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INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE (ICSU) 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 31st ICSU General Assembly (GA) held in Auckland, New Zealand from 31 August to 3 September 2014, was preceded by a meeting of the Social Sciences Cluster of Unions which was organized by IUPsyS Secretary-General, Ann Watts. A future path, ensuring the greater visibility of the social sciences within ICSU, will emerge from this key development. The Cluster also met during the GA to discuss further issues as these arose. The three other Union clusters (Physical, Chemical and Mathematical; Biological; and Earth Sciences) have been quite engaged, with the Earth Sciences cluster being particularly well organized.

There were strong nominations from the Social Science Unions for election to the Executive Board. The International Geological Union's Ron Abler lost in the second round as Vice President: Strategic Planning and Review. Unfortunately, only one of the two candidates from the Social Sciences cluster could be elected to the Executive Board (EB) and the IUPsyS nominee, Cheryl de la Rey (Vice Chancellor of the University of Pretoria), was elected as Ordinary Member of the Executive Board. The ICSU EB comprises 15 members and ten of those elected were new to the EB, including four new Officers out of seven, indicating renewal and progress in ICSU.

Amongst the various reports, the key was the External Review which highlighted governance, structural, communication and operational issues. Such issues are all too familiar to IUPsyS, as evidenced in our deliberations on these critical issues, which were fully aired at the last IUPsyS Assembly in Paris on 10 July 2014. During the ICSU GA great emphasis was placed on science policy advice to governments and issues around open access.

IUPsyS President, Saths Cooper, was a member of the Resolutions Committee, and briefly addressed the GA on IUPsyS. There was unanimous agreement on the only resolution adopted, namely, that the GA requested the Executive Board give urgent consideration to all aspects of the nominations process, including the formation of the Nominating Committee.



IUPsyS President Cooper with New Zealand Prime Minister John Key at the Opening Ceremony of the 31st ICSU GA, Auckland, New Zealand.



IUPsyS President Cooper and Secretary General Watts with newly elected ICSU Executive Board Member psychologist Cheryl de la Rey.



IUPsyS President Cooper, Secretary General Watts, and Xianxin Zhang, EC Member, who represented the Chinese Academy of Sciences at the GA.

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PAN AFRICAN PSYCHOLOGY UNION (PAPU) INAUGURAL ASSEMBLY



Driven by the vision of the Cape Town Declaration signed at the 30th International Congress of Psychology (ICP) in South Africa (SA) in 2012, delegates representing unions and associations within countries¹ dedicated to growing a

psychology committed to humanity, met to officially launch the Pan African Psychology Union (PAPU) on the 16th of September 2014 in Durban, South Africa.

This two-day event, witnessed by several representatives of international bodies, including the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS), the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP), the British Psychological Society (BPS), the Norwegian Psychological Association (NPA), the International Project on Competencies in Psychology, and African stakeholders², signaled a new chapter in the history of the development of the discipline on the continent. All those gathered committed to building psychological research and practice that not only responded to the needs of Africa but also advanced the scope, reach and value of the discipline worldwide. As a transitional means to doing justice to both of these important imperatives, an Executive Committee representing extensive experience in the global governance of the discipline was elected with Saths Cooper as President, Bame-Nsamenang as President-elect, Ann Watts as Treasurer and Charles Mate-Kole as Secretary. The following from each of the major African regions were then elected to the remaining places on the Executive Committee: Andrew Zamani (Nigeria); Monde Kote (Botswana); Debra Machando (Zimbabwe); AssefahHaileselasieReda (Ethiopia); and LusajoKajula (Tanzania).

Having hosted a successful ICP in 2012, South Africa was considered the most appropriately resourced environment in which to house the newly inaugurated continental union and will form its headquarters for the immediate future. The event concluded with emotive keynote addresses by Deputy Chief Justice Dikganag Moseneke, Nkosinathi Biko of the Steve Biko Foundation and Professor Mireille Fanon-Mendes of the Frantz Fanon Foundation. These were followed by rapturous celebrations that extended long into the night.

The new Union is strategically geared to drive both South-South and North-South capacity development and will act as an important incubator for innovative thinking in psychological science, service and practice in the twenty-first century. More information on PAPU may be obtained at www.panafricanpsychologyunion.com



PAPU Executive Committee.



1st PAPU Assembly delegates.

