting to create a platform for more clear and better understanding. This discussion will inform the nomination process and make the processes more transparent. It was also agreed that the issue be disseminated with IAAP and other organizations.

4. Report of the Secretary-General

Ritchie discussed the chronic issues of time management, the considerable administrative workload, and the need for a more substantial substructure for the administrative of the Union. He called for a discussion on these issues at the next year's EC in the interest of supporting the long term capacity of Union.

II. Action items

5. Report of the Treasurer

5.1 2006 Budget

The EC reviewed the 6-month budget statement.

Sabourin reported that ICSU has requested that members support the change in cost accounting from dollars to Euros by beginning to pay dues in Euros. There was a motion to ratify the decision of changing the ICSU dues from dollars to Euros with associated increased costs. It was agreed to pay the full amount for 2007 as an expression of support

The motion to pay the ICSU dues in the full amount in Euros was approved. The current ISCU dues will amount to approximately 3500 in dollars.

5.2 A report of unpaid dues for the past 3 year period was distributed.

5.3 Preliminary 2007 Budget

5.4 Implementation of Dues Category Revision

The workgroup on membership committee will revise the dues revision proposal and will bring this revised proposal to the 2007 EC

5.5 Auditors

The EC re-appointed Mizgala and Cie as auditors for 2006. It was noted that the issue of review procedures for the auditors would be addressed in a later EC meeting.

6. Standing Committee on Publications and Communications

(with guests Michael Stevens, Rohays Perry, Claudia Dalbert).
Denis welcomed the guests and reviewed the publication successes of the union.

6.1 International Journal of Psychology (Dalbert)

Editor Report: Editor Dalbert informed the EC about the journal progress. The editor transition is now complete. The journal's mission statement has been revised. The last year has brought a record number of manuscripts in absolute number and in number of countries represented.

Dalbert's goals are to extend IJP to new countries in terms of authors and content and to increase the visibility of the journal in coverage of countries and topics. Strategies to achieve this include events such as the "meet the editor" reception at the ICAP, content alerts and free downloads to single articles in each issue.

The backlog has been addressed and will be resolved by the middle of 2007.

The EC thanked Dalbert for the report and indicated its pleasure in the journal progress. The EC raised the policy of extended abstracts in three languages and reviewed the reasons for this policy as a means of indicating the Union's commitment to dissemination in multiple languages. The EC reinforced the requirement of an extended abstracts of 300 words for all new IJP articles. In addition the EC requested inclusion of the impact factor in the editor's annual report.

6.2 Psychology Resource CD-Rom (Stevens)

Denis noted that the 2006 edition of the CD Rom includes a number of new entries that expands access to psychology around the world. Other editors have been added to be in charge of specific parts of the CD Rom. Editor Stevens noted that the editors were expanding to new content areas and were augmenting the archival sections, especially the ethics section and the origins section. They are also looking for new venues for dissemination.

Stevens requested input from the EC on goals and expansion of the CD Rom. These might include:

1. Acquiring data bases
2. Expanding to make it more global in content - there needs to be discussion of the limits in terms of scope, content and language
3. What kinds of new materials to acquire. There was discussion of conference and congress abstracts, and Overmier noted that if they are not published elsewhere this would be a good addition but would require a commitment to have publishing those abstracts be consistent and continuous. One example of this is the ICAP abstracts which are not published elsewhere and will be in the next CD Rom - this is a positive direction.

Other discussion included adding resources directed to individuals in different parts of the world; discussing the target CD Rom audience, especially if multiple languages are included, and targeting the needs that this would address.

Stevens noted that a geographical expansion might be to Latin American which represents a well established psychology in many regions of the world and would open a large market. However such an expansion would entail increased cost, although technological changes may ameliorate this.

There was a suggestion to develop a policy statement about conference materials on what want and what will accept.

Overmier suggested that one guide might be whether the organization submitting the materials is affiliated with the Union.

