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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, 2002 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.

AFFILIATES

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.

Assembly and Executive Committee Meetings

For the second time since the approval of a By-law amendment in 1996, the Assembly of the Union held a regular official meeting at the mid-point between two international congresses of psychology. The 2002 meeting was held in Singapore. A total of 40 delegates were present at the session, representing 22 countries. There were 13 Observers from 8 countries and 2 representatives from affiliated organizations.

In his report to the Assembly, the President, Professor Michel Denis, emphasized three themes closely linked to the Union's name. He noted that the Union is international in scope and addresses issues that require an international perspective. The Union affirms its leadership and relationships with international NGO's and bodies like ICSU and ISSC, as well as participating actively within the UN community through ECOSOC, WHO and other bodies. The objective of these activities is to offer the benefits of psychological science in international contexts. The President also stressed that IUPsyS is a union of National Members. The Union is ready to help and provide assistance to members, and is willing to develop new ways to be of service, especially in countries where psychology is emerging. Because the Union addresses needs at an international, not national level, it focuses on regional development and more global issues. These goals are supported by a range of capacity-building activities including ARTS, Regional Conferences, and the recent National Capacity-building initiative. In support of this union, there should be increased communication with National Members. The President also invited National Members to make contact with and visit EC members and their institutions.

In his report, the President also reviewed the Union's steadfast support of science. Since IUPsyS was founded in 1951, it has supported psychological science, an aim that is explicit in the Statutes. This support is carried out through a range of international projects. In recent years, this has included such diverse topics as cognitive science in a multi-disciplinary context, environmental sustainability, global change, immunization, literacy, treatment adherence, and violence. Projects are carried out in collaboration with individual scientists and networks and through membership in such bodies as ICSU and ISSC as well as formal relationships with UN bodies (e.g., ECOSOC, WHO). The Union maintains close relationships with other international unions / multi-union bodies spanning a broad range of disciplines from biological to social sciences, especially IBRO, IUBS, IGU, and CODATA. This interdisciplinary aspect is an increasing feature of the Union's activities. The Union addresses psychology in the global and interdisciplinary science context. The President concluded with the importance of recognizing that professional and practice elements of psychology's development is built on the application of scientific principles and the generation of new knowledge. Scientific principles need to be applied wherever psychology is active, be it in research or direct service.

The Assembly deliberated on a number of matters related to the functions, management and structure of the Union. The report of the ad hoc Work Group on the Statutes and Rules of Procedure was received. The Assembly approved revisions related to nominations and elections as well as enabling revisions to the unit value of annual dues at any regular Assembly meeting. The Assembly was consulted on proposals under development to enhance internal administration and governance. The President will chair an Executive Committee Work Group, which will

present further proposals to the 2004 Assembly. The related matter of the Framework paper is reported below under the Standing Committee on Psychology as a Science and as a Profession. The Report of IAAP-IUPsyS Joint Committee, which has been facilitating stronger cooperation between the two organizations, was received with favorable comments. The organizations are committed to pursuing ARTS vigorously, with an effort to make training available to more people at each congress. For every congress under the auspices of either organization, there will be a liaison from the other organization. IUPsyS, IAAP and EFPA have signed an agreement to facilitate information exchange promotion of their respective congresses.

The Assembly directed the Executive Committee to create a Work Group to develop a universal declaration of ethical principles for psychologists. The Work Group is charged with preparing a progress report and draft resolution for discussion at the 2004 Assembly. Based on this deliberation, a revised resolution will be submitted for a vote at the 2006 Assembly.

The Executive Committee also met in July 2002 in Singapore, prior to and after the Assembly meeting. In the post-Assembly sessions, it held substantive discussions on the matters deliberated by the Assembly as well as by Standing Committees. It moved rapidly to establish several Work Groups to advance deliberations further. This will enable short-term actions as well as progress on items to be submitted to the 2004 Assembly.

Following favourable consultation with the Assembly, the President's proposal to establish a Psychology Prize under the auspices of the Union will be pursued by a Work Group which will report to the 2003 Executive Committee.

Several membership matters were considered. Follow-up on contacts made in Singapore with prospective new National Members will be made in 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. Following the successful initial efforts in China (1995), Mexico (1997), South Africa (1999), and India (2001) continued support of Regional Conferences was reaffirmed. IUPsyS and the IAAP have also renewed their commitment to collaborate with each other and the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) in the planning and organization of Regional Conferences. The 2003 Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference of Psychology (MENA) will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in December. Further details are provided below in the section on Scientific Meetings. ICSU provided assistance in working with UAE officials to enable compliance with the principle on the free circulation of scientists.

