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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE (IUPsyS)

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INTRODUCTION

The International Union of Psychological Science is an organization composed of National Member organizations (national societies/associations/committees of scientific psychology, national academies of science, or similar organizations), comprising not more than one National Member per country. Eleven charter Members founded IUPsyS in 1951. At December 31, 2003 the number of National Members was 68. As a Union, IUPsyS holds membership both in the International Council for Science (ICSU) and in the International Social Science Council (ISSC), special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and consultative status with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI). Following a period of working relations, the World Health Organization established official relations with IUPsyS in January, 2002.

MEMBERSHIP

Countries with National Membership in IUPsyS in 2002 were: Albania; Argentina; Australia; Austria; Bangladesh; Belgium; Bulgaria; Canada; Chile; China; Colombia; Croatia; Cuba; Czech Republic; Denmark; Dominican Republic; Egypt; Estonia; Finland; France; Georgia; Germany; Greece; Hong Kong; Hungary; India; Indonesia; Iran; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Japan; Korea; Lithuania; Malta; Mexico; Mongolia; Morocco; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Nigeria; Norway; Pakistan; Panama; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Russia; Singapore; Slovakia; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; Uganda; Ukraine; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Venezuela; Vietnam; Yemen; and Zimbabwe. At the end of the year, several potential applications were at varying stages of preparation.

Thirteen organizations are now affiliated with IUPsyS. The complete list of Affiliates is: Association de Psychologie Scientifique de Langue Française (APSLF); European Association of Experimental Social Psychologists (EAESP); European Association of Personality Assessment (EAPA); European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP); European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology (EAWOP); European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCP), Interamerican Society of Psychology/Sociedad Interamericana de Psicología (SIP); International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP); International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP); International Council of Psychologists (ICP); International Neuropsychological Society (INS); International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development (ISSBD); International Society of Comparative Psychology (ISCP). In addition, special liaison relationships have been established with the European Federation of Professional Psychologists Associations (EFPPA) and the International Test Commission (ITC).

VITAL STATISTICS

Number of National Members:	68
Number of Affiliated Organizations:	13
Number of Publications:	1 Journal (founded in 1966)
Number of Scientific Meetings	1 quadrennial International Congress 1 biennial Regional Conference

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

This section summarizes some items of business not otherwise presented elsewhere in the Annual Report. Highlights of 2003 included research activities and special projects reported below, in particular the large grant awarded from ICSU's 2004 grants programme, the very successful Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference, sustained progress on preparations for the XXVIII International Congress of Psychology, continued success of the *International Journal of Psychology*, especially with respect to implementation of the recent change in language policy, further enhancements of the *Psychology Resource File*, completion of the work on the Framework paper, and continued work on Statutes revision as well as on the administration, management and structure of the Union.

Assembly and Executive Committee Meetings

The Assembly of the Union last met in Singapore in July, 2002. The details were summarized in the 2002 Annual Report. The Assembly will next meet in Beijing in August, 2004 in conjunction with the XXVIII International Congress of Psychology.

The Executive Committee met in July, 2003 in Istanbul, Turkey. Excellent arrangements for this meeting were coordinated by EC member Professor Cigdem Kagitçibaşı with the assistance of colleagues from Koc University and Union National Member, the Turkish Psychological Association.

In his report to the Executive Committee, the President, Professor Michel Denis, reported a successful year for IUPsyS. He noted that the EC must complete its current tasks by its final meeting in 2004. A substantial part of the 2003 meeting was thus devoted to deliberating the progress of the six Work Groups (Funding, National Capacity-building, Psychology Prize, Public Policy Issues, Statutes, Union Activities), established in 2002 and the work of the Standing Committees. The President noted achievements in relations with the global organizations to which IUPsyS adheres (ICSU, ISSC, UNESCO, UN secretariat, WHO) that are due to longstanding efforts, including those initiated by his predecessors, Professors Pawlik and d'Ydewalle. These accomplishments are important for psychology through facilitating interaction and partnerships with other professions and sciences. The 2003 EC also established a Work Group on Strategic Planning. The outcome will be submitted for the consideration of the Outgoing EC and of the Assembly in 2004.