It was agreed that the editors will consider the publication of abstracts from larger regions of the world and will prepare a statement for consideration by the publications committee.

There was also discussion about avoiding outdated information, especially directories (e.g., directory of child institutions)

The EC noted that it would like to see the questions of what will be included in the CD Rom to be addressed in a proposal for the next EC meeting.

The question of a web-based migration was raised. The EC agreed this was a timely topic but cautioned that IUPsyS constituents still require CD Rom access because of costly access to the internet and variable access to computers.

6.3 Commercial / proprietary aspects of Union documents / publications

There was discussion of the extent to which the CD Rom is proprietary when it includes materials donated from other organizations.

6.4 Psychology Press (Perry)

(to be reviewed later in the session)

Denis welcomed Psychology Press publisher Rohays Perry.

Perry expanded on her printed report. She noted that the report focused mainly on the journal because the CD Rom editors had report on the Resource (CD Rom).

In her remarks, Perry focused on the Resource File and on the issues of migrating it to the web. The advantages of a web-based Resource (e.g., the CD Rom) will increase as this is also the future of journals publishing. For example, expectations are increasing from libraries so having the CD (and other data bases) online for libraries and subscribers allows different marketing and promotion models For example online data bases provide feedback on who is using it and how they are using it. This has an advantage over the CD which offers no feedback about whether or how it is used, once it is delivered. This project might begin with the directory which is the heart of the CD. It would serve to make it more visible and more available.

Perry also reported that individual and library subscriptions to the journal are stable; but the journal is also included in bundled data bases. These include charitable global initiatives (e.g., Hinari) that is all-online. Including the CD as a web based resource in something like that would increase its range and usefulness.

There was discussion of the directories on the CD Rom and a need to increase the incentives for being included in the directories. Possibilities discussed included free access; tally a count of hits as information to departments.

There was also discussion of a translation facility?

6.5 Development of Policy Framework for Review of Publishing Arrangements

The Union has received offers from publishers to take over the Union's publishing activities. These offers serve as an impetus to develop an explicit framework for the Union's publishing needs and requirements, and how they may best be served.

It was noted that although the present relation with Psychology Press is very positive and beneficial and that there are very good working relations, it will be important to undertake a review of the needs and requirements as they have changed over the last several years. In addition, the publications committee has been increasing the numbers and kinds of publications and these may require new relationships.

It was agreed to charge the Standing Committee on Publications and Communications with taking a look at the anticipated publishing needs for the Union and to suggest criteria that will inform any publishing arrangement and negotiation. Preliminary suggestions were to develop mechanisms for increasing individual subscriptions (perhaps through a membership category) and increasing activities related to publishing such as book endorsements, and to develop a set of publications goals and criteria for assessing publisher proposals.

ACTION: The Publications and Communications committee is remanded to prepare a report for the 2007 EC that reviews the publication program, articulates the principles guiding IUPsyS publications, and suggests the needs and goals of the publication program. In addition, the committee should suggest criteria to inform negotiations and publisher decisions.

6.6 New ideas for Publications Programme

Chair Denis asked for suggestions for new publications. He reported discussion with Psychology Press about slim books. According to Perry the key will be to appoint editors and advisory boards who will be able to encourage books written in an accessible and interesting level. The books need to be small, inexpensive, and identified with the Union to make a visible statement. In content, they should focus on psychological science. Perry also cautioned that Psychology Press expects variable success from these books so when they launch a series they would like to launch a large number of slim books (e.g., 25). She would like the Union to commission 12-20 from the start. Will be crucial to find the right editor.

The EC discussed some examples of titles: decision making research in the business world (Kahneman); health psychology topics; education; conflict resolution, etc.

It was noted that the series would need a repeating front end part of the title: something like "Psychological science tools for XXX" business decision making business education, diplomats, etc etc.

The EC was charged to send suggestions for content and titles to the Committee Chair Denis. It will be important to rapidly develop a list of 10-20 potential titles.

