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International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS)

"....dedicated to the development, representation and advancement of psychology as a basic and applied science nationally, regionally and internationally"
(Article 5, Statutes)

Welcome from the President Rainer K. Silbereisen



Rainer K. Silbereisen

IUPsyS is a truly unique organization that includes over 70 national psychological associations and that speaks on behalf of over half a million psychologists worldwide regarding all aspects of psychological science. The overall mission of IUPsyS is the development, representation and advancement of psychology as a basic and applied science regionally, nationally, and internationally. I think we can safely say that no other organization has such a broad geographical representation or comprehensive commitment to serving psychology.

However, like any living organism, IUPsyS has to respond and adapt to new challenges. We do this by continually reviewing and updating our immediate aims and long-term objectives, as documented in our [Strategic Plan for 2008 - 2012](#).

Currently, the Union is working toward three main objectives: to increase the inclusion of psychology in all parts of the world in the Union's activities and purview; to improve the level of exchange with all its National Members; and to develop a more structured level of and greater opportunities for Executive

Committee participation in the work of the Union.

In addition to these main areas of focus, IUPsyS has been particularly concerned with reducing the dramatic gap between what is known from basic and applied psychological science, and the extent to which social policy makers and those responsible for programming know and utilize this knowledge. This is of special importance for countries where governments are not aware of the potential contributions of psychological research and its applications to major social problems. To this end, IUPsyS offers its expertise to political bodies and private philanthropies at the international level.

But we are aiming to do even more by, for example, compiling and documenting state-of-the-art psychological knowledge related to specific social issues to provide an accessible resource for all involved. The Union also seeks to strengthen the impact of such endeavors by joining forces with global bodies such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Council for Science (ICSU) and

the International Social Science Council (ISSC), and by helping to raise the status and the level of psychology in all institutions of higher learning, especially those of member countries.

A closely related concern is to support the growing field of "translational science," which deals with using scientific insights of whatever nature to provide opportunities to impact social policy by identifying those causes or contexts of social problems that can be changed by intervention. Often these causes are not those included in the etiology of the problem that basic or applied scientists have in mind.

IUPsyS is seen as the natural home for promoting scientific programs that encourage many disciplines and scientific orientations to come together to address a social issue. Examples of such issues include how to support productive youth development in times of rapid social change, how to match increasing life expectancy with opportunities for life-long constructive roles through to old age, or how to encourage behavioral change to support sustainable development. Such questions, which may be especially pertinent for "majority world" (developing) countries, require insights not only from psychology, but also from other disciplines, ranging from neuroscience to gerontology. Inter-disciplinary cooperation is something IUPsyS seeks to encourage and support.

In sum, the goals of IUPsyS are to support its members, to be more inclusive toward the majority world, and to broaden psychology's outreach and relevance for governments and other world bodies. To achieve this we need the involvement of countries from all parts of the world, and of as many psychologists as possible.

This brochure includes information about the Union, its goals, structure and activities. For more details, please visit the IUPsyS website, <http://www.iupsys.net/>.

If you are reading this brochure and already belong to a National Member organization of the Union, or are thinking about joining one, and can envisage a way to help us be more effective in pursuing our mission, please take time to make contact. You can do this via your local organization (see links to [National Members](#) on the Union's web), through any one of the Union's officers or members of the Union's [Executive Committee](#), or by writing us directly at info@iupsys.org.

Do also come and join us for the next International Congress of Psychology – July 2012, in Cape Town, South Africa.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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IUPsyS

An Overview of the Union

The International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) was founded in 1951 with the aim of promoting psychology in an international context. Since then it has developed into a truly unique organization that now includes over 70 national psychological associations and has as its overall mission the development, representation and advancement of psychology as a basic and applied science regionally, nationally, and internationally.

IUPsyS is an organization comprised of National Member organizations whose aim is the development of all aspects of psychological science. Its broad coverage is reflected in the rich scholarly programs of the quadrennial International Congresses of Psychology (ICP), which IUPsyS sponsors. It is also through ICP that most people know the work of the IUPsyS. In terms of outreach, IUPsyS also collaborates with the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) and the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) in activities such as the [Advanced Research Training Seminars](#) (ARTS) and Regional Conferences of Psychology. To complement this work, the Union is active in fostering the creation and development of international networks of psychologists in several domains, as well as undertaking a range of activities developed under the responsibility of its Standing Committees.



The *International Journal of Psychology* (IJP) is the official journal of the Union, published by Psychology Press. It publishes articles and reviews in every domain of psychology and in-



Opening Session, International Congress of Psychology, 2008

cludes an International Platform Section that informs the international community about issues of common interest. Other recent publications include *Psychological Concepts: An International Historical Perspective* and the *International Handbook of Psychology* that promote an international perspective of psychology and take into account the contributions from around the world.

The [IUPsyS website](#) (hosted by Psychology Press) provides information of use to the international community of psychologists as well as information about IUPsyS. In 2010, the web resources will expand to provide a portal that incorporates Psychology: IUPsyS Global Resource, an information CD previously available as a supplement to the journal.

An electronic newsletter [Keeping You Posted](#) is circulated to members and others periodically, and news is shared via a monthly Bulletin.