As directed by the 2002 Assembly, the Executive Committee had created a Work Group to develop a universal declaration of ethical principles for psychologists. This is a joint initiative with

IAAP. The Work Group, chaired by Assembly delegate, Professor Janel Gauthier, began its work in 2003. It will prepare a progress report and draft resolution for discussion at the 2004 Assembly. Based on this deliberation and further work, it is expected that a revised resolution will be submitted for a vote at the 2006 Assembly.

Follow-up on prospective new National Members continues and several applications are anticipated for the coming year.

The Executive Committee reviewed all current special projects and considered new initiatives. Some of these will be submitted to ICSU and ISSC in the next grant cycles. Some will be pursued in the context of work undertaken in association with the UN community (e.g., WHO). The Union has also increased its presence at activities of the UN secretariat in New York, enabling a broader policy contribution.

The Executive Committee continues to carefully monitor the current UNESCO Framework Agreement. As noted in recent annual reports, it remains concerned in particular about the implications for research and special project of possible changes in funding received from UNESCO via ICSU and ISSC.

The priority accorded to capacity-building and to regional development are concretized in several activities, including Regional Conferences, Advanced Research Training Seminars and new activities being planned by the Standing Committee on Psychology as a Science and as a Profession and the International Network of Psychology and the Developing World.

The activities of the Union's several international research networks and projects were reviewed. Activities of the past year are reported below in the highlights of specific projects. As already noted, the emphasis in 2003 was on collaborative projects focused on capacity building in the developing world as well as on the water project received favorably by ICSU. Directions for future actions were endorsed. Progress on specific projects is detailed below in reviewing activities undertaken during 2003. Activities for 2004 are generally well-defined and initiatives for 2005 are under active consideration. Several of those retained will be submitted for consideration by ICSU and ISSC. Longer-term planning of special projects is contingent on the strategic directions and priorities to be set for the next quadrennium.

The Executive Committee for the current quadrennium (2000-2004) is:
 President, Prof. Michel Denis (France); Secretary-General, Prof. Pierre Ritchie (Canada); Past-President, Prof. Géry d'Ydewalle (Belgium); Treasurer, Prof. Michel Sabourin (Canada); Vice-Presidents, Profs. Juan José Sanchez Sosa (Mexico) and Houcan Zhang (China); Deputy Secretary-General, Dr. Merry Bullock (USA); Members: Profs. John Adair (Canada), Rubén Ardila (Columbia), Saths Cooper (South Africa), Hiroshi Imada (Japan), Cigdem Kagitçibağcı (Turkey); Ingrid Lunt (United Kingdom), Elizabeth Nair (Singapore), Bruce Overmier (USA), Ype Poortinga (Netherlands), and Rainer Silbereisen (Germany).

Finances

Detailed financial statements, independently audited, have been submitted to the ICSU and ISSC Secretariats.

The Treasurer, Professor Michel Sabourin, presented a comprehensive report to the Executive Committee. While the financial base of the Union remains sound, the Treasurer reported a deficit for the previous full year and projected a further deficit in the current year. Current operational finances remain very tight and provide little margin for new initiatives. As noted previously, the budgets of some National Members continues to affect their capacity to render timely dues payments; this is typically due to economic and currency problems in their respective countries. In addition, the portion of the surplus allocated to the Union from the Montreal (1996) Congress was depleted as planned over the previous quadrennium (1996-2000). Unfortunately, the Stockholm Congress (2000) did not achieve a surplus. Therefore, there is no equivalent revenue source for the current quadrennium. Nonetheless, the Treasurer confirmed that fiscal prudence in the management of the Union's affairs has allowed it to maintain financial viability. He noted that financial reporting requirements continue to increase, adding to the administrative load of the Union.