The Publications and Communication committee was charged with developing a set of explicit guidelines, and a series statement to send to potential authors and to recruit an editor and advisors.

6.7, 6.8 Web, Newsletter

The Web and Newsletter are major information vehicles for the Union. EC members were encouraged to use these links to send information for dissemination.

6.9 Conceptual History project

It was announced that the book is now published and available at the International Congress. The EC voiced congratulations to Psychology Press on making it possible to show the book at the Congress.

6.10 Proceedings of XXVIII Congress

6.11 Proceedings of XXIX Congress

The Union is expecting names of editors and titles in the near future.

7. Standing Committee on Capacity Building (Lunt, Georgas, Lemaire, Nair)

Lunt reviewed the standing committee's activities and focused first on two workgroups on direct capacity building

7.1 Development of Evaluation Criteria for Capacity Building

Lunt discussed the need to develop outcome measures and evaluative criteria for the Union's national capacity building efforts in order to gauge successful strategies and in order to have information relevant to funding efforts. General national capacity building measures might include: forming a national association, becoming a member of IUPsyS; establishing standards for education and training; establishing what is required to be called a psychologist; developing standards for the profession and the discipline. For some activities such as the tsunami workshops, it is necessary to develop more specific outcome evaluations.

7.2 Work Group on the Development of National Organizations (Nair, Cooper, Khan)

Nair reviewed the activities of this workgroup, which included a symposium at the 2002 Singapore ICAP meeting, a workshop in the MENA conference (which resulted in a regional grouping) and the initial tsunami activities, which have spun off subsequent meetings, symposia and which were a catalyst in the current ASEAN activities.

New regional groupings include the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) group and ARUPS (Asean Regional Union of Psychological Societies), which is inaugurating its first activities. ARUPS is built around the formal political affiliation in SE Asia, ASEAN. The first

Congress will be August 1-2 2006, preceded by a meeting of Presidents of national psychology associations or their representatives in the region.

The model for ARUPS is the EFPA template of a political grouping to create leverage for national psychology associations to form a viable grouping and to ask for funds and legislation and standardization in the countries.

Lunt pointed out that the Union is uniquely placed to share practices and share expertise so that individual associations do not need to set up activities on their own but can take models and templates from other organizations to set up similar procedures, strategies and goals.

There was discussion of other National capacity building goals. Comments included a workshop on educational standards for psychology for Jordan; a template for sample association constitutions; a model for the establishment of national associations.

There was discussion of two pathways of providing resources and documents and of conducting direct hands-on workshops. It was felt important to place documentation into context and that this was most effectively done with workshops.

7.2.1 Tsunami Project

Nair reviewed the Tsunami project history, partners and followup. She reported an expectation from participants that this should be a longer term activity that would contribute to the community and that would provide a vehicle for long term evaluation of the effectiveness of an intervention through participation in a long term assessment evaluation intervention cycle.

Discussion concerned the role of the Union in serving as a catalyst vs. engaging in direct intervention, and whether the tsunami events were focused more on assessment and evaluation or on training and intervention. Although there was recognition of the great need for interventions it was not clear to the EC that the Union had a direct role beyond serving as a catalyst. Discussion also addressed the need to gather support for training activities (e.g., training in assessment methodology)

7.3 Work Group on Arts (Lunt, Keller)

Lunt reviewed ARTS as a series of workshops jointly from the Union, IAAP, IACCP that are targeted at individuals and are generous in supporting attendance at congresses. There were 41 participants in the 2006 ARTS. Extensive evaluations were collected about the ARTS programs, including their ideas for future ARTS. Evaluations of the two ARTS completed so far have been very positive in terms of topics and procedures; individuals are serious scholars who have benefited enormously from the program. ARTS participants serve as potential ambassadors for psychology; in addition learning substantive information from ARTS, each one can help to strengthen psychology in their national and regional context.

