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The IUPsyS Monthly Bulletin is for IUPsyS National Members, Affiliates, and related organizations, and their members.

It provides brief updates on the work of the Union and related regional and international matters.

This Bulletin and previous issues are available at: http://www.iupsys.net/publications/bulletin/index.html
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR IUPSY’S 2016 AWARDS

A reminder that the call for nominations for the IUPsyS 2016 awards is now open. 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

ICP 2016

Only one and a half years remain until ICP 2016 takes place. The submission of abstracts for early review began on 01 September 2014 and notification of abstract status for early review submissions will be sent by 15 July 2015. Notification of abstract status for general abstract submissions will be sent by 10 March 2016. There is a new version of the ICP 2016 website that can be easily accessed by various kinds of mobile phones and tablets.

For more information, see: http://www.icp2016.jp/

You can also follow ICP 2016 on Facebook at:

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR IUPSY’S TREASURER

A reminder that 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-f1281db35287.pdf
The Caribbean Alliance of National Psychological Associations (CANPA), in partnership with the Suriname Association of Psychologists and Special Educators (SVPO), hosted its inaugural conference in Paramaribo, Suriname. With the conference theme of "Caribbean Psychology: Unmasking the Past and Claiming Our Future", Caribbean psychologists reaffirmed their commitment to regional development via a culturally-relevant psychology. CRCP 2014 was an historical sequel to the watershed CRCP 2011 held in Nassau, Bahamas and had approximately 250 participants with representation from the 13 National Members, other Caribbean countries, and the global psychological community. The interdisciplinary keynote and plenary speakers from the Caribbean, the Diaspora and South Africa (IUPsyS President Cooper) engaged the participants with presentations on reparations, indigenizing Caribbean psychology, Caribbean identity, remote acculturation, national development and challenges in psychology. Additional highlights of the conference included the opening remarks from Suriname’s Minister of Health, Dr. Michel Blokland, the IUPsyS-sponsored capacity building workshop entitled “Statutory and Educational Professionalization of Caribbean Psychology”, the enthusiastic student engagement, a stimulating cultural event that showcased Suriname’s rich cultural diversity and the enthusiastic engagement undergraduate and graduate students.

At the inaugural General Assembly, CANPA’s delegates elected its new Executive Council that will serve from 2014-2018, under the leadership of Dr. Omowale Amuleru-Marshall, a Guyanese who resides in Grenada. The Co-Chairs of CRCP 2014, Drs. Keith Lequay and Donna Maria Maynard, hailed the conference success and noted that they are anticipating an equally successful CRCP 2016 in Haiti (November 7th – 11th), under the theme “Promoting Caribbean Health with Multiculturalism and Multilingualism: Challenges and Opportunities.” Dr. Amuleru-Marshall expressed similar sentiments, noting that CRCP 2014 represented the culmination of a period of intense effort by a group of visionary psychologists and pan-Caribbeanists. He added: “It is an exciting time to be a psychologist in the Caribbean. Onward to CRCP 2016 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti!”

 Participants at the Capacity Building Workshop.

 Participants at the Conference.

 Undergraduate students presenting their poster to SVPO President, Mavis Hoost.

 Rita Dudley-Grant, Saths Cooper and Ava Thompson.
Established in 1947 by the first handful of Danish psychologists that graduated from the University of Copenhagen, the organization started an expansion in the 1960’s and 1970’s along with the growth of the profession and the increasing acceptance of psychology as an important part of the health system.

The objectives of the Danish Psychological Association (DPA) are to:
• provide for the economic and professional interests of the members
• increase the interest of the general public in psychology as a science and the understanding of its significance
• improve the conditions for psychological research and practical psychological work
• develop the education of psychologists at a level consistent with the development of modern psychological science.

The criteria for membership of the DPA requires a university degree in psychology from one of the four Danish universities providing candidates in psychology. The association currently has 9,800 members, including 1,100 students. Psychologists with degrees in psychology from other universities may also apply for membership and approximately 90% of Danish psychologists are members of the association.

The organization combines the role of a traditional union with the more important interest of the profession as a whole. Items such as ethics, education, health, psychiatry, legal issues, science, evidence, and many more are on the agenda of the everyday work of the DPA, including a cooperation with academic organizations and disability organizations.