Footnotes

1) The following countries were represented: Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

2) In addition, the following participated: Professional Board for Psychology, Health Professions Council of SA (Pretoria); Department of Science and Technology (Pretoria); Forum of African Psychology (South Africa); Medical Research Council of South Africa (Cape Town); National Research Foundation of SA (Pretoria); Kyambogo University (Kampala, Uganda); Ignatius Ajuru University of Education (Port Harcourt, Nigeria); Makerere University (Kampala, Uganda); University of Ghana (Legon, Accra); University of Pretoria (Pretoria); University of South Africa (Pretoria); University of the Western Cape (Cape Town); University of the Witwatersrand (Johannesburg); Women's University in Africa (Harare, Zimbabwe)



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ICP 2016

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News from National Members and Affiliates

NIGERIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION EXPANDS MEMBERSHIP

The national Executive Council of the Nigerian Psychological Association (NPA) has recently reviewed its membership drive strategy in Jos, Central Nigeria and commended Zonal Coordinators for their mobilization efforts. The Council resolved to retain the Zonal Governance structures to build leadership and organizational capacities of members, noting with great satisfaction, the steady increase of members across the nation.

The Council also deliberated on the proposition by the Northern Regional Conference on the need for the training regime of psychologists in Nigeria to extend from a four years Bachelor's degree to a six year Masters degree in order to upgrade the quality of training and to enhance the remunerative prospects of practitioners in the labour market. This was adopted as an agenda item for the Annual General Meeting which takes place on the 25-29 November 2014 at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

The association has also launched the *Nigerian Psychological Research*, its second professional journal. It complements the *Nigerian Journal of Psychology* that already has nine volumes since inception. Plans are currently underway to index the journal with the *African Journal Online* for the publications to have global accessibility.



Dr Andrew Zamani, President of the NPA.



Left to Right: Yuwanna Mivanyi (NPA), Helen Osinowo (Botsana) NPA President, Andrew Zamani, and Monde Kote (Botswana).

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR IUPSY, NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

South Africa's National Committee for the International Union of Psychological Science (SANC IUPsyS) of the National Research Foundation participates in South Africa's engagement with the International Council for Science (ICSU). South Africa's engagement with ICSU is managed by the National Research Foundation (NRF), a state entity under the Department of Science and Technology (DST). The aim of the DST/NRF engagement in ICSU is to maximise South Africa's participation and solicit opportunities from ICSU that can benefit South Africa and Africa as a whole. ICSU mobilises knowledge and resources of the international scientific community to strengthen international science for the benefit of society.

The major highlight for South African psychology and the greater African psychology community has been South Africa's commendable successful organisation and hosting of the International Congress of Psychology (ICP 2012) in Cape Town between 22 and 27 July 2012. This has been a highlight not only because it was the first time since its inception in Paris in 1889 for an ICP to be held in Africa. A favourable consequence of the success of hosting the ICP in South Africa is the early indication that the discipline and profession of psychology in the country is receiving increased public and government attention. In a country where culturally-perceptive psychosocial services, mental health expertise, behavioural research and interventions are desperately lacking, increased

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awareness of the work of psychological practitioners may lead to state interventions in making psychology and affiliated disciplines part of the national health insurance.

Other positive effects flowing from ICP 2012 are visible already. Reports from the national Psychological Society of South Africa (PsySSA) indicate that the 2014 20th Anniversary South African Psychology Congress saw greatly increased numbers of psychologists, registered counsellors, psychometrists, psychology students and regional and international guests participating. Discussions held with international publishers in the period leading to and during ICP 2012 have resulted in the scholarly journal of the Society, the *South African Journal of Psychology*, becoming part of the SAGE publishing stable.

Furthermore, the last number of years has seen the formation of new or reactivation structures affiliated to PsySSA. The Forum for African Psychology was been quite visible during the last Congress. The Sexuality and Gender Division has been launched as a full division, having previously been an interest group. PsySSA has given approval for an Interest Group on the Psychology of Boys, Men and Masculinities. The Division for Psychometrists and Registered Counsellors received recognition for its active program and the Student Division deserves special mention for the increased profile and activities, since 2012.

All these developments bode well for the future health and growth of psychology in South

Africa and other countries in Africa. We have to make the most of the receptive mood and apparent renewed enthusiasm to develop the structures of organised psychology and develop the discipline and profession. Along with the work to develop psychology in South Africa, in view of the ongoing debates to transform South Africa, our expertise as teachers of psychology, clinical, educational and counsellor psychologists, and researchers will be better appreciated if we participate more actively and bring our expertise to discussions and projects on societal transformation.



Kopano Ratele, Chair of South Africa's National Committee for the International Union of Psychological Science.

News from International Bodies

ISSC: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR 2015 WORLD SOCIAL SCIENCE FORUM



The ISSC is pleased to announce that the call for abstract for the 2015 World Social Science Forum (WSSF) has been published. The theme is Transforming Global

Relations for a Just World, and the next forum will look into issues of inequality and justice. This will take place in Durban, South Africa, from 13-16 September 2015. The WSSF is a flagship activity of the International Social Science Council (ISSC). The 2015 edition is hosted by the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) of South Africa and the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), and co-organised

with a large consortium of leading South African Universities and research units, research councils, and prominent non-governmental organisations. The deadline for the receipt of all abstracts is 1 March 2015.

For more information, see: <http://www.wssf2015.org/>



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