Lunt raised the issue of the need for regularized mechanisms for ARTS funding, including procedures for raising and allocating funds.

Traditionally, ARTS has been self-contained with the conveners raising and dispersing funds. Lunt noted the belief that donors want to have specific project for which they give funds means that ARTS should not be merged with other capacity building projects. She suggested that ARTS could be coordinated with the broader national capacity building activities, for example by encouraging national associations to support attendance (e.g., PsySSA sponsored one individual to attend ARTS; this person returns to SA and develops initiatives etc).

Discussion then turned to overall capacity building efforts and the challenge of balancing individual, direct capacity building (such as ARTS) and organizational capacity building involves countries and psychological associations. There was general consensus that as an international umbrella organization IUPsyS has an opportunity to focus on the multiplier effect of its activities. Building capacity on the level of multipliers may focus on national associations or individuals as representatives of a domain or region. The goal of capacity building is not to deliver outcomes (e.g., relief operations, individual instruction, etc) but to serve as a broker of knowledge and expertise and skills. The two principles guiding capacity building are having a multiplier effect and having a broad regional spread.

7.4 Work Group on Education for Psychologists (Georgas, Nair)

The focus of this work group is on developing international standards for education. The workgroup sponsored a symposium at the ICAP and has proposed workshops for regional congresses. Lunt and Georgas will write up a summary of the ICAP symposium in preparation for moving the goals forward in a symposium in Berlin. The ultimate goal of the project is a "world diploma" in psychology, but it is important to support countries as they are developing models of training.

One of the outcomes of the symposium is that although there are very different approaches to the education and accreditation of psychologists, there are more commonalities in education systems across countries than there are differences.

Disseminating information about the commonalities and differences across educational systems and models would be an important Union activity in to support of the development of common standards.

7.5 Work Group on Psychological Science Informing Educational Practice (Lemaire, Bullock, Tversky)

This new workgroup sponsored a symposium on psychology informing education at the ICAP. For Berlin the group will sponsor symposia that might lead to book production: (a) on how visualizations and diagrams can foster educational progress; and (b) on math cognition and how knowledge in math can inform education. There was a suggestion of doing presentations of what we have to offer at conferences of other sciences.

Future discussion will address the capacity building outcomes of the workgroup.

7.6 Work Group on HealthNet and Health Psychology (Sanchez Sosa, Khan, Ritchie)

Healthnet activities were initially disseminated via a printed newsletter, which is now online. Healthnet contributes to capacity building via its network and webpage which includes news from WHO, research findings applicable to health; descriptive news relevant to the development of applications. The users are primarily psychologists from developing countries. The new web capacity will allow keeping track of who asks for what kind of activity or service and it will be possible to provide support.

8. Standing Committee on Strategic Planning (Overmier, Bullock, Cooper, Denis, Lunt, Ritchie, Sabourin)

8.1 Work Group on Funding (Cooper, Lunt, Sabourin, Silbereisen)

This workgroup will provide a report for the next EC

8.1.1 International Psychology Development Fund (Overmier)

Overmier reported that the fund has been established and contributions and commitments are beginning to come in. Overmier would like to have a statement with the fund that indicates that the officers and executive committee have contributed to the fund, and encouraged EC members to complete their pledges.

There was agreement that it is necessary to develop a campaign to carry the fund forward. There was discussion of ways to encourage this, including establishing "charter subscribers" and other categories of support, including donations in honor of someone who (if a psychologist) would be highlighted on the web. There was a suggestion to have an event in Berlin to publicize this fund.

The EC noted that it is important to develop incentives for contributing to the fund; these incentives might be country specific, especially for tax purposes, and it might be important to find country affiliates to maximize these incentives. If the fund will be introduced in Berlin it would be important to explore German tax exemption. Such a possibility would need to be negotiated rapidly.

There was discussion of applying this fund to Category O countries as a "Category O fund" for dues assistance for national members on their request with the understanding that this is a request to tide them over. WHO WILL WORK ON THIS?.