At its 2002 meeting, the EC directed the Treasurer to prepare a proposal for an increase in the unit value of annual dues. The 2003 EC approved the following motion:

Considering that there has been no dues increase since 1996, i.e. for the past 8 years, while the inflation index has increased Union expenses during that same period;

Considering that the Stockholm International Congress of Psychology in 2000 generated no surplus and that the Union no longer has the allocation of approximately US\$18,000 per annum provided by the Montreal ICP of 1996 surplus during the previous quadrennium (1997-98-99-2000);

Considering that the Union has maintained and expanded the scope of its capacity building activities (ARTS, National Capacity Building workshops, Regional Conferences);

Considering the success of the Union's activities to increase the presence of Psychology in international organizations (e.g. ICSU, ISSC, UN Secretariat, WHO) pursuing objectives congruent with the Union's Mission;

Considering that stable, previously automatic yearly grants from UNESCO through ISSC and ICSU are no longer stable, and that grant applications are now competitive, making it very difficult to predict levels of annual support;

Considering that efforts will be made to find alternate sources of funding and to increase non-dues revenues;

Considering that the Union Statutes (Art. 8) and Rules of Procedure (Section 2, art. 2) require that a recommendation for a dues increase to the Assembly be made by the Executive Committee after considering the financial needs of the Union, as described in the Report of the Treasurer;

Therefore, the Executive Committee of the Union recommends, for the purpose of calculating the annual dues of the Members of the Union in conformity with the unit-based category system described in Article 8 of the Statutes, that the unit value be increased by 30\$US, as of January 1st, 2005.

This proposal will be presented to the 2004 Assembly.

The Work Group on Funding will continue its review of additional sources of non-dues funding and revenue to sustain and enhance Union activities.

Secretariat

Progress on electronic communication to facilitate internal communications has been sustained, especially within the Executive Committee and externally with the more established international organizations in the psychological and broader communities. The prospect for doing so with the Assembly and National Members was initiated in 2002 with a good result. Nonetheless, this mode of communication remains difficult to access for a number of National Members.

As noted in recent Annual Reports, the administrative burden of the Union continues to be greater than available resources. The result is a noteworthy overload, typically prompting frequent short-term priority-setting. The volume of communications as well as the expectation of rapid responses is an ever increasing challenge relative to available administrative resources. This attenuates the general advantages afforded by electronic communications media. It is also compounded by the unlikely prospect of additional resources being allocated to the secretariat.

No new work on the Archives was initiated in the past year.

The work of the Secretary-General has been ably complemented by the assistance of the Deputy-Secretary-General, Professor Merry Bullock who has provided especially valuable service as web master of the Union's web site <www.iupsys.org>.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING 2003

Scientific meetings

XXVIII International Congress of Psychology

The XXVIII International Congress of Psychology, under the auspices of the Union will be held August 8-13, 2004 in Beijing. It is organized under the leadership of Congress President, Professor Qicheng Jing, Union Vice-President Houcan Zhang and Congress Secretary-General, Kan Zhang. The Organizing Committee and its subsidiary components are working diligently on preparations. IUPsyS Past-President, Professor G. dYdewalle serves as the Union liaison to the XXVIII ICP; he attended several preparatory meetings, including a full meeting of the Organizing Committee. The Union Secretary-General also met with Congress Secretary-General Kan Zhang and Deputy Secretary-General Buxin Han to ensure smooth coordination of Union activities at the Congress.

In addition to some 80 keynote or state-of-the-art lectures and 190 invited symposia, approximately 5,000 abstracts have been submitted. The scientific program promises a rich diversity across the full breadth of the discipline, encompassing all the regions of the world.

XXIX International Congress of Psychology

The XXIX International Congress of Psychology will be held in Berlin, July 20-25, 2008. The organizational structure of the Congress is now in place. Professor Ralf Swarzer was confirmed as President of the Congress Steering Committee. Union President Michel Denis, in his capacity as Union liaison to the Berlin Congress, visited the venue and met with the leadership of the Congress.

Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference of Psychology

The Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference of Psychology (MENA RCP) was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 13-18 December 2003. This was the fifth regional conference organized under the auspices of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS), the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP), and the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP). These regional conferences are held every two years between the major international congresses organized by IUPsyS and IAAP. They are an integral component of the Union's commitment to capacity-building. In this context, they serve to review the current state of psychology in a particular region and foster its development by increasing communication between scientific researchers and professionals, disseminating psychological knowledge and expertise, and supporting the organization of psychology within the region. Previous regional conferences have been held in Guangzhou, China; Mexico City, Mexico; Durban, South Africa; and Mumbai, India.

The MENA RCP was hosted by the the Yemen Psychological Association and the Conference Organizing Committee in Dubai (Dr Raymond H. Hamden, Chair), in collaboration with the Egyptian Association of Psychological Studies. The Scientific Program Committee was chaired by Professor Hassan Kassim Khan, of Yemen. Located in the United Arab Emirates, the Conference drew upon a region with a population of well over 100,000,000 people throughout the Middle East and North Africa. There is a growing number of psychologists in this region. The 135 delegates to the Conference came from 17 of 21 neighboring countries, namely, Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Palestine Authority, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. Colleagues from Eastern African countries came from Nigeria, Somalia and the Sudan. Other delegates were from far-flung as Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, , France, Germany, Greece, India, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, South Africa, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Ukraine and the United States of America. Psychologists from a total of 35 countries attended the Conference. This far exceeds the national diversity of previous regional conferences.

Under the general theme, Psychology for Sustainable Development and Peace, the Scientific Program was structured around several principal themes: Clinical and Health Psychology in the Middle East, Educational and School Psychology in the Middle East, and Peace Psychology and Conflict Resolution. Other identifiable themes included the psychology of women, Islam and psychology, Cyber-psychology, special issues in the region, and cross-cultural psychology. Two days of workshops concluded the Conference.

The Union sponsored the National Capacity-building workshop, organized by two members of the Union's Executive Committee, Professor Ype Poortinga, Tilburg University, and Professor Elizabeth Nair, University of Singapore. Participants from 12 countries attended this workshop, including delegates from national psychology organizations in Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine Authority, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Partial funding of the participants' travel expenses and the organization of this workshop was provided by the American Psychological Foundation, the German Federation of Psychological Associations and by a private American donor.

Participants of the National Capacity Building Workshop acted immediately to form a Regional Council of Arab Psychological Associations. This new organization will build on the foundation of MENA as well as continue the momentum it generated by holding a second conference for this region in Jordan in 2005.

Future Regional Conferences

Explorations are underway for the 2005 and 2007 regional conferences. It is expected that a decision on the 2005 conference will be made in early 2004. This conference will be under the primary auspices of the IAAP.

Publications

The IUPsyS publications program is guided by the Standing Committee on Communications and Publications chaired by Past-President G. d'Ydewalle.

The *International Journal of Psychology* (Editor: L. Hernandez Guzman) remains the major regular scientific publication channel of IUPsyS. The International Platform Section of the Journal (Editors: P. Ritchie and M. Bullock) continued to serve as a quick-access information forum on major national and regional developments in scientific psychology. A continuously updated calendar of international congresses and conferences in psychology was again part of that section as well as posted to the web-site. Beginning with the 2002 volume, manuscripts appeared exclusively in English with abstracts in English, French, and Spanish. During 2003, special issues published or in press included those on: Advances in Psychological Science in China, Environmental Perception and Cognitive Maps, Literacy and Brain Autonomy, and Prospective Memory. Special issues in progress were Social Psychology Around the World as well as Experimental and Lab Research in Asian Countries.

The *History of the International Union of Psychological Science* (M. Rosenzweig, W. Holtzman, M. Sabourin and D. Bélanger) is to be published in Chinese.

The *International Handbook of Psychology* (Editors: K. Pawlik & M. Rosenzweig) published in 2000 is being considered for Chinese, Spanish and Russian language editions.