The Advanced Research Training Seminars (ARTS) are a cornerstone of the IUPsyS capacity building programme. ARTS are held biennially, in conjunction with the Union's quadrennial Congress and that of the IAAP. Professor John Adair again served as Coordinator. Professor Ingrid Lunt was appointed as Co-Coordinator for the 2004 ARTS, thereby preparing the transition to a new coordinator.

Professor Adair provided a preliminary report to the Executive Committee on the three ARTS held in Singapore in July 2002 in conjunction with XXV International Congress of Applied Psychology. The final report will be published in the International Journal of Psychology. With the support of UNESCO via ISSC as well as from national psychological organizations and universities, the final ARTS 2002 programme was: (1) Family: Culture and Psychological Functioning; (2) Emotion and Inter-cultural Adjustment; and (3) Work-Place Safety, Systems Safety, and Psychology. Further details are provided below in the section on ARTS.

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. Directions for future actions were endorsed. Progress on specific projects is detailed below in reviewing activities undertaken during 2002. Activities for 2003 are generally well-defined and initiatives for 2004 are under active consideration. Several of those retained will be submitted for consideration by ICSU and ISSC.

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 Kagitçibasi (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 comprehensive reports to the Assembly and to the Executive Committee. The financial base of the Union remains sound. However, 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.

No dues revision could be presented to the 2002 Assembly. However, the Assembly approved a change to the procedure for revising unit value of annual dues to make it possible in the future for Assembly meetings between international congresses of psychology to entertain a proposal for

revision of the annual dues. The EC directed the Treasurer to prepare a proposal for an increase in the unit value of annual dues. This will be considered by the 2003 EC. It is expected that a proposal for an increase will be submitted to the 2004 Assembly.

SECRETARIAT

Electronic communication continues to facilitate internal communications, 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.

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 continues to present a challenge relative to the 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

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING 2002

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, d'Ydewalle serves as the Union liaison to the XXVIII ICP; he attended several preparatory meetings, including a full meeting of the Organizing Committee. The Congress Officers also made a presentation to the Assembly and met with the Executive Committee.

The past year was mainly devoted to establish the list of invited speakers and invited symposia; 79 colleagues from across the planet accepted the invitation to present a keynote or state-of-the-art lecture while 191 accepted to convene an invited symposium. The call for submitting individual presentations will be initiated in the coming months.

Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference of Psychology

Final authorization was received from the Executive Committee for the 2003 Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference of Psychology (MENA) to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in December. Professor Michel Sabourin serves as the Union's liaison to MENA. Under the local leadership of Dr. Raymond Hamden, the organization of the Conference is being assisted by the Yemen Psychological Association with Professor Hassan Kassim Khan serving as chair of the Scientific Programme Committee. The Union's National Member for Egypt, the Egyptian Association of Psychological Studies is also actively supporting this endeavour. The general theme, Psychology for Sustainable Development and Peace, reflects the great need for

capacity building in the region as well as the role that psychology and psychologists can play in alleviating regional tensions and finding solutions to conflicts.

ICSU 27th General Assembly

The Union was represented by the President and Secretary-General at the ICSU General Assembly and successful associated scientific meetings. The President made a plenary presentation on the results of the grant received for the project on Psychology in a Multi-Disciplinary Environment undertaken with the collaboration of the International Brain Research Organization and the International Geographical Union. The General Assembly elected Union President, Professor M. Denis, to the ICSU Executive Board for the period 2002-05. Subsequently, the new Executive Board appointed Union Secretary-General, Professor P. Ritchie to the Committee on Scientific Planning and Research.

UNESCO / ISSC 50th anniversary International Conference on Social Science and Social Policy in the 21st Century

The Union figured prominently in the programme of this landmark event. Former Union President and ISSC President, Professor Kurt Pawlik presided over the Conference. The Union's President, Professor Michel Denis, headed the IUPsyS delegation. EC member, Professor Cigdem Kagitçibasi, gave an invited plenary address on Psychology as a Policy Relevant Science of Human Development. Secretary-General Pierre Ritchie, chaired a special session on Research Regulation in the Behavioural and Social Sciences, which also featured Deputy Secretary-General, Professor Merry Bullock, and Professor Kagitçibasi.