The activities undertaken by the IUPsyS are generally organized through its three Standing Committees: Strategic Planning, Capacity Building, Publications and Communications, and the various Work Groups subsumed under each (Please see <http://www.iupsys.net/index.php/governance/iupsys-committeesworkgroups> and further in this brochure for more details).



IUPsyS Executive Committee, Cape Town

One area that has been the focus of particular activity is that of capacity building. This encompasses fostering the development of psychology as a formally recognized and organized discipline around the world and is particularly important because it supports the contributions of psychology as an applied discipline and provides ways for professional psychologists to exchange information in their various contexts. A very practical way of achieving this is the biennial organization of (ARTS) program that provides training opportunities for scholars from low-income countries to learn about new and up-to-



date methodologies. These can then be used directly in their research programs as well as shared with other psychologists in their home communities.

Other capacity building workshops are also organized, both to coincide with other events, such as the Regional Congresses of Psychology, and as part of workshop series that addresses a specific need, such as a post-tsunami training workshop held in Singapore 2006 or the Bereavement Research and Practice workshop held in Germany in 2009.

The Union also supports cooperation and communication among members of the world community of psychologists. This is done through the National Member organizations (usually national psychology organizations, federations of such organizations, or national academies of science) and through National Member representatives who form the Assembly of the Union. The Union attempts to maintain regular exchange with its National Members and affiliate

organizations, and to be aware of the needs and achievements in corresponding countries and regions of the world.

The aims of IUPsyS are specified in its Statutes as follows:

To enhance and promote the development of the science and profession of psychology;

To exchange ideas and scientific information between psychologists of different countries;

To contribute to psychological knowledge through its publishing activities;

To foster the exchange of publications and other communications among different countries;

To foster excellence in standards for education, training, research and the applications of psychology;

To enable the development of psychological scientists and national associations through capacity building activities;

To foster international exchange, especially among students and young researchers;

To collaborate with other international, regional, and national organizations in matters of mutual interest.

ICP2012 Opening



ARTS 2008



IUPsyS Assembly 2008

Organization of the Union



Members

The International Union of Psychological Science consists of National Member organizations, not more than one per country. National Members may be a national Society of Psychology, regularly established, a coalition of National Societies, or, psychology representation in a national Academy of Sciences, National Research Council, or similar organization. As of December 2009, the Union comprises 71 member organizations.

Albania	Georgia	Netherlands	Switzerland
Argentina	Germany	New Zealand	Turkey
Australia	Greece	Nicaragua	Uganda
Austria	Hong Kong	Nigeria	Ukraine
Bangladesh	Hungary	Norway	United Kingdom
Belgium	India	Pakistan	USA
Bulgaria	Indonesia	Panama	Uruguay
Canada	Iran	Peru	Venezuela
Chile	Ireland	Philippines	Vietnam
China	Israel	Poland	Yemen
Colombia	Italy	Portugal	Zimbabwe
Croatia	Japan	Romania	
Cuba	Jordan	Russia	
Czech Republic	Korea (South)	Singapore	
Denmark	Lithuania	Slovakia	
Dominican Republic	Malta	Slovenia	
Egypt	Mexico	South Africa	
Estonia	Mongolia	Spain	
Finland	Morocco	Sudan	
France	Namibia	Sweden	

Assembly

The legislative body and final authority of the Union is the Assembly. The Assembly holds a formal voting meeting every two years at an International Congress of Psychology.

Each National Member, depending upon its category of membership, is entitled to send one or two delegates to the Assembly.



Administration of the Union

Executive Committee

The administrative body of the Union is its Executive Committee. It typically meets once a year and maintains active virtual communication. The Executive Committee includes thirteen elected members: the President, Past President, Vice-President and ten Committee Members, three appointed members, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, and the Treasurer, and a salaried Executive Officer. All elected members of the Executive Committee become voting members of the Assembly.

The Officers of the Union (President, Past-President, Vice President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, Deputy Secretary-General) and the Executive Officer of the Union meet several additional times during the year to develop meeting agendas and materials and to monitor Union Activities.

The day-to-day activities of the Union are administered by the Executive Officer and Secretariat.



Executive Committee 2008 – 2012

Front row, left to right: Gonça Soygüt, Member, Turkey; J. Bruce Overmier, Past-President, USA; Rainer K. Silbereisen, President, Germany; Kan Zhang, Vice President, China; Merry Bullock, Deputy Secretary-General, USA.

Back row, left to right: James Georgas, Member, Greece; Nick Hammond, Executive Officer, UK; Helio Carpintero, Member, Spain; Peter A. Frensch, Member, Germany; Laura Hernandez-Gúzman, Member, Mexico; Michel Sabourin, Treasurer, Canada; Pam Maras, Member, UK; Pierre L.-J. Ritchie, Secretary General, Canada; Maria Larsson, Member, Sweden; Ann Watts, Member, South Africa; Janak Pandey, Member, India; Barbara Tversky, Member, USA.

Ex Officio: Michèle Robert, Editor IJP

Honorary Life Members: David Belanger, Canada; Michel Denis, France; Gery d'Ydewalle, Belgium; Quincheng Jing†, China; Kurt Pawlik, Germany; Mark Rosenzweig†, USA; Wayne Holtzman, USA

IUPsyS 2008-2012 Strategic Plan

The IUPsyS Strategic Plan adopted by the Assembly specifies **guiding principles**, **decision rules**, and **strategic priorities** for targeted actions to guide the work of the Union.

