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YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT COOPER



This year, like the last, has been incredibly busy for IUPsyS and its leadership, not least of which has been a new-look and evolving website as well as rebranded marketing material befitting our role and stature internationally.

Numerous requests for information, assistance and membership enquiries were received and dealt with. IUPsyS is pleased to welcome Cameroon, Ghana, Macau, and Zambia as its newest national members and the Caribbean Alliance of National Psychology Associations (CANPA) as its 20th Affiliate. There has been a spurt in growth of regional and international conferences, relying on the template that IUPsyS has developed over time.

The Executive Committee (EC) held a meeting per teleconference on 29 January, providing oversight of work accomplished and insight into future plans for the year. Utilising such a concise teleconference modality has proved useful to locate and update EC members in between the annual face-to-face meetings, especially with the heightened and focused activity that IUPsyS has undertaken as Psychology's Global Voice. Arising from these deliberations of the EC, the Officers held a teleconference on 5 February to operationalise the wishes of the EC. The annual Officers' face-to-face meeting at the beginning of April was key to the successful organisational plans for the rest of the year. Further Officers' meetings per teleconference were held on 10 September and 25 November, and there is a schedule of both EC and Officer meetings for 2015.

Past President Rainer Silbereisen oversaw the change in publisher to Wiley and also took over as Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Psychology* (IJP) in January. Earlier in the year he unveiled a new mission statement and Editorial Board for the journal. His leadership has seen the journal's Impact Factor improved to 1.226.

I represented IUPsyS at the United Nations (UN) Psychology Day on 24 April. During this visit, I met with various - mainly African missions - to the UN, all of whom expressed support for greater involvement by IUPsyS at the UN. The Psychology Day activities were well organised and attended, especially by certain diplomats and students from the tri-state area. The plan to appoint a Presidential Task Team to research the UN to determine the future IUPsyS involvement at the UN and its related agencies received enthusiastic support from key psychology representatives, and the UN Task team has begun its work.

IUPsyS is psychology's international organization in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and relations were renewed in January. Secretary General Ann Watts is now psychology's Co-Main Representative to the WHO, together with Pierre Ritchie. She remains the Union's representative on the International Advisory Group (IAG) for the Revision of ICD-10 Mental and Behavioural Disorders and in this capacity attended a meeting of the IAG in September.

Vice President Tor Hofgaard and EC Member Kazuo Shigemasu attended the International Test Commission meeting in San Sebastian, Spain at the beginning of July. Past President Rainer Silbereisen facilitated the third in a series of successful workshops dealing with Psychological Intervention After Disasters from 8 to 11 December in Mianyang, China, in collaboration with the ICSU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ICSU ROAP) and partners.

I engaged with the leadership of the Psychological Society of Ireland in Dublin from 6 to 8 April, the British Psychological Society from 6 to 9 May, the American Psychological Association in Washington from 7 to 9 August, the Brazilian Psychology Society from 19 to 25 October in Riberão Preto, the Kenya Psychological Society from 2 to 7 November in various Kenyan cities, the Zimbabwe Psychological Society in Harare from 27-28 November, and the Psychological Association of Zambia in Lusaka from 16 to 17 December. In addition, during the CANPA conference that was held from 9 to 14 November in Paramaribo, Suriname, I had the opportunity to share common understanding with the leadership of the various CANPA national members, as well as its current and future leadership. EC member Ava Thompson must be commended for her leadership of CANPA, which highlights the joint and several roles that country membership can play in developing a foundation for a more critical and representative Caribbean psychology. IUPsyS congratulates Omowale Amuleru-Marshall and his other colleagues who were unanimously elected into the incoming CANPA leadership. In similar vein, the Pan-African Psychology Union (PAPU) was inaugurated in Durban, South Africa on 15 September.