ISSC 24th General Assembly

The Union was represented by the President and Secretary-General at the General Assembly. Former Union President, Professor Kurt Pawlik, completed his second term as ISSC President and now serves as Past-President. Union EC member, Professor Cigdem Kagitçibasi was elected to the ISSC Executive Committee for the period 2002-04.

PUBLICATIONS

The IUPsyS publications program is guided by the Standing Committee on Communications and Publications chaired by Past-President G. d'Ydewalle. Following the major achievements of the Union's publications program in the previous year, 2001 was marked by transitions and future planning.

The International Journal of Psychology (Editor: Laura Hernandez Guzman) remains the major regular scientific publication channel of IUPsyS. In the 2002 volume (Vol. 37), thirty regularly submitted manuscripts were published; there were no special issues. 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.

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

The third edition of the new Psychology Resource Files (Editors: J. B. Overmier & J. A. Overmier) was published in 2002. This initiative, the Union's first venture in publishing in CD-Rom format, continued to be well received. The third 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 new materials (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, abstracts of the presentations at the 1992 International Congress of Psychology in Brussels) as well as updates of materials which were included in the two preceding editions.

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 Newline. The first number appeared in late 2002, also under the direction of the Deputy Secretary-General, M. Bullock. The Proceedings of the XXVII International Congress of Psychology (Stockholm, 2000) were published in 2002 by Psychology Press in two volumes, containing almost all invited lectures at the Congress.

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

OTHER COMMITTEES

The Standing Committee on Research and Special Projects, chaired by Professor Bruce Overmier, continues to assist the Assembly and Executive Committee in providing general oversight and policy framework. Alternatives to current procedures for development, monitoring and reporting of projects by the committee are being considered. 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 will be deliberated further as part of the broader review 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 developed a 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 is coordinated by EC member, Professor Ype Poortinga. The current paper provides 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 is a working paper that was developed by the Executive Committee of the Union for consultation and discussion at the 2002 Assembly and with National Members through various media. This activity complements current work on the mission and aims of the Union. It has also been published in the International Journal of Psychology with a request for comments. A report will be submitted and deliberated at the 2003 Executive Committee.

The Task Group on Women's Issues met in Singapore in July, 2002. It is developing proposals for activities at the Beijing Congress.

The new project 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, Australia). This is a period of transition in the committee's composition and work plan.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Advanced Research Training Seminars were again coordinated by Professor John Adair. With the support of UNESCO via ISSC, the ARTS on Culture, Family, and Psychological Functioning was organized by Professor James Georgas (The University of Athens, Greece) and implemented in Singapore on July 4-6, 2002. The overall goals of this seminar were: 1) to familiarize the participants with theoretical and methodological issues in cross-cultural psychology, and theories and research on the family; 2) to illustrate these issues through the results of a recently completed 30 nations study of the relationships between eco-cultural indices, social structural variables, family structure and function, and psychological variables; 3) to apply this knowledge through the design of a mock cross-cultural study of family during the seminar; and 4) to stimulate research and teaching of cross-cultural methodology in the study of family. The instructors were Professor Georgas, John W. Berry (Canada), Fons J. R. van de Vijver (Netherlands), Cigdem Kagitçibasi (Turkey), and Ype Poortinga (Netherlands). Thirteen colleagues from eleven countries (Chile, Ethiopia, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Thailand, Ukraine, Vietnam) participated.

With the support of UNESCO via ISSC, Emotion and Inter-Cultural Adjustment was an ARTS organized and presented by Professor David Matsumoto (San Francisco State University, USA) and implemented in Singapore, July 12-14, 2002. The modern study of emotion has its roots in the cross-cultural study of emotional expression and perception, and one of the goals of the seminar was to provide seminar participants with a detailed look at the early modern history of the cross-cultural study of emotion, focusing on the literature embracing the notion of the universality of emotional expression, and recent literature challenging it. Participants also explored possibilities for conducting collaborative research surveying cultural display rules around the world, which has not been done to date. In particular, discussions focused on the development of the Inter-cultural Adjustment Potential Scale, the only test available to successfully predict inter-cultural adjustment in sojourners and immigrants, based on a theory of emotion regulation. Thirteen colleagues from eight countries (Bangladesh, China, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Philippines, South Africa, Swaziland) participated in the three day event. The ARTS on Work-Place Safety, System Safety and Psychology was organized and presented by Professors Bernhard Wilpert and Babette Fahlbruch (Berlin University of Technology, Germany) assisted by Professor Bob Dannatt (Australia) in Singapore, July 13 – 15, 2002. The objective of this ARTS was to provide an overview of current psychological research and practice approaches to safety in the world of working. It included the role of psychology in safety, practical application of a specific risk analysis methodology, issues of total systems safety of highly complex socio-technical systems with high hazard potential, intervention approaches to foster safety-related behaviour in organizations. Eleven colleagues participated from seven countries (China, India, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Singapore).

