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# **IUPsyS' GLOBAL FOOTPRINT**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Pan-African Psychology Union Workshops

Following the momentous consultative workshop held in Accra, Ghana in April 2013, a second consultative workshop to prepare for the launch of the Pan-African Psychology Union (PAPU) was held in Johannesburg, South Africa on 26 September 2013 during the Psychological Society of South Africa's (PsySSA) 19th Annual South African Psychology Congress. This workshop was oriented at Southern African psychology associations and was facilitated by Andrew Zamani, President of the Nigerian Psychological Association. Representatives from Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe formally endorsed PAPU. The third and final consultative workshop was held on November 8 2013 in Kampala, Uganda during the East African Regional Conference of Psychology (EARCP). This was attended by representatives of Eastern and Central African psychology associations in Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. As in the first workshop, country reviews on the status of psychology in the countries represented provided a framework for subsequent discussions and in all three workshops these strongly corroborated the vision, mission and objectives of the draft PAPU statutes. There was also synergy in terms of the key issues and challenges that emerged during these workshops and the priorities that were highlighted to address these, which included.

- The need to develop the uniquely African voice of psychology.
- The need to demonstrate the relevance of the discipline on the continent and improve its visibility and status.
- The importance of including, generating and disseminating African-centred psychological knowledge.
- Harmonization and development of continental curricular that are contextually and culturally relevant, and include indigenous theories, knowledge and practices.
- Research to inform and strengthen a contextualized approach to teaching and practice.
- Enhanced access to knowledge (e.g., creation of an African psychology journal, and continental research data bases and archives to facilitate this).
- Networking and exchange (e.g., student and staff exchange).

PAPU will be formally launched in Durban, South Africa during the 20th Anniversary PsySSA Congress in September 2014.



Participants from the 2<sup>nd</sup> PAPU workshop, Johannesburg

#### **Publications**

#### International Journal of Psychology – Subscriptions

Any queries regarding subscriptions to the International Journal of Psychology (IJP) can now be sent to customer services at Wiley: cs-journals@wiley.com.

#### The Challenges of Diaspora Migration

Edited by Past President, Rainer Silbereisen, this book explores a major issue - diaspora immigration. For more information, see:

http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781409464259

**Psychology Education and Training: A Global Perspective** 

This book is edited by Past President, Rainer Silbereisen, former Secretary-General, Pierre Ritchie, and Executive Committee Member, Janak Pandey and "is the first truly international effort to generate a framework for common standards in psychological education and training across the globe". For more information, see: http://routledgeny.com/books/details/9781848721517/

# **NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL BODIES**

#### World Social Science Report

A reminder that this report is now available. For more information, see: http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/content/book/9789264203419-en

#### Call for Applications: Young Scientists Networking Conference on Integrated Science

The International Social Science Council (ISSC) and the International Council for Science (ICSU), in collaboration with the International Network of Next Generation Ecologists (INNGE) and Institute for New Economic Thinking's Young Scholars Initiative (INET YSI), are planning to assemble a group of early career researchers to reflect on ecosystems and human wellbeing in the transition towards green economies and debate relevant issues as part of a series of conferences on Integrated Science that are funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). The Networking Conference is open to post-doctoral researchers interested in the collaboration between the social and the natural sciences. The closing date for applications is 7 January 2014. For more information, see: http://www.worldsocialscience.org/documents/call-networking-conference-ecosystems-services-wellbeing-green-economies.pdf.

# **NEWS FROM NATIONAL MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES**

#### ICAP 2014

Registration is now open for the International Congress of Applied Psychology, July 8-13, in Paris. Information about registration is available at: http://www.icap2014.com/registration/5 and it is recommend that you register as early as possible to benefit from reduced registration fees (the early bird fee deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014). The deadline for the submission of abstracts for individual papers and posters has been extended to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013.



www.icp2016.jp



## **NEWS FROM NATIONAL MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES...**

East African Regional Conference of Psychology, Uganda Organised around the theme The Role of Psychology in Societal Challenges, the East African Regional Conference Psychology (RCP2013) was sponsored by the of International Association of Applied Psychology, and cosponsored by IUPsyS and the International Association of Cross Cultural Psychology. The broad objectives of the Conference were to build research, practice and training capacity within psychology in the region, to increase awareness of the role of psychological science in promoting human well-being and development, and to foster collaboration between psychologists in the region and the rest of the world. John Munene, Makerere University Business School, was Conference President and Chair of the Scientific Committee, whilst the Local Organising Committee was chaired by James Kagaari, Kyambogo University. In addition, to keynote speakers from Canada, Spain, South Africa, and the USA, delegates came from the Eastern and Central African countries of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda, as well as Europe.

Ten pre-Conference workshops were held on 6 November. These were mainly convened by international invited speakers and dealt with issues such as conflict and peace building, ethics, the development of non-cognitive diagnostic instruments, structural equation modeling, stress management, training entrepreneurs, and attachment and early parenting. The workshops were



President Saths Cooper & Secretary-General Ann Watts with delegates from the Democratic Republic of the Congo



Participants, 3<sup>rd</sup> PAPU Workshop, Kampala, Uganda

followed by the Conference Opening Ceremony and Reception. The Conference was formally opened by the Ugandan Minister of Health, with Gary Latham addressing his research on motivation. The scientific programme on 7 and 8 November commenced each day with a morning plenary session of invited keynote speakers, of which IUPsyS President Saths Cooper was one. After lunch the scientific programme continued with four parallel sessions. Topics covered during the conference included issues pertaining to youth and children, parenting, HIV/AIDS, trauma, mental health, indigenous approaches to psychotherapy, research methods, human trafficking and domestic violence, gender, psychometrics and test adaptation, ethics, stress management, and psychology at the workplace - topics and issues of particular relevance and importance to the region.

The third and final consultative workshop on the creation of the Pan-African Psychology Union was held on the last day of the Conference. The Conference leadership and delegates indicated that the aims and vision of the conference had been achieved and there are plans to hold a second EARCP.

Saths Cooper giving his keynote address at EARCP