The fourth edition of the *Psychology Resource Files* (Editors: J. B. Overmier & J. A. Overmier) was published in 2003. This initiative, the Union's first venture in publishing in CD-Rom format, continued to be well received. The fourth edition, as with the immediate prior edition, now takes advantage of the likelihood that users of the CD-Rom will have concurrently available access to

the internet. However, such access is not required for the use of the databases. Among the resource tools, users will find a historical time-line for psychology, with integrated links to the internet, an organized list of useful internet websites that are primarily meta-sites offering access to further sites, review of the origins and developments of scientific psychology in various regions of the world, as well as updates of materials which were included in the two preceding editions. On the recommendation of the SC on Communications and Publications, the Executive Committee appointed Professors Michael Stevens and Danny Wedding as the next Editors, beginning with the 2005 edition.

The IUPsyS Website (www.iupsys.org), under the direction of the Deputy Secretary-General, M. Bullock, continues to be enhanced. It is a rich source of current information on the Union and activities of international significance.

Acknowledging the need for greater communication with its National Members, the Executive Committee decided to launch an electronic newsletter, called *IUPsyS Newslines*. The first number appeared in late 2002, also under the direction of the Deputy Secretary-General, M. Bullock. This initiative was maintained in 2003.

As requested by the Executive Committee, in 2002 the SC on Communications and Publications approved the development of a comprehensive, internationally oriented conceptual history of psychology (Editors: K. Pawlik and G. d'Ydewalle). The publication target-date is 2004.

The Standing Committee on Research and Special Projects, chaired by Professor B. Overmier, continues to assist the Assembly and Executive Committee in providing general oversight and a policy framework. Alternatives to current procedures for development, monitoring and reporting of projects by the committee remain under consideration. As noted previously, the need for often rapid response to externally controlled factors, has led the committee's historic functioning to become increasingly marginal to effective decision-making. The future mandate and role of this standing committee is being deliberated further as part of the general review of the Union's mission, structure and functions.

The Standing Committee on the Development of Psychology as a Science and a Profession concluded its work on the framework paper to articulate the current scope of psychological research and science-informed practice, including classification issues as well as centrifugal and unifying factors. This activity was coordinated by EC member, Professor Y. Poortinga assisted by Vice-President J.J. Sanchez Sosa. The paper provided a global overview of some of the issues and challenges facing psychology as a science and science-based profession, and the role that the Union can play in meeting these challenges. It was considered at the 2002 Assembly and with National Members through various media in 2002 and 2003. It was published in the *International Journal of Psychology*. A Spanish language version was also disseminated.

The Task Group on Women's Issues met in Singapore in July, 2002 and will next meet at the Beijing Congress.

The Union's recent initiatives on National Capacity-Building generated by this Standing Committee is described below under Special Projects.

The Union's Standing Committee on the Psychological Study of Peace is chaired by Professor Diane Bretherton (University of Melbourne). This remains a period of transition in the committee's composition and work plan.

Special Projects

The Advanced Research Training Seminars (ARTS) continues to be a center-piece of the Union's capacity-building program. For the 2004 ARTS, there are Co-Coordinator. Outgoing Coordinator Professor J. Adair is being assisted by Incoming Coordinator, Professor I. Lunt in the preparation of the 2004 ARTS which will be offered in conjunction the Beijing Congress. ARTS are held every even-numbered year, in conjunction with the major international congresses of the Union and of IAAP. The 2004 ARTS will be: Development and Evaluation of Psychological Interventions in Health and Disease; Environmental Psychology in Developing Countries: A Multi-method Approach; and Survey Research Methods. ARTS is a complex organizational undertaking which relies heavily on the voluntary contributions of the Co-Coordinator, the Workshop leaders, and on those who assist with local arrangements. It also benefits from the financial support of several National Members and UNESCO via ISSC as well as from the Union itself.