Capacity-Building for National Psychology

The creation of the Union's new Capacity-Building for National Psychology project resulted from the Executive Committee authorization of the development of additional capacity-building activities to address questions concerning 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. Coordinated by Professor Ype Poortinga (Tilburg University, Netherlands), Capacity-Building for Psychological Scientists in Asian Countries organized three related events, held in Singapore in July 2002, contiguous to the International Congress of Applied Psychology. This project benefited from support from UNESCO via ISSC as well as from ICSU's block grant capacity-building programme. One activity focused specifically on establishing a viable regional organization, the Asia-Oceania Network of Psychologists. The other two (a symposium and a roundtable) addressed national capacity-building more broadly within an emphasis on Asia. International Network Project on Psychological Dimensions of Global Change

The network has concluded work on the project Perception and Assessment of Global Environmental Change (PAGEC) and moved further toward initiation of a new project Psychological Aspects of Global Change with Professor Kurt Pawlik (University of Hamburg, Germany) remained Project Director during the transition. This research has been 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. Because of the unanticipated world events in the Fall, 2001, the final activity, a scientific conference focused on evaluation of PAGEC and on research planning for psychological aspects of global change was delayed until early 2002. It was held as re-scheduled in Istanbul, Turkey with the assistance of Koc University and chaired by Prof. Pawlik in cooperation with EC and PAGEC research team member Professor Cigdem Kagitçibasi. Preparation of work to be pursued in the next biennium focuses on establishment of a worldwide network of researchers (research groups) involved in behavioral science research pertaining to the new project. The goal is to have greater impact on policy-related research, policy-making, policy implementation, and policy evaluation. 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 endeavour are Professors Mirilia Bonnes (University of Rome) and Gabriel Moser (University of Paris V). It is expected that this project will be submitted for the consideration of ICSU's 2004 grants programme.

Research Network Project Psychology in a Multi-Disciplinary Environment

This network 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 operations 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. Following a symposium organized with IBRO, papers on the neuroimaging approaches to cognitive processes were published during 2002 in the International Journal of Psychology. As a direct outgrowth of the joint activities with IBRO, a second publishing endeavour was initiated on the neuroimaging of mental imagery for publication in the European Journal of Cognitive Psychology.

After a joint symposium with IGU on spatial cognition and environmental knowledge, discussions continued regarding the launching of new joint projects, including those under the

potential auspices of ICSU. In 2001, a meeting took place in Paris with the President of the IGU. A further meeting had to be postponed due to unanticipated events in the Fall 2001. It occurred in Dublin in March, 2002. The objective remains the pursuit of common scientific issues through joint initiatives.

IUPsyS continues to evaluate this project as a success. The capacity building dimension has been particularly well achieved by the work to date. Future multi-disciplinary endeavours will build and expand on the scholarly and training activities undertaken by this project since its inception.

Measurement of Cognitive Skills Associated with Adult Literacy

Supported by UNESCO through ISSC, this special project on Measurement of Cognitive Skills Associated with Adult Literacy built on prior research, which aims to measure various cognitive skills of illiterate adults to present an individual differences model for the acquisition of functional literacy. The project is coordinated by EC member Professor Cigdem Kagitçibasi and her colleague, Professor Sami Gologuz, both at Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey. In the current project, there were three primary objectives: (1) identify the cognitive skills that can account for individual differences in the literacy acquisition of adults; (ii) determine the set of cognitive skills that corresponds to the acquisition of different levels of functional literacy; (iii) develop and adapt testing materials. The project is currently in the data collection phase. In order to achieve the first two objectives, it was necessary to work with appropriate testing materials. The data are being collected from three groups: the Functional Adult Literacy Program (FALP) participants, classical literacy program participants, and non-participant control group. Preliminary results were presented at the Congress of the International Association of Applied Psychology in Singapore in July 2002 and more complete results at the ISSC / UNESCO 50th anniversary International Conference on Social Science and Social Policy in the 21st Century held in Vienna in December, 2002.