Core Operating Principles for Guiding Activities

- ~ Serve the science and the profession at the global level;
- ~ Recognize that National Members vary in their specific developmental and policy needs;
- ~ Capacity Building efforts focus on national and individual levels;
- ~ Representational and Policy activities focus on international overarching organizations;
- ~ Monitoring and evaluation of activities is a necessary vehicle for planning and accountability.

Basic Principles and Decision Rules for choosing priorities

- ~ Activities support continuous engagement with National Members;
- ~ Activities support continuous engagement in international representation;
- ~ Activities are important for development of the discipline and of organized psychology;
- ~ Activities are uniquely suited to the Union;
- ~ There are consequences to the discipline if the activity is not done.

Five Strategic Priorities

- ~ Capacity Building - National Capacity Building, Skills transfer, International Research Networks;
- ~ International Representation with overarching organizations to promote the value of psychology;
- ~ Service to National Members through policies and information resources to support the development of psychology;
- ~ Service to the Discipline - Development of a Common Core through policies on education and training, curriculum development, ethics, responsible conduct of research, and professional practice;
- ~ Communications and Dissemination of knowledge through meetings, print and web media.

Activities of the Union

International Congress of Psychology - ICP

One of the Union's main activities is sponsoring the International Congress of Psychology (ICP), which takes place every four years and attracts audiences of up to 8,000 psychological scientists.

The ICP is organized by a national host committee under the auspices of the Union and in consultation with the IUPsyS Executive Committee. Following receipt of a [formal bids](#) which must be submitted by IUPsyS National Members, the IUPsyS Assembly chooses the host country of the next ICP. An International Congress of Psychology must be held in a country that has a National Member in the IUPsyS. The choice of an ICP is approximately eight years in advance of the Congress. Once chosen, it is the responsibility of the National Member (and its scientific community) to organize all aspects of the Congress - including developing the program, issuing calls for participation, publicizing the Congress, arranging accommodation, organizing special programming, and usually securing additional funding through grants and sponsorship.

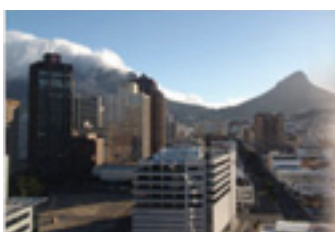
The geographical location of an ICP is rotated among continents and countries and in coordination with the International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP; under the auspices of IAAP) which is also held every four years, two years on either side of an ICP. In an attempt to guarantee broad geographical coverage, the Assembly is likely to favor applications that enable access from the major regions of the world or that provide a location with large concentrations of psychologists.



Berlin Congress Center

Sites and Years of International Congresses of Psychology

Paris	1889	Paris	1937	Paris	1976
London	1892	Edinburgh	1948	Leipzig	1980
Munich	1896	Stockholm	1951	Acapulco	1984
Paris	1900	Montréal	1954	Sydney	1988
Rome	1905	Brussels	1957	Brussels	1992
Geneva	1909	Bonn	1960	Montréal	1996
Oxford	1923	Washington	1963	Stockholm	2000
Groningen	1926	Moscow	1966	Beijing	2004
New Haven	1929	London	1969	Berlin	2008
Copenhagen	1932	Tokyo	1972	Cape Town	2012



Cape Town

The thirtieth Congress, the XXX ICP, will be held in Cape Town, South Africa in 2012. This is being organized with support from the National Research Foundation of South Africa, the Psychological Society of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of South Africa. For further information see www.icp2012.com

Activities of the Union Publications

The Union's flagship publication is the *International Journal of Psychology* (IJP). Other publications include *Proceedings of the International Congresses of Psychology* (ICP); the *International Handbook of Psychological Science*; the *History of the Union*, and various occasional books and stand-alone special journal issues.



The International Journal of Psychology (IJP) is the journal of the IUPsyS. Founded in 1966, the *IJP* is published six times a year by Psychology Press under the auspices of the Union. *IJP* is the outlet for empirical basic and applied studies and for reviews that incorporate perspectives from different areas or domains within psychology or across different disciplines, that test the culture-dependent validity of psychological theories, or that integrate literature from different regions in the world. The goal of *IJP* is to strengthen dialog within psychology around the world and to facilitate communication among different areas of psychology and among psychologists from different cultural backgrounds.

The main section of the journal is edited by Michèle Robert (University of Montréal), whose term as editor began in 2009. Professor Robert, whose research interests include conditioning and learning, cognitive development and social influences, and gender comparisons in cognitive abilities, has served on the editorial boards of several journals, and was associate editor of the Canadian Journal of Psychology and the Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology.

The *IJP* also includes an International Platform section that publishes reports from IUPsyS and

its National Members as well as articles of general international policy interest. This section is edited by Associate Editors Pierre L. J. Ritchie, Canada and Merry Bullock, United States. Further information on *IJP* and the type of articles it publishes may be found on the publisher's website, see <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/pp/00207594.html>.

Other publications of the Union include two-volume sets of *Proceedings* from each of the International Congresses of Psychology, that are organized topically; a volume on the History of the Union (published in 2000 and soon to be updated), a *Handbook of Psychology*, and a *Conceptual History of Psychology*. Each of these volumes provides a rich and internationally diverse set of chapters that help to define psychology in its broadest sense.