There have also been exciting developments within ICSU and the ISSC, both of which IUPsyS is a key member of. During the last ICSU General Assembly and related meetings that were held in Auckland, New Zealand from 28 August to 3 September, there were robust discussions on shaping a more relevant and vibrant role for ICSU, with an open review of all its programmatic operations, the shortcomings in its statutes and embarking on a rejuvenated vision and mission, where policy impact will shape its future success. Secretary-General Ann Watts convened the Social Science Cluster within ICSU, which is gearing itself to play a more proactive role in future ICSU deliberations and direction. IUPsyS candidate for the Executive Board, South African Psychologist, Cheryl de la Rey, was elected, which will further strengthen the role of the social sciences in ICSU.



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In addition, the ISSC Executive Director Heide Hackmann has been appointed as the incoming ICSU Executive Director with effect from 2 March. IUPsyS congratulates Heide on this appointment which is likely to show enormous benefits to the organised science community internationally, especially with respect to the central underpinnings of the behavioural sciences.

Our last Assembly that was held in Paris, France on 10 July and which received the mid-term EC report, also deliberated on statute and other proposed changes to the functioning of IUPsyS to ensure that we are effectively able to deal with a fast-growing organisation which develops, represents and advances psychology as a basic and applied science nationally, regionally, and internationally.

Undoubtedly, the 125 Anniversary Celebration of the 1st ICP on 9 July at the Eiffel Tower was a memorable event befitting our founders who had the foresight to organise the 1st ICP in August 1889 during the 100th anniversary celebration of the French revolution. The reception also showcased the 31st International Congress of Psychology that will be held in Yokohama in July 2016. Over the last decade and a quarter, IUPsyS and its flagship ICP have grown from strength to strength. IUPsyS has an envious global footprint that will do our founding organisers and eminent participants proud. Psychology is truly a worthy stem discipline that no country or region can afford to ignore.

On behalf of our 86 national country members, our 20 regional and international affiliates, and my fellow EC members I wish to wish you and yours well over the holidays and trust that you will enjoy another great year ahead.

Saths Cooper
President

SECRETARIAT OFFICE FESTIVE SEASON CLOSURE

Please note that the Secretariat office is closed until **12 January 2015**. Any urgent matters can be directed to IUPsyS Administrative Coordinator, Karl Swain, whose details are as follows: karl.swain@iupsys.org; +27737226206.

ICP 2016

For more information, see: <http://www.icp2016.jp/>. You can also follow ICP 2016 on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/ICP2016?fref=ts>



CALL FOR TREASURER

A reminder that the Union has issued a call for nominations for the position of Treasurer.

Nominations are due by **January 31, 2015**. For more information, see:

<http://www.iupsys.net/dotAsset/8278cb8d-c770-42d1-8cb3-f1261db35267.pdf>

CALL FOR 2016 AWARDS NOMINATIONS

A reminder that there has been a call for the 2016 Awards nominations. The deadline for nominations is **31 March 2015**. Further information can be accessed at: <http://www.iupsys.net/about/awards/index.html>

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THE KLAUS J. JACOBS RESEARCH PRIZE 2014

The Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize 2014 was awarded to the Canadian geneticist Michael J. Meaney. He has shown how (negative) experiences with the immediate environment in early life exert an influence on human development via “methylation” of the genome - a rather stable but malleable change of the “readability” of particular DNA segments without changing the DNA itself, that are related to the formation of the stress response system and other circuitry in body and mind. Such effects then further influence other developmental trajectories, including cognitive and social development. These “epigenetic” effects themselves are moderated by the genome - depending on the genotype environmental influences may differ. The Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize provides the recipient with the equivalent of over 1 million USD for innovative research on child and youth development. Past President Rainer K. Silbereisen has been a member of the international Prize Jury for 6 years.

For further information on the Prize and the Awardee see:

<http://jacobsfoundation.org/awards/2014-research-prize/>



Anne Petersen (Chair of Jury), Michael Meaney (winner), Rainer K. Silbereisen (Jury Member), and Monique Boekarts (Jury Member).

WHO GLOBAL CLINICAL PRACTICE NETWORK



The Global Clinical Practice Network (GCPN) is an international set-up of mental health and primary care professionals established as a core apparatus for the development of the classification of mental and behavioural disorders in ICD-11.

To provide feedback and to participate in internet-based field studies, and for further information, see: <http://www.globalclinicalpractice.net/>