In this quadrennium, the creation of the Union's Work Group on Capacity-Building for National Psychology resulted from the Executive Committee authorization to develop additional capacity-building activities to address the national and regional development of psychology as a science and as a profession. The short-term priority was accorded to the countries of Asia and of the Middle East. Coordinated by EC members Professor Y. Poortinga (Tilburg University) and Professor E. Nair (University of Singapore), Capacity-building for Psychological Scientists in Asian Countries organized three related events, in Singapore in July 2002, contiguous to the International Congress of Applied Psychology. This project benefited from support through ICSU's block grant capacity-building programme. In 2003, the major activity was the workshop conducted at the MENA, reported above. In 2004, the focus again returns to Asia with a revised and expanded workshop planned for Beijing, following the XXVIII International Congress of Psychology. Support has been secured from UNESCO via ISSC. Additional sources of financial support are being pursued.

The International Network on Psychological Dimensions of Global Change has built on the foundations of the previous project Perception and Assessment of Global Environmental Change (PAGEC), chaired by former Union President K. Pawlik (University of Hamburg). In this quadrennium, it established a new initiative focused on Psychological Aspects of Global Change. This research was previously supported by UNESCO under the auspices of the Human Dimensions Program of Environmental Change of both ICSU and ISSC and by the US National Academy of Sciences. As noted in the 2002 Annual report, a scientific conference focused on evaluation of PAGEC and on research planning for psychological aspects of global change was held in Istanbul, Turkey in 2002. As an outcome of the very successful Istanbul meeting, priority was accorded to the development of a large-scale project on sustainable water use. The project coordinators for this new endeavor are Professors M. (University of Rome) and G. Moser (University of Paris V). A new project, Human Perceptions, Representations and Behaviors in Sustainable Water Use, will receive financial assistance from ICSU's 2004 grants program. This

innovative project includes a team of scientists from France, India, Italy, Germany, Russia, Spain, and Turkey. The International Geographic Union is the principle external partner for this endeavor.

The Research Network Project Psychology in a Multidisciplinary Environment is an extension of the former project, Psychology and Cognitive Science. It was launched to provide a framework for engaging contacts with international bodies representing other disciplines related to psychology. The objective is to explore the possibilities for IUPsyS and other organizations whose objectives partly overlap to join their efforts in launching activities and stimulate collaborations that promote an interdisciplinary view of science. The project remains based with the Human Cognition Group under the direction of IUPsyS President, Professor M. Denis (LIMSI-CNRS, France). It also continues to be a broad-based international endeavor drawing on the strong 31 country network already identified in Stage I of the project. Particular attention is being accorded to the capacity building value of this project in countries where psychology can contribute to new technologies which may promote sustainable research and attendant economic benefits. Prior activities and support from UNESCO, the US National Academy of Sciences and ICSU were described in detail in previous Annual Reports.

The objective remains the pursuit of common scientific issues through joint initiatives which are currently being considered. IUPsyS continues to evaluate this project as an important success of recent years. The capacity-building dimension has been particularly well achieved by the work to date. Future multi-disciplinary endeavors will build and expand on the scholarly and training activities undertaken by this project since its inception.

The International Network of Psychology and the Developing World (INPDW), is coordinated by EC Member, Dr. S. Cooper. Activities continued to center on facilitating communication between individual psychologists who work in the developing world, helping to make IUPsyS more visible in the developing world, supporting psychological research in different areas of the planet, and enhancing participation in the International Congresses of Psychology and in the Regional Congresses held in developing countries or countries in transition. The Advanced Research Training Seminars (ARTS) are regarded as very important in helping to facilitate research and international networks. Initial efforts have focused on expanding the network in sub-Saharan Africa and in South Asia.

The IUPsyS HealthNet, co-ordinated by Professor J.J. Sanchez Sosa (National University of Mexico), continued its renewal and expansion in this quadrennium. It has grown steadily with participants in more than 30 countries. It is a network of psychologists working as clinicians and scientists on a wide range of health problems. They develop and implement illness prevention and health promotion programs as well as specific clinical interventions. This Network also provides collaboration and assistance to the World Health Organization (WHO) in implementing the IUPsyS-WHO Work Plan. In particular, Professor Sanchez Sosa and Professor S. Hotz (University of Ottawa), assisted by Secretary-General Ritchie provided strong support to the Union's collaboration on the WHO Adherence project headed by Dr. E. Sabaté of WHO. The Union's contributions were featured in a major WHO release in 2003. The publication, *Adherence to Long-Term Therapies: Evidence for Action*, includes a comprehensive review of behavioral mechanisms explaining adherence as well as on the role of psychologists in improving adherence to therapies.