Over the years, several issues of the *IJP* have been special issues on topics of particular international, scholarly or applied interest. These are published as stand-alone volumes, and are appropriate for classroom use. The complete list at

<http://www.iupsys.net/index.php/publications/special-issues>



Activities of the Union Communications

Web

The Union website www.iupsys.net currently provides a wealth of information about the Union and its activities. It also serves as a major source of information about international meetings, organizations, and activities.



During 2010, the web will be expanded to host **IUPsyS Global Resources**. This will replace the IUPsyS Resource Files, a compendium of information on psychology across countries, institutions and fields of study that was provided as a supplementary CD-Rom to the Union journal *International Journal of Psychology*. The new web-portal, **IUPsyS Global Resources** will include the *Psychologists Map of the World*, an interactive map with links to psychology-relevant information on educational institutions, regulations and the organizations of psychology in every country around the world. It will also include comprehensive topical information and links to psychology ethics, research funding, regulatory institutions, and other global resources, as well as an international *Bookshelf* with conference abstracts and meeting notes. The new **IUPsyS Global Resources** will position the Union to be the "go to" place for psychology information for students, scholars, policy makers, foundations, and the public.

Keeping You Posted

The Union newsletter, **Keeping You Posted** contains articles on current issues, country information, and reports on IUPsyS activities. The newsletter, published on occasion from 2000-2008, will now appear 4 times a year under the editorship of Executive Committee member James Georgas and IUPsyS Executive Officer Nick Hammond.

Readers are welcome to submit ideas for articles to the editors at newsletter@iupsys.org



IUPsyS Bulletin

The IUPsyS *Bulletin* is sent monthly to National Members of the Union. It contains timely news and announcements of Union and international opportunities.



Listservs

IUPsyS maintains listservs to manage subscriptions and to allow rapid communications with its National Members. National Member organizations and their officers may subscribe to the National Member Listserv (subscribe at lists.apa.org - IUPsyS-NM). The general public may subscribe to IUPsyS-GA@lists.apa.org to receive the newsletter and general items of interest by signing up at lists.apa.org.

Activities of the Union

Working with other International Organizations

An important function of IUPsyS is participation in major global scientific organizations and international agencies

Global Science Organizations

IUPsyS is an adhering member to the International Council for Science (ICSU), which is the major international scientific organization across all sciences, and is a founding member of the International Social Science Council (ISSC), which spans the behavioral and social sciences.

International Council for Science (ICSU)

ICSU is the apex of international scientific bodies. It formulates international scientific policy, aids developing countries in scientific projects and education, promotes free pas-



sage of scientists and free collaboration among scientists, and fosters large interdisciplinary efforts (such as the International Geosphere-Biosphere Program). The election of IUPsyS to ICSU in 1982 helped psychologists to play a more significant role in bringing psychological expertise to bear on problems of international importance. IUPsyS is an active member of the ICSU Brain Research Program and participates in the ICSU Biosciences initiative. IUPsyS also participates CODATA: Committee on Data for Science and Technology; COSTED: Committee on Science and Technology in Developing Countries; SCOPE: Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment; IGBP: Scientific Advisory Committee for the International Geosphere-Biosphere Program.

International Social Sciences Council (ISSC)

When ISSC was founded by UNESCO in 1952, IUPsyS was one of the four charter members. Next to the International Union of Psychological Science, there are 13 other Member Associations, 13 Member Organizations, and 15

Associate Members. IUPsyS cooperates with ISSC and its member organizations in several research programs and International Issue Groups, in the International Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Program (IHDP) under joint aegis of ISSC and ICSU, in Working Groups, and in a number of UNESCO-sponsored projects, particularly involving developing countries.



Global Agencies

UNESCO IUPsyS has consultative relations with UNESCO at the "category a" level; this acknowledges the effective contributions of the Union to the implementation of UNESCO's program. The Union cooperates with UNESCO on a variety of projects of mutual interest. For example, IUPsyS was invited to contribute a chapter on psychology's role in investigating the consequences of social change for individual adaptation to the latest UNESCO World Social Science Report.

WHO Since 2002, IUPsyS has had special relations with the World Health Organization, and is in regular communication with the WHO. The Union has appointed a member of its Executive Committee to serve on the Core Group that is coordinating the next edition of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) and supports the secondment of a psychologist who serves as the Staff liaison for the revision. Union members are regularly involved in the WHO ICD-Revision expert advisory group.

UN Secretariat

IUPsyS has special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at the United Nations, as well as consultative status with the UN Department of Public Information (DPI).

Affiliated Organizations

In 2010, 13 individual member international and regional organizations are affiliated with IUPsyS, and two organizations with similar membership structure to the IUPsyS (National Members) hold special liaison exchanges.

ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH IUPSYs		
ASEAN Regional Unions of Psychology (ARUPS)	European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology (EAWOP)	International Neurological Society (INS)
Association de Psychologie Scientifique de Langue Française (APSLF)	Interamerican Society of Psychology/ Sociedad Interamericana de Psicología (SIP)	International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD)
European Association of Experimental Social Psychologists (EAESP)	International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP)	International Society of Comparative Psychology (ISCP)
European Association of Personality Assessment (EAPA)	International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP)	
European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP)	International Council of Psychologists (ICP)	
ORGANIZATIONS IN LIAISON EXCHANGES		
European Federation of Psychological Associations (EFPA)		
International Test Commission (ITC)		

IUPsyS Work with Affiliated Organizations

For the potential impact of such affiliations on the Union's work, the [International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development](#) (ISSBD) is a case in point. This worldwide organization, which has the aim of promoting research and training in life span developmental science, shares the Union's goal of propagating the assets scientific psychology can bring to individuals and societies. Both organizations are involved in advanced training activities for young scientists, and ISSBD helps the Union by giving special focus to certain events, such as announcing ARTS activities in their publication outlets. More importantly, perhaps, is the close networking that such a relationship can support. For example, in 2009 ISSBD held a workshop on Social and Emotional Development in Changing Societies in Nanjing, China, and President Silbereisen, also a former President

of ISSBD was one of the invited lecturers. China is already present at the highest level within IUPsyS (Vice President Kan Zhang), but the Union sets great store on also having vibrant relationships at the ground roots level. Naturally, this also applies to other regions of the world.

The Union regularly communicates with its affiliate and special liaison organizations, and invites these organizations to attend the biennial World Forum meeting held during international congresses.

More information on the work of all these organizations and on the union's work with them can be found on the union's website at www.iupsys.net.

IUPsyS Standing Committees And their Work Groups

Article 20 of the statutes governing IUPsyS states “*There shall be a Standing Committee on Capacity Building, A Standing Committee on Publications and Communications, and a Standing Committee on Strategic Planning.*” The President appoints Chairs to these Standing Committees, establishes Work Groups under the respective Committees as relevant to the aims of the Union, and appoints Work Group chairs, who carry out the terms of reference with appointed work group members.

Standing Committee on Capacity Building (Chair, L. Hernandez-Gúzman)

- ▶ Work Group on Development of National Organizations (Chair, P. Maras, UK)
- ▶ Work Group on Advanced Research Training Seminars (ARTS) (Chair, G. Soygüt, Turkey)
- ▶ Work Group on Education for Psychologists (Chair, J. Pandey, India)
- ▶ Work Group on Health Net and Health Psychology (Chair, A. Watts, South Africa)

Standing Committee on Publications and Communications (Chair, B. Overmier)

This committee has oversight over:

- ▶ **IJP:** International Journal of Psychology (IJP) Editor, Associate Editors and Editorial Board
- ▶ **Web :** IUPsyS Webmaster and (as of 2010) advisory group
- ▶ **Newsletter :** Editors J. Georgas, N. Hammond
- ▶ **Resource File / Portal**

Standing Committee on Strategic Planning (Chair: R. K. Silbereisen)

- ▶ Work Group on Funding (Chair, P. Frensch, Germany)
- ▶ Work Group on Membership issues (Chair, H. Carpintero, Spain)
- ▶ Work Group on Policy Development and Policy Statements (Chair, M. Larsson, Sweden)
- ▶ Work Group on Awards and Recognition (Chair, K. Zhang, China)
- ▶ Work Group on Implementation of Quality Enhancement/ Evaluation Criteria (Chair, B. Tversky, USA)
- ▶ Work Group on Communication with National Members (Chair, Jim Georgas, Greece)

How do the Work Groups function?

As an example of the type of work undertaken by the work groups, the following gives some details on the Work Group on Education for Psychologists (Chair, J. Pandey). The Terms of Reference for this group include considering the systems and structures of education for psychologists internationally and developing guides and standards for education and training in psychology.

Although psychology is taught around the world, and most often to very high standards, there is also a lot of variation. Further, although there is some published material that describes aspects of the status of psychology in some selected parts of the world, there is still limited information and no comprehensive picture of the status of psychology or psychology education and training. In addition, many governments have no real understanding about the value of psychology.

Against this backdrop, the **Work Group on Education for Psychologists** has set out to gather extensive data on how psychology is taught and how psychologists are trained in academic insti-

tutions around the world. The results of these investigations will form a core of information on psychology education and training in the IUPsyS Global Resource. In collaboration with stakeholders and experts, the Union hopes to also use them to draft recommendations for a worldwide list of reference points concerning the goals, structure, curricula, and outcomes of psychology programs. A longer term goal is to stimulate dialogue with national and international scientific bodies and regulators about education standards for the profession.

Apart from this research work, the Work Group also organizes activities in support of its overall mission. For example, at the International Congress of Applied Psychology, Melbourne, July 2010 there will be a symposium on Psychology Education, Training and Practice around the World, accompanied by a meeting of the Workgroup, which is planned to facilitate communication with national/regional representatives to identify important issues that need to be covered in the data gathering.

Activities of the Union

Awards

To recognize achievement and excellence, both within the Union and its work and in the general scientific world, IUPsyS Work Group on Awards is developing a system of awards to be presented every four years on the occasion of the International Congress of Psychology.

Mattei Dogan Award

The first IUPsyS award was established in 2006 under the generous auspices of the Mattei Dogan Foundation. The award, the **Mattei Dogan Foundation Prize in Psychological Science**, is given in recognition of a contribution by a scholar or a team of scholars with a high international reputation that constitutes a major advance in psychology.

The award process is governed by an international jury, chaired by Union Past President, Professor Michel Denis, and appointed by the Union.