8.2 Work Group on Membership (Sabourin, Carpintero)

Sabourin reported on the activities of the workgroup whose primary activity was to refine the dues category system. Other ongoing activities include (a) Defining membership benefits (the workgroup is presently gathering information from National Members)

For next EC the workgroup will present (a) a report on membership benefits based on NM input and Category O input; (b) A report on a proposed new dues system, that captures the call for increased transparency and visibility in the assignment of dues. The GA action on the one country one vote idea will be incorporated into this report.

8.3 Work Group on Awards (Silbereisen, Denis, Ritchie)

8.3.1 Procedures for Dogan Foundation Award

Following the decision of the last EC to pursue relations with the Dogan Foundation, Silbereisen negotiated the Mattei Dogan Foundation Prize for the Union. The contract is signed. The prize is for "a team of scholars who have contributed to a major advance in psychology and who hold a high reputation."

The contract specifies that a call for nominations must go out two years before an international congress. There needs to be an immediate note on the web page alerting readers to the forthcoming call. The contract also indicates that there needs to be a jury to decide the awards but does not specify who the jury is. It was suggested that this jury be recruited from colleagues not on the EC.

Beyond the Dogan Prize, the workgroup will develop a series of awards over the next 5 years. There was discussion of the kinds of awards (Young investigator; Career; Achievement against the odds; Social policy award) and a commitment to developing awards for a broad pool of scientists from all over the world

The workgroup will develop a report for the next EC in which they outline criteria and procedures for all awards beyond the Dogan award, including whether there needs to be a monetary benefit.

8.3.2 Certificates and other forms of recognition

Overmier noted that the Union has given internal certificates of recognition on past occasions. Presidential practice has been to continue this procedure and to also send a letter to the recipient's institution informing them that the individual has received a certificate. This can have a multiplier effect within the recipient's institution.

The EC decided to continue and promote certificates of recognition, and requested that a policy outlining the procedures for granting certificates be developed. This should include clear nomination procedures; endorsement by at least two individuals, procedure for selection. It was agreed that the awards would be presented at the General Assembly every two years.

8.4 Establishment of strategic priorities and implementation plan

8.4.1 Review of Assembly consultation and recommendations

The GA received the new strategic plan and endorsed the present structural changes toward fewer standing committees and a larger number of workgroups. At the next Assembly meeting the EC will need to provide feedback to the GA on the present strategic plan and progress toward its goals.

Discussion of the General Assembly consultation focused on the request for IUPsyS to develop compendia of what psychology knows on a topic, such as research syntheses on important issues of the general social change arena, bringing together the best of most modern psychological insight. The request is for quality, filtered information that will be relevant for large scale internationally recognized policy issues.

The EC noted producing this information through scoping exercises, priority area assessments, state of the art papers, etc. requires considerable funding (75,000-150,000 USD per activity). A first step might be for the Union to gather the information in a searchable, downloadable bibliography, and to use the web site to develop an interactive site for interventions reports. Such a project might take oversight from an advisory board of distinguished scientists who would vet this information, and who could help develop criteria and standards for information with the Campbell collaboration as a model).

There was a suggestion to approach Google for assistance in this project -- for psychological information. Tversky will pursue this with input from EC

The Officers will take this up in the officers meeting to develop outcomes.

8.5 Policy on policy statements

The EC considered the policy document on writing policy statements.

The EC adopted the text in principle and delegated fine tuning to the wording to the officers.

9. ISCU and ISSC

9.1 Meetings with ICSU & ISSC officials

Overmier reported on a meeting between the Union, President, Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General and ICSU officials.

9.2 ICSU Review of Dues Structure

ICSU has formed a committee to evaluate the nature and size of its constituent societies and how lucrative their scientific field is.

9.3 ICSU Review of Grants Program

The ICSU Grants program is under extensive review. In the interim the Grants Programme has been suspended until the review is complete.