This project will be the focal point of an invited symposium at the XXVIII International Congress of Psychology.

The HealthNet web site is fully operational with assistance from the General Directorate for Academic Computing of UNAM. The Health Net web page may be found at: <http://www.unam.mx/healthnet> . The hard copy Health Net Newsletter is also published and disseminated world-wide.

Official Relations between the Union and the World Health Organization (WHO) were established in 2002. Secretary-General P. Ritchie, serves as the Union's Main Representative to WHO. The current WHO-IUPsyS Work Plan (2002-05) has several foci. Consistent with the generic WHO goal of 'Achieving Health for All' and to reducing the burden of disease and illness as well as current WHO priorities, the Work Plan supports and enhances: (1) Capacity Building; (2) Evidence Based Change; (3) Transferability of Knowledge. Specific goals include (i) production of new Behavioral Science Modules, (ii) continuing collaboration on Adherence and Compliance to Therapeutic regimes, (iii) Cancer Control, (iv) contributing to policy development and projects in the Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health and Substance Abuse cluster (with emphasis on behavioral and psychological risk factors for health) as well as to the Organization of Health Services Delivery in the Evidence and Information for Policy cluster (with emphasis on reducing the burden of diseases of poverty as well as the role and functions of Psychology in national health systems, including Primary Care). In 2003, the Union made substantial contributions to Evidence based change through its participation in the Adherence project. Collaboration with WHO is underway on implementing additional aspects of the Work Plan in coming years. The 2003 grant, Health Policy and Transferability of Knowledge, from UNESCO via ISSC was used to support these activities, particularly those on the Adherence project noted above.

BRIEF REPORT ON USE OF 2003 GRANTS AND FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES

A description of activities supported by grants from various sources was provided in the report on MENA and of special projects. This included the 2003 grant from UNESCO through ISSC for Health Policy and Transferability of Knowledge for which no funds have actually yet been received. Nonetheless, in anticipation that the funds will be forthcoming, the Union committed its own resources, especially to enable implementation of the Adherence component of the IUPsyS/WHO Work Plan for which the funds are destined. This situation reflects difficulties in UNESCO's decentralization of its grants program which will apparently be remedied by a new system scheduled for implementation in 2004.

Audited financial statements are provided to ICSU and ISSC for 2003 notwithstanding that there was no grant from ICSU or the US National Academy of Sciences in 2003 and that the 2003 funds from UNESCO via ISSC have not yet been received.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PLANS

The Union's first year of its second half-century occurred in 2003. The Union's 50th anniversary was celebrated on the occasion of the XXVII International Congress of Psychology, held in Sweden where the Union was founded. It is equally appropriate that the current quadrennium which spans these two epochs will conclude at the XXVIII International Congress of Psychology in Beijing, China. The Union's first regional conference of psychology was held only a little less than a decade ago in China. The 2004 Congress reflects the Union's commitment to contribute fully to the development of psychology in all parts of the world. Through ARTS and the national psychology initiative as well as its international congress and regional conferences of psychology, the Union has reaffirmed the importance it accords to capacity-building.

This quadrennium has also been characterized by the Union's increased contribution to international development through strong relations with ICSU, ISSC, the UN secretariat, and WHO. Where strong collaboration existed, it has been maintained. In other cases, particularly ICSU, the UN secretariat and WHO, the relationships have been substantially enhanced. IUPsyS is also increasingly engaged in multi-Union endeavours. As described in this report, new such initiatives have been initiated and consolidated.