The prize was given for the first time at the Berlin International Congress of Psychology in 2008 and was awarded to Prof. Michael I. Posner, from the University of Oregon, USA.

Professor Posner's work connecting psychological science to neuroscience and the study of the human brain marked a significant breakthrough in the study of attention, consciousness, memory, and information processing. His research has combined behavioral experimental paradigms and their brain, genetic, and developmen-

tal bases, and has made major empirical, methodological, and theoretical contributions to the field of psychology.

Other Awards

For 2012, the Union anticipates presenting the *Mattei Dogan Foundation Prize in Psychological Science* along with awards being developed, including a *Young Investigator Award*, and a *Lifetime Career Award* at the 2012 ICP in Cape Town, South Africa.



Michael Posner receiving the Dogan Award 2008 from former IUPsyS President and Chair of the International Jury, Michel Denis

IUPsyS Out and About

IUPsyS as an organization is regularly invited to attend regional and international congresses, and meetings of global science bodies.

Here is a flavor of those meetings:

Congreso Interamericano de Psicología (CIP)

In 2009, IUPsyS was invited to attend the Congreso Interamericano de Psicología (CIP) held by the Interamerican Society of Psychology (SIP) in Guatemala. Here IUPsyS was involved in two events.

The first, the IUPsyS Breakfast, was a Union-organized meeting to which senior officers (presidents and secretaries-general) of Latin American psychology associations were invited. About 20 representatives of various national and regional organizations -- supporting the Union's goal of establishing greater contact in an area where the Union is underrepresented.



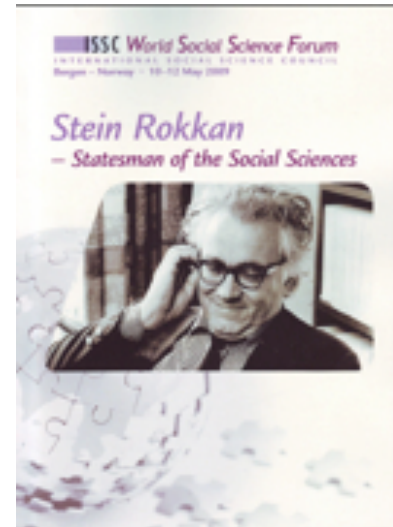
IUPsyS-sponsored breakfast, CIP-SIP Conference, Guatemala

The second event was participation in an International Symposium titled, 'International Organizations of Psychology: Challenges, Opportunities and Contributions.' The IUPsyS President made a presentation from the perspective of IUPsyS that showed how, as an organization, IUPsyS can help address such issues, and how membership of the Union can be useful in this regard. As a consequence more activities in the region were planned.

European Congress of Psychology (ECP)

IUPsyS attended the European Congress of Psychology where it met with colleagues and Union National Members, and attended the EFPA Assembly as an observer.

World Social Science Forum



IUPsyS was invited to the World Social Science Forum as a founding member of the organization.

At the forum, IUPsyS sponsored one event: "One World or Many - Are Values Converging or Diverging?", that described studies of values that map the preferences and the principles that guide the everyday lives of people, and presented an international picture of values - where they converge, where they diverge, and how they interact with regional, class, gender, ethnic group and age group membership.

In addition, IUPsyS President Rainer Silbereisen was the discussant for a keynote lecture titled "One Social Science - or Many?", given by Professor Jon Elster, Columbia University and Collège de France, in a session chaired by IUPsyS Secretary-General, Pierre Ritchie.

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Regional Conferences of Psychology



Aula, Sofia Bulgaria



Rainer K. Silbereisen, IUPsyS President, at the Opening Ceremony of the 2009 Regional Conference of Psychology (SEERCP), Sofia, Bulgaria

Together with the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP), and occasional other partners, the IUPsyS sponsors biennial regional conferences of psychology in areas of the world in which psychology is developing or is not well represented.

Since 1995, Regional Conferences have been held in Guangzhou, China; Durban, South Africa (IUPsyS lead); Mumbai, India (IAAP lead); Dubai, UAE (IUPsyS lead); Bangkok, Thailand (IAAP lead); Amman, Jordan (IUPsyS lead) and Sofia, Bulgaria (IAAP lead).

The next RCP in 2011 is in the planning stages and is anticipated to take place in the Caribbean (Nassau, Bahamas, No-

vember 9-11, 2011), with the Union as the lead sponsoring organization.

In addition to serving in a liaison relation to regional conference organizers, the Union disseminates information about the conference, regularly contributes to the scientific program, and develops capacity building workshops.

In 2011, in light of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and its devastating impact on all aspects of human well-being, the Union plans to use its experience with a workshop on bereavement held for the Caucasus region (see page 20) to organize a similar programme.

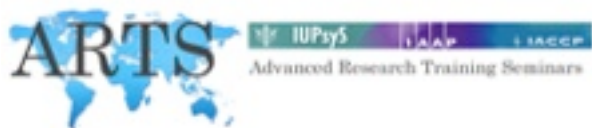
The multi-step capacity building program moves from delivering information, through

training, to curriculum construction for academic institutions.

For more information on Regional Conferences of Psychology see <http://www.iupsys.net/index.php/about/activities>

IUPsyS Capacity Building

ARTS (Advanced Research Training Seminars) provide training opportunities for scholars from low-income countries, promotes exchange and dialogue among early career psychologists, and fosters excellence in research and scholarship.