9.4 ICSU Strategic Project on Health and Well-being

There is a scoping group for this initiative. [Who represents psychology in this group?]

9.5 ICSU Committee on Developing Countries

9.6 ICSU Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in Science

The IUPsyS representative is Zhang who is in his second term on the committee.

9.7 CODATA

Sabourin reported on CODATA activities. He serves on the Executive Board and is a candidate for the next election. He is Chair of the finance committee and member of the scientific committee for the ICSU Congress in Beijing. The CODATA main activities include the followup of the World Summit on the Information Society - looking for ways to implement proposals made in Tunisia. Sabourin is also the chair of the Canadian national committee of CODATA

Sabourin reported that CODATA would be likely to cosponsor activities on database management and database issues. There are specific rules of interoperability and data mining that are being developed across the sciences, and these have not been visible in psychology. These issues are of concern, especially with the growth of archival work in brain research, genetics, language,

9.8 Regional offices

ICSU has placed the development of regional offices a priority. Two regional offices are open, South Africa (IUPsyS was represented by Cooper at the opening) and Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur (Zhang is member of the advisory committee). The 3rd that will open will be Brazil and Sanchez-Sosa will represent the IUPsyS.

9.9 ISSC General Assembly (November, 2006)

The EC discussed anticipated topics at the ISSC General Assembly, including constitutional amendments, nominations and finances.

9.9.1 Constitutional Amendments

The EC charged the IUPsyS delegates with listening to debates about the constitutional amendments and voting accordingly

9.9.2 Strategic Planning and Reforms

9.9.3 Nominations to 2006-2008 EC

The EC moved to nominate Rainer Silbereisen to the EC for ISSC. Silbereisen will send a CV to Ritchie for submission to the ISSC.

9.9.4 ISSC Delegates

The EC ratified Sabourin, Overmier and Silbereisen as delegates to the ISSC Assembly assuming that Silbereisen can get resources for travel.

10. Future representation of international social science

The EC discussed the financial issues of ISSC, its future viability and IUPsyS participation. The Officers recommended remaining involved as members in ISSC, while at the same time pursuing active involvement of the behavioral and social sciences in ICSU projects and activities

11. Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles

Overmier reviewed the history of the document and the meetings in which the document was presented, and presented the Officer's opinion that the present document would need to be simplified to accomplish the goal of presenting universal principles. He noted that there is no plan to change the structure of the document. Different organizations have provided different feedback. Other organizations that are interested in using this document as a base for their own codes of ethics have been asking for more, not fewer, articles.

From discussion, the EC noted that although the GA endorses the idea of having a set of fundamental principles that should guide the development of national codes of ethics, they also believe these should be more general and less specific.

The Union will reiterated its response that the article structure is still seen as too specific to form a set of universal principles and that the wording needs to focus on value words, not action words.

The EC will transmit the minutes of the discussions to Gauthier and the other endorsing organizations, expressing their appreciation for the initiative and reiterating that the EC would like to see a revision that comes closer to a declaration of principles

The EC is prepared to discuss this again at the 2007 EC meeting

12. International Congresses of Psychology

12.1 XXIX Congress (Berlin) Progress Report (Frensch & colleagues)

Denis (liaison to the Congress) welcomed Peter Frensch (President) and Barbara Schauenberg (Secretary-General) of the Congress.

12.1.1 Meeting with Organizers

The organizers circulated a report on the Congress and discussed selected aspects including the call for submissions, fee structure and financial assistance program.