In 2001, the Union began a process of self-examination which will likely generate change in the the conduct of the Union's internal business. The 2002 Assembly was an opportune moment to deliberate the review begun by the Executive Committee. It provided direction to the Executive Committee and Officers for the proposals to be developed for submission to the 2004 Assembly. The work of the Executive Committee in 2003 sustained the self-assessment and future planning which have characterized much of its work in this quadrennium. Continuing increased demands on the Union's resources compel thoughtful choices and effective decision-making. In particular, the Union requires a well crafted approach to strategic planning.

Recent world events have confirmed the importance of international collaboration to enhance human well-being. The Union has demonstrated wisdom in the energy devoted to greater and more systematic contribution to public policy especially through the United Nations family. That the Union has been accorded Special Consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and Official Relations by the World Health Organization underscores that these initiatives are welcomed. At the same time, increasingly in collaboration with other scientific unions, IUPsyS remains committed to making a contribution to the global science community, to the enhancement of scientific endeavours and to the application of scientific knowledge through its partnerships with the International Council of Science and the International Social Science Council.

The new Executive Committee has strongly re-affirmed the Union's commitment to capacity-building in all areas of the world as well as to supporting psychological scientists and science based practitioners. The programme of Advanced Research Training Seminars, the renewal of the International Network of Psychology and the Developing World, the establishment of the National Capacity-Building project, a successful Regional Conference in Mumbai (2001) and planning for that to be held in Dubai in 2003, and further initiatives by HealthNet are cornerstones of the Union's work in the current quadrennium.

The noteworthy successes of the Union's publications program in the recent past is now a matter of record. The Standing Committee on Communications and Publications is working on a daunting task, the development of a book on the conceptual history of psychology from an international perspective. The dissemination of knowledge through the *International Journal of Psychology* is a stable feature of the Union with the Editor and her editorial team now in place for two years. Implementing Abstracts in three languages also underscores the desire to make the journal more accessible. The Union's *Psychology Resource Files* has moved from initial implementation to orderly evolution. It is a major success of the current quadrennium. The coming year will be one of transition between the founding Editors and the new Editors. The Union will also continue to evaluate its future in the realm of electronic publishing.

Specific research activities or special projects in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe are underway or are being planned. New or revised projects have been prepared. Maintaining a comparable or achieving an even greater level of contribution in the next quadrennium to that of the past four years will be a real challenge. As previously anticipated, this will occur in the context of the Union's adjustment to funding and other changes in UNESCO that have an impact on the scientific community and our federative bodies, ICSU and ISSC. Hence, what began in this quadrennium takes on even greater importance in the next four years: securing additional funding sources.

Sustaining relations with National Members remains an important goal. An Assembly meeting is always an opportunity to benefit from global collective exchange. The 2004 Assembly promises to be the occasion of thoughtful deliberation through productive and vigorous debate on strategic priorities as well as on the functions, means and vehicles to achieve them.

As noted repeatedly in this quadrennium, heavy demands have been placed on the Union to mobilize the capacity to make the achievements reported here possible. With the sustained surge in activity and the dramatic increase in external as well as internal communications, the Union's small part-time secretariat continues to routinely function beyond the limits of its resources. This challenge is not limited to the Secretary-General nor to the Officers. The same phenomenon is found in each of the Union's activity centers. Enhancing the capacity of its own infrastructure to carry out the IUPsyS mission requires thoughtful attention. This is a fundamental consideration in the review of the Union's functions and structure. Without practical solutions to managing the Union's overall workload, it is unlikely that the current pace can be maintained.

Notwithstanding the financial and workload reservations, the prospects for the Union remain positive. Over the past year and of the quadrennium as a whole, actual results have reaffirmed that such hope can be realized.

The coming year will close this quadrennium and begin the next one. The leadership of IUPsyS through its Assembly, Executive Committee and Officers, in concert with National Members, Affiliates and Liaisons will be called on to renew the Union. New actions are required to determine the policy framework and strategic vision as well as to secure the financial means and human resources needed to realize the full potential of the Union's prospective contributions.