ARTS are held every two years in conjunction with the major international congresses of the sponsoring organizations, the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS), the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) and the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP). Only an idea 10 years ago, the collaborative efforts of psychologists around the world have made the Advanced Research and Training Seminars a tangible contribution to the advancement of psychology as a world-wide scientific discipline.

Each ARTS has a particular focus. Past topics have included such topics as: Imaging the Structure and Function of Brain; Psychological Test Adaptation to Diverse Cultures; Measuring Personality Cross-Culturally; Pathways across Development: Cross Cultural Perspectives; Survey Methodology; Workplace Safety; Developing Effective Health Behavior Interventions.



ARTS 2008

Each ARTS seminar usually includes around 15 participants, selected to encourage geographic diversity, and to maximize the "multiplier" effect (participants are expected to take the training forward in their research, teaching and mentoring). Accommodation and meals are provided, as is a modest travel stipend. Because ARTS are held in conjunction with major international Congresses of Psychology, is it

intended that participants will also attend these Congresses

The ARTS program is coordinated by a steering committee comprising representatives of each sponsoring organization and an ARTS coordinator. Currently its members are, Thomas Oakland, Liaison to IAAP; Nandita Chaudhary, Liaison to IACCP, Gonça Soygüt, Liaison to IUPsyS, and Xianghong Sun ARTS Coordinator.



ARTS Steering Committee with IACCP President (and former ARTS Coordinator) Heidi Keller and IUPsyS Officer, Merry Bullock at a meeting in Würzburg, Germany

The 2010 ARTS will be held in conjunction with the XXX International Congress of Applied Psychology (Melbourne, July 11-16) and the XX Congress of the International Association for Cross Cultural Psychology (Melbourne, July 7-11).

As in the past, IUPsyS has been able to attract additional outside funding in support of this program. For more information and details of forthcoming seminars please see <http://www.iupsys.net/index.php/arts>

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IUPsyS Capacity Building

IUPsyS Capacity Building Workshops

Bereavement Research and Practice, Jena, Germany 2009

Following the 2008 armed conflicts in the Caucasus, IUPsyS received a request from the region to provide support for psychologists' work with internally displaced persons. This led to the development of plans for a series of workshops with the overall title of ***Conflict Prevention in the South Caucasus Region*** to be held under the auspices of the IUPsyS capacity-building program.

The first of the workshops in the series, Bereavement, Research and Practice, was held in November, 2009 at the University of Jena. Support for the workshop series is provided by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the IUPsyS and the University of Jena. Funding has already been granted for a second workshop, to be held in 2010, with a focus on practical research and training models for bereavement interventions.

A third workshop on the development and implementation of a specific psychology curriculum at institutes of higher education in the region is expected to be held in 2011.



Participants, Faculty and Organizers, Jena 2009

The workshop, *Bereavement, Research and Practice*, held November 2-6, 2009 in Jena, Germany, had 21 participants, from Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia and 10 faculty from Germany, Switzerland and China.

Over four working days, participants and faculty listened to lectures, discussed poster presentations, engaged in group work and discussion, and presented individual projects. Participants learned about the concept of bereavement, including its definitions, effects, and context, and participated in hands-on presen-

tation and discussion of data and research projects from the region. Information on IUPsyS and how to become involved as a country was presented to support and strengthen associations of psychology in the region.

In addition to the working program there was a series of evening talks and a lively social program. For more information see <http://www.iupsys.net/index.php/congresses/workshopsmeetings>.

National Capacity Building Workshops

The Union's National Capacity Building workshops are held for officers of national or regional associations of psychology and focus on information on how to strengthen organizations of psychology as membership organizations and in service of psychology to society. National Capacity Building workshops are regularly held at Regional Conferences of Psychology and following some international Congresses. They have been held in Durban, Beijing, Dubai, Bangkok, Amman, and Sofia.

National Capacity Building Workshop South-East European Regional Conference of Psychology, Sofia, Bulgaria 2009

As part of the 2009 South-East Europe Regional Conference of Psychology (SEERCP) Conference in Sofia, Bulgaria, IUPsyS held a one-day event to enable leaders of psychology associations in the region to share experiences and to explore possibilities for developing psychology in the region.

The workshop was led by Pam Maras, IUPsyS Executive Committee member, and facilitated by other members of the IUPsyS Executive Committee, Officers, and the Executive Officer (James Georgas; Nick Hammond; Michel Sabourin; Gonca Soygüt). Delegates represented a range of regional psychology associations, including Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Slovenia and Turkey. In addition, colleagues from The Netherlands and the US (representing IAAP) attended for part of the workshop.

A wide range of topics were discussed, including how to make a national psychology association relevant and attractive to members; improving communication, education and training, and contacting or co-operating with neighbouring countries and working on particular aspects of policy or activity discussed in the workshop.

Delegates identified a number of actions to be taken as a result of the workshop, and a recommendation that a brief follow-up questionnaire be sent to participants after about six months to collect information on follow-up activities and the impact of the workshop, as well as collating and disseminating advice to National Associations via the web portal.