DPA remains a genuine member organization, not only in the sense of democracy, but in daily practice. A lot of activities – local or central – decision making, courses, meetings etc. depend on a substantial initiative and active participation by the psychologists themselves.
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BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015

Registration is open for the British Psychological Society’s (BPS) 2015 Annual Conference being held at Kings Dock in Liverpool (5-7 May 2015). Book before 17 March 2015 to take advantage of their early-bird rates. The programme includes high-profile keynote speakers, hot topic sessions and a mix of symposia, oral presentations, workshops and poster presentations. There are also plenty of networking opportunities for delegates. Find out more here about delegate rates and registration. There are four conference themes:

- Behaviour Change
- Culture and Identity
- Disaster, Trauma and Crisis
- The Social Brain

The BPS Professional Development 2015 directory is now available. Their 2015 directory is the sixth edition of the Society’s Professional Development publication. There will be additional new courses developed for the CPD programme throughout the year and one can keep up-to-date on the Society’s website www.bps.org.uk/findcpd

BPS have launched their new website for The Psychologist (the Society’s official monthly publication) that contains lots of exciting features. Dr. Jon Sutton, Managing Editor of The Psychologist, said: ‘The site now allows us to better reflect and build upon the content of the print version. Users can now comment on and share content; view multimedia extras; follow us on social media; find the latest jobs; get information on contributing, advertising or joining the Society; and search a complete archive of 323 issues. For those who like the layout of the print version with added functions, Society members, affiliates and subscribers can also access digital editions to read on desktop, tablet and smartphone.’

CAMEROON PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (CPA)

The Cameroon Psychological Association (CPA) was founded in March 2012 by a Constituent Assembly of 45 Cameroonian Psychologists at the University of Buea in the Southwest Region of Cameroon. CPA postdates a 1987 initiative – Cameroon Psychological Society – that ceased to exist without having undertaken any activity.

The CPA is a legally registered organization in Cameroon, with a head office in Buea. Its core objective is to advance psychology as a science, profession and practice. In so doing, CPA encourages the development of psychology in all its facets in the broadest and most liberal sense. CPA deploys psychology to the enhancement of human competencies and promotion of human wellbeing.

The Constitution entrusts CPA business in an Executive Council of 17 elected members. “Regular meetings of the Council shall be held not less frequently than twice a year at a time and place to be specified by a vote of the Council.” The first three Council meetings of the CPA were held in its headquarters in Buea, the fourth was held in Douala on Saturday, 22 November, 2014. The fifth Council meeting shall be held in Yaoundé on Saturday, 31 January, 2015. In its formative stage, this rotation sensitizes, mobilizes and enlarges participation and gives a sense of ownership, as psychologists of the locale of the meeting are invited to take part in Council proceedings.

The CPA is run by a Foundational Executive Council, pending elections at its Inaugural General Assembly in 2015. The following psychologists are members of the Foundational Executive Council:

- Honorary President: Prof. Therese M.S. Tchombe
- President: Prof. Bame Nsamenang
- Vice-President: Dr. Jacqueline Bodga
- Secretary: Dr. Patrick Fonyuy Shey
- Assistant Secretary: Dr. Emmanuel Fomba
- Treasurer: Dr. Hannah Kolle
- Financial Secretary: Rev. Fidelis Abang
- Publicity Secretaries: Dr. Joseph Lah Lo-Oh & Mr. Siméon Boris Ngeuhan
- Social Secretaries: Dr. Dijam Marie Chantal & Mr. Bruno Bongwong
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- Regional Coordinators: Dr. Kate Tande (Southwest), Mrs. Gladys Ngoran (Northwest), Mrs. Marie Therese Owono (Litoral), Ms. Mireille Ndongue (West).

The CPA plans to hold its inaugural conference from April 9-11, 2015 in Buea. The theme of the conference will be Psychology Serving Human Wellbeing. Sub-themes are being elaborated. An international conference on Inclusive Education is being organized by the UNESCO Chair at the University of Buea and shall precede the CPA conference. The CPA is affiliated to the Psychological Society of South Africa (PsySSA). A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalize this affiliation was signed in Durban, South Africa, on 16 September, 2014 by the President of CPA, Professor Bame Nsamenang, and the President of PsySSA, Professor David Maree. This landmark event was organized during the 20th anniversary celebration of PsySSA.

News from International Bodies

**DFG/ICSU/ISSC FUTURE EARTH YOUNG SCIENTISTS NETWORKING CONFERENCE ON INTEGRATED SCIENCE**

The third DFG/ICSU/ISSC Young Scientists Networking Conference on Integrated Science will be held at Villa Vigoni in Italy from 24-30 May 2015. The aim is to bring together creative multidimensional, interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary perspectives to address the complex topic. Early Career Scientists will reflect on the changing role of science and the role of science in transforming to a more sustainable world – questioning key assumptions, theories and models underlying the current research. The deadline for receipt of applications is December 22nd 2014.

For more information, see: http://www.worldsocialscience.org/activities/networking-conferences-for-young-scientists/call-for-applications/

**WHO GLOBAL CLINICAL PRACTICE NETWORK**

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/