Questions from the EC concerned

- Definition of majority world (list obtained from the UN, corrected World Bank. This list is updated every year.)
- Models used to support majority world participation: model 1: provide travel and accommodation (and fees typically waived). Model 2 is to ONLY reduce the fees. Berlin Congress is using the model in its extended fashion
- Listing of fees: The suggestion was made to not list low=fee countries but rather to list high fee countries with the statement that "all other countries" pay a lower fee.
- Program Development. In answer to questions about geographical distribution , Frensch indicated he would accept names from national members. The organizers noted about 25% of the programming remained to be filled. Decisions for filling these slots will be January or February 2007. The organizers are aware of the need to reach out geographically. Mechanisms for reaching out will be varied and may or may not involve the national members. The EC encouraged the organizers to use National Members as a resource for filling in the gaps in distribution, with the caveat that quality standards will be met, and encouraged the organizers to be frank with the National member if the submissions are not considered to be of sufficiently high quality.
- Final submission deadline. Some believed it was too late because it would preclude younger and more junior scholars from responding. There was discussion of pairing early replies for obtaining funding and late enough to encourage participation.
- Young Scientist Program. "Young scientists" are defined as under 35 with PhD or within 5 years of PhD. The content of the

program is being developed and will include face to face meetings, networking, working with established scholars. This will be established in the next 8 months. The Program will be accompanied by program generated by young scientists themselves. The organizers will address program and accommodation needs, how to seek contact and interchange with other scientists. Note that any related programs need to take place early in the program because coordinating problems are major ones.

- There was a question of providing prizes for young psychologists (e.g. best paper on the congress ;
- Abstract publication : Abstracts will be published only for those who apply to do so
- There was discussion of awards based on posters for students and younger scholars.
- There will be an integration of the National Congress and the ICP. There will be no national congress in Germany in that year.
- The Berlin Secretariat is working on Question of Certification and APA credit
- In response to questions concerning the conference center the organizers assured that the Conference Center Air conditioned and that there will be signage.

The EC congratulated the organizers on their good preparatory steps in the preparation of the Congress and offered itself at its disposal.

The Congress Executive Committee will meet in Berlin, late Fall

12.2 XXX Congress (Cape Town) Progress Report

The initial liaison visit will occur in September

Cooper reported that the South African organizers have created a non-profit company. A Letter will be sent to the government for seed money for the Congress. Support for the Congress is provided on an ongoing basis until 2011.

Information has been sent to all the departments and divisions of psychology to advertise. The Congress Secretary- General, (Ann Watts) is beginning to shadow to learn what to do.

Ritchie reported that there have been preliminary discussions on the contact which is not yet signed but is underway.

12.3 XXXI Congress solicitation of bids for the congress in 2016

There is a need to begin the solicitation process, but it requires enthusiastic interest in hosting the Congress. There have been expressions of interest from: Hispanic world, mostly southern America.

Geographically this is useful as the ICAP in 2010 is Melbourne 2010 and the ICAP 2014 is Paris

There was discussion about relevant psychology events in 2016. For example it will be the 80th anniversary [of what?] in Spain; Brazil does not have a consistent liaison function with the Union but would pose an interesting venue.

13. Regional Conferences

13.1 Future Regional Conferences

13.1.1 2007 (Amman, Jordan)

There was discussion of specific dates and a preference for August, temperature notwithstanding. Khan noted that there is a great deal of interest in conferences in the middle east which suggests that participation will be good.

Suggestion to ask Dubai to continue to support this effort as a followup to MENA

The EC moved to support the 2007 regional congress in psychology in Amman Jordan. This idea is supported by the IAAP.

THE EC moved to adopt Amman Jordan as the 2007 site for the regional conference in psychology.

Additional comments were that any activities include capacity building activities. It was noted that the agreement with IAAP includes capacity building as a focus.

13.1.2 2009

2009 will be IAAP's turn and normally they would make this choice . Presently there is a proposal to hold a meeting in Nigeria.

III. Discussion items

14. Committee for the Psychological Study of Peace

The EC reviewed the history of the Committee. At its beginning , the Union agreed to endorse the committee and expected reports and some oversight on its activities. At one point the Union did engage in grant writing and received reports, but generally was not involved in the generation or implementation of the committee's activities. At present, the relationship has become more uneasy as the Union has little knowledge of the committee's activities that are nonetheless carried out under the Union's auspices. The present chair, Dan Christie, welcomes working with the Union.