Delegates at the IUPsyS National Capacity Building workshop, Sofia, Bulgaria 2009

Ad Hoc Workshops

In addition to all other congress, conference, and workshop activities, the Union supports ad hoc workshops under its auspices as and when required.

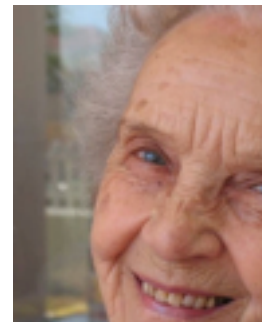
Two such events occurred on the occasion of the 2008 Berlin ICP. These were an Expert Workshop on Quality of Life in Old Age and a Forum on Youth. Both were intended to broaden scientific discussion, to foster collaboration with the world of economy and politics, and to increase dissemination and media representation of the insights scientific psychology has to offer. Internationally renowned experts presented their work to a diverse audience comprising academics (including young scholars), politicians, journalists and business representatives.

Expert Workshop: Quality of Life in Old Age

The team of experts for Quality of Life in Old Age Workshop included Ursula Staudinger, Germany; Keith E. Whitfield, USA, Denise Cortis Park, USA; Hans-Werner Wahl, Germany;

Rocio Fernandez-Ballesteros, Spain; and Scott M. Hofer, USA.

Following presentations and discussions, the workshop concluded with the drafting of the 'Berlin Declaration on the Quality of Life for Older Adults: Closing the Gap between Scientific Knowledge and Intervention' which was subsequently published in a number of psychology and gerontology journals. The Declaration set out areas that the experts felt needed particular consideration by academic research, by politicians, and by those effecting and influencing social policy. Among these were the activation of resources and potentials of older adults, the promotion of competence among the elderly, the promotion of mental health and autonomous functioning in old age, the strengthening and support of the families of older adults, and for research on the role ethnic/cultural diversity. The Declaration stressed that improving the quality of life of the elderly requires new initiatives, and in particular more experimental and interdisciplinary studies.



Forum on Youth

The Forum on Youth had two main presenters: Laurence Steinberg, Temple University, USA (and recent winner of the inaugural Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize in the field of youth development) and Jay Giedd, NIMH, USA, two world-renowned scientists studying young people with a special reference to decision making and brain development. Following these presentations there was an open discussion with the invited audience on the challenges facing young people today and on the role psychological insights should play in informing applications and policies.

An important point to note is that, although taking place in conjunction with the Berlin International Congress of Psychology (sponsored by IUPsyS) these workshops were externally sponsored by the Jacobs Foundation. This marked the start of a new policy for the Union whereby it was recognized that additional financial support was required if it was to meet its aims and objectives as set out in its strategic plan. This strategy is being built upon and is proving to be very successful.

IUPsyS

Financial Arrangements

Permanent revenue

As an independent, non-profit organization, IUPsyS has two principal sources of revenue. These are the annual dues it receives from National Members organizations and royalties arising from the publication of its journal, the *International Journal of Psychology*, books, and other publications.

IUPsyS National Members pay dues based on a tiered system that takes into account country resources, number of psychologists, and development of psychology in the country. Annual dues range from USD \$125 per year (primarily for developing countries) to USD \$15,500 per year, with an annual dues income of almost USD \$90,000. Some National Members request to be placed in a temporary *Observer* category which incurs no annual dues, but carries no voting privileges.

Funding

As with many other non-profit organizations, IUPsyS cannot fund its work based solely on the income mentioned above. It requires financial support from scientific foundations and philanthropies and must work hard to secure such funding. To improve such endeavors IUPsyS has a Work Group dedicated to funding (see page 12) whose terms of reference include the development of a comprehensive funding and fundraising strategy that takes the strategic priorities for the Union into consideration.

One major source of support funding is grants from philanthropic organizations such as the Jacobs Foundation (www.jacobsfoundation.org/cms/index.php?id=home), or the American Psychological Foundation (APF) which have strongly supported Union activities in the past.

For example, as mentioned on page 20, the two workshops held in conjunction with the 2008 ICP in Berlin were fully sponsored by the Foundation. More sponsored activities are under discussion for the 2011 regional conference of psychology in the Caribbean, and for the 2012 International Congress of Psychology in Cape Town. The Union seeks funding to provide travel support for young scientists, transition scholarships, special workshops, and to secure keynote speakers to present on issues of particular relevance for the region.

Other funds, which are also used to support the scientific activities of the Union, arise from grants and contracts from other scientific bodies, foundations and agencies.

Overall, the annual budget of the Union exceeds \$500,000.

Donations

In 2006 the Union began the **International Psychology Development Fund**. The goal of the fund is to foster international psychology through the support of international capacity building programs that advance the science and practice of psychology.

The International Psychology Development Fund is administered on behalf of the IUPsyS by the American Psychological Foundation (APF). Donations to the fund of any amount may be made through the APF with the designation IUPsyS International Fund. For more information see <http://www.iupsys.net/index.php/contribute>.

VITAL STATISTICS

Name:

**International Union of Psychological Science /
Union Internationale de Psychologie Scientifique**

Founded:

1951

Number of National Members in 1951: 20

Number of Members in 2009: 71

Number of Affiliated Organizations in 2009: 13

Number of Organizations with Liaison Relation: 2

Number of Journals: 1

Web: www.iupsys.net

Journal: *International Journal of Psychology*

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Education
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