Southern Africa Capacity Building

The special project on Southern Africa Capacity Building promotes the exchange of psychological expertise in southern Africa. Supported previously by UNESCO through ISSC, the objective is to assist psychologists to develop collaborative working relationships with colleagues in their own and neighbouring countries. The project is coordinated by EC member Dr. Saths Cooper, a Past-President of the Psychological Society of South Africa and Coordinator of the IUPsyS Network of Psychology in the Developing World. Professor Josephine Jordan of the University of Harare also facilitated several parts of the project related to the Zimbabwe Psychological Association. This project is serving as a model for extending interaction to the psychological communities in the broader southern African region. Meetings to date have set an agenda to establish a network, begun to form a framework for collaborative projects, and to delineate common issues. Representatives from each society discussed developing a plan of action, identified common issues and priorities and exchanged information. Next steps are designed to include issues from a more comprehensive range of southern African countries. International Network of Psychology and the Developing World (INPDW)

This network is coordinated by EC Member, Dr. Saths 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.

HealthNet

The IUPsyS HealthNet, co-coordinated by Professor J.J. Sanchez Sosa (National University of Mexico), continued its renewal and expansion. Established in the previous quadrennium, it has grown steadily and has 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, Professors Sanchez Sosa and Steve Hotz provided strong support to the Union's collaboration on the WHO Adherence project.

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 was also published and disseminated world-wide in 2002.

WHO

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 Behavioural 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 behavioural 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 2002, the Union made substantial contributions to Evidence based change through its participation in the Adherence project.

BRIEF REPORT ON USE OF 2002 ICSU AND ISSC GRANTS, UNESCO SUBVENTIONS AND FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES

A description of activities supported by UNESCO through 2002 ICSU and ISSC grants as well as those also receiving support from other sources was provided in the report of special projects and in separate, elaborated reports to the granting bodies. This included the use of the ICSU block grant for capacity-building as well as a grant from UNESCO via ISSC to support Capacity-Building for Psychological Scientists in Asian Countries and from UNESCO via ISSC for the ARTS on Culture, Family, and Psychological Functioning and on Emotion and Inter-Cultural Adjustment.

Separate reports and financial statements for each project are being submitted to the ICSU and ISSC secretariats.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PLANS

The year 2002 marked the Union's 50th anniversary, which was celebrated one year earlier on the occasion of the XXVII International Congress of Psychology. The current quadrennium has

brought a renewed and expanded commitment to capacity-building and pursuing the Union's contribution to international development through its relations with ICSU, ISSC, the UN secretariat and WHO. It is also increasingly engaged in multi-Union endeavours. The Assembly and Executive Committee are also characterized by self-assessment, consolidation and future planning. Nonetheless, as described in this report, new initiatives have also been initiated. In 2001, the Union began the process of self-examination, which will likely generate change in the conduct of the Union's internal business. 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. 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.

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 are 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 will continue to be a stable centrepiece with a new Editor and her editorial team having taken charge in 2002. Implementing Abstracts in three languages also underscores the desire to make the journal accessible. The Union's Psychology Resource Files has moved from initial implementation to orderly evolution. The Union will also be considering 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. The prospect is increasingly good for a comparable level of contribution in the current quadrennium as in the previous one. As previously anticipated, IUPsyS will be required to continue to adjust to funding and other changes in UNESCO that have an impact on the scientific community and our federative bodies, ICSU and ISSC. This inevitably prompts the need to consider additional funding sources.

Sustaining relations with National Members remains an important goal. An Assembly meeting is always the best opportunity to benefit from global collective exchange and deliberation. The 2003 Assembly demonstrated this through productive and vigorous debate. The establishment of the new electronic newsletter is intended to foster regular communication between Assembly meetings.

The sustained surge in activity places heavy demands on the Union's limited resources. With this growth 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. Enhancing the capacity of its own infrastructure to carry out the IUPsyS mission requires thoughtful attention. This is one of the considerations 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 cannot be maintained.

Notwithstanding the financial and workload reservations, the prospects for the Union remain positive. Over the past year, the early results of that hope have been reaffirmed. Much of the short-term challenge lies in the Union's generation of sufficient individual and collective wisdom to set the direction that will ensure the policy framework, financial means, human resources and strategic vision to realize the full potential of the Union's prospective contributions. The remaining half of the current quadrennium will be fully occupied with this task while concurrently fulfilling the operational requirements of current activities.