The focus of the discussion was on organizational issues of the relation between the Union and a group with a substantive focus. It was noted that this was an area for which the Union does not have a policy or policy framework and that alternatives were incorporating that function into the Union structure or proposing a solution whereby the organization constitutes itself and affiliates with the Union.

Ritchie proposed a motion that the EC encourage the Peace Committee to form an independent association. This motion was proposed as a cordial invitation to the Peace Committee to use the Union's assistance in becoming an independent organization. The EC considered that the Committee on

Peace, begun under the auspices of the Union, is now sufficiently developed to be able to constitute an independent organization.,

The EC passed the motion with the addendum that the Officers work on the wording of the memo conveying the item to be sure the intent to offer encouragement, and substantive input is clear. Roughly, " The Executive Committee endorsed a resolution in principle to encourage the Committee on Peace to establish itself as an independent organization that will be welcomed to affiliate itself with IUPsyS"

The EC adopted the following statement.

Wording:

Whereas the psychological study of peace is an important area of psychology with the potential to make important contributions to society;

Whereas the Committee for the Psychological Study of Peace has a demonstrated record of accomplishing its activities and securing funding for them;

Therefore the EC invites and encourages the Committee for the Psychological Study of Peace to establish itself as an independent organization and to seek affiliation with the Union.

15. Special projects

15.1 ISCU Projects

The EC received updates on (a) the ICSU Category I - Human Dimensions of Global Change: Human Perceptions & Behaviour in Sustainable Water Use; the ICSU : IAU Category I - The Impact of Asteroids, which is an important project put forward by international astronomical union; the International Polar Year

15.2 ISSC (discussed earlier)

15.2.1 ARTS 2006 (discussed earlier)

16. Relationships with Other Psychological Organizations

16.1 Joint Officers Committee on IUPsyS / IAAP Cooperation

16.2 EFPA

The EC discussed the apparent EFPA exclusivity implications for Union activities in countries EFPA considers within its purview, especially for capacity building activities. The EC requested the President to have a conversation on this. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the EFPA leadership to discuss this issue at a European Congress meeting.

16.3 ITC

Bullock presented a report on ITC present activities

16.4 International Psychology Student Organization

16.5 IACCP tripartite proposal

Overmier reported on a proposal by the IACCP to join with IAAP and IUPsyS in putting on joint regional conferences (each year IACCP holds a regional conference).

The EC expressed concerns with extending its regional activities across other organizations and discussed different cooperative models, including trading responsibility (so that each organization would take the lead one time in 6 years); or simply sharing information.

It was noted that the regionals have two functions: to develop psychology organizationally in areas of the world where it is not strong, and to engage in capacity building.

It was agreed to take this offer under consideration but to continue sponsoring the regional conferences with IAAP and to make better use of the joint protocol. It was also agreed to consider moving toward more ARTS like activities.

The EC decided to revisit models of cooperation for the tripartite Nigeria conference (2009) but to continue with present model for regional conferences in general.

17. United Nations System

The EC received updates on the Economic and Social Council / Dept of Public Information; UNESCO and WHO in items covered in the General Assembly meeting.

Khan noted activity on issues of child rights and on violence against children.

18. Inter Academy Panel / Third World Academies of Science

Overmier raised increased contacts with IAP and TWAS to support honorific and policy aspects. At present the Union has no direct relations with them.

19. Other Business

19.1 Wikipedia

The EC read information on Wikipedia and discussed the nature of the wiki. It was agreed that IUPsyS does need to engage in this in a way to be responsive to the international science community. It was agreed to update the Union entry as an initial task.

The EC agreed to form a Workgroup to do this, and to expand by asking the authors in the conceptual history to produce short version of their concepts that would be linked to an updated and generic entry on IUPsyS

20. 2007 Dates

21. Adjournment