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1. IUPsyS at the 34th Interamerican Congress of Psychology (SIP2013)

The IUPsyS had a strong presence at the recent Interamerican Congress of Psychology held in Brasilia, 15-19 July. IUPsyS President Saths Cooper chaired an invited symposium on *Increasing Latin America's Role in International Psychology*, and other Officers and EC members contributed to a variety of presentations and symposia sessions. Meetings were held with the key members of the SIP leadership as well as with leaders of national psychology organizations in the region. A more extended report will be available at a later date.

2. IUPsyS in Stockholm, Sweden

IUPsyS Officers and EC members attended the European Congress of Psychology (ECP2013) and associated meetings.

2.1 5th International Conference on Licensure, Credentialing & Certification of Psychologists. IUPsyS Vice President, Tor Hofgaard, and Saths Cooper, the IUPsyS President, gave opening remarks at the 5th International Conference on Licensure, Credentialing & Certification of Psychologists on 7

July. The conference discussed minimum competencies for psychologists and concluded on a high note on 9 July with assurance that a steering group would take the issues further.

- **2.2 13th European Congress of Psychology.** IUPsyS leadership attended and presented at ECP2013 from 10 to 12 July. Saths Cooper organised an Invited Panel on *Dealing with Media: Ethics in Public Appearance*. He and Secretary General Ann Watts attended the EFPA GA and took the opportunity to share IUPsyS progress with National Member Delegates with whom they interacted.
- **2.3** Meeting between Officers of IUPsyS and International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP). The President, Vice President and Secretary General met with IAAP Officers on 12 July to discuss matters of mutual interest to both organizations. These included jointly organized activities and areas of possible mutually beneficial collaboration.

3. East Africa Regional Conference of Psychology (EARCP)

The 2013 Regional Conference of Psychology, jointly sponsored by IUPsyS, IAAP and other bodies, will be held in Kampala, Uganda, 6-8 November. The theme of the conference is *The Role of Psychology in Addressing Societal Challenges*, and the EARCP aims to bring together academic, professional, non-practicing, and student psychologists within the Eastern African Region and the diaspora. The deadline for abstract submission is 31 August. For more information, see: http://rcp2013ug.org/

- 4. News from the International Council for Science (ICSU)
- **4.1 Future Earth blog launched**. Future Earth, a ten-year international research initiative on global sustainability, has recently launched an online magazine and blog, intended to be a forum for new ideas and essential reading for everyone engaged in global sustainability. The magazine has associated Twitter and Facebook channels. For details: www.futureearth.info/
- **4.2 ICSU** supports the independence of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Following recent developments in Russia, including proposed legislation that would threaten the independence of the Russian Academy of Sciences, ICSU's Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the Conduct of Science (CFRS) has expressed its support for an independent, merit-based Russian Academy. ICSU's support for the Academy's independence has been expressed in a letter to the president of the Russian Academy. For details, see:

www.icsu.org/news-centre/news/icsu-supports-the-independence-of-the-russian-academy-of-sciences

- 5. News from the International Social Science Council (ISSC)
- **5.1 Winner of the Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research.** ISSC is pleased to announce that the winners of the 2013 Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research are Dorothee Bohle and Béla Greskovits from Hungary. For details, see: www.worldsocialscience.org/2013/07/winners-of-the-2013-stein-rokkan-prize-for-comparative-social-science-research/
- **5.2** Call for Abstracts: 2nd Integrated Research on Disaster Risk Conference. The Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) programme invites submissions of abstracts from researchers, politicians, practitioners, funding agencies and disaster risk reduction-related organisations to discuss and develop ways to better integrate disaster risk science into policy, practice and

sustainability. The conference will be held on June 7-9, 2014 in Beijing, China. Deadline for abstracts: 4 October 2013. For further details, see:

www.irdrinternational.org/2013/07/29/news-irdr-conference-2014-call-for-abstracts/

6. July edition of APS Newsletter and forthcoming APS meetings

The latest edition of *Global Observer*, the international newsletter of the Association for Psychological Science (APS) is now available:

www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/global-observer

APS and the European Society for Cognitive Psychology are sponsoring a half day pre-conference symposium on "Building a Better Psychological Science: Good Data Practices and Replicability" on 28 August 2013 in Budapest, Hungary. For details:

www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/convention/escop-precon

An integrative science symposium, co-sponsored by APS and the European Association for Developmental Psychology, "Understanding Environmental and Genetic Influences on Neurocognitive Development," will be held 3 September 2013 in Lausanne, Switzerland at the 16th European Conference on Developmental Psychology. For details: www.unil.ch/wpmu/ecdp2013/files/2013/03/EADP-APS 2013.pdf

7. American Psychological Association (APA) International Newsletter, and Grants

The June edition of *Psychology International*, the international newsletter of the APA is available: www.apa.org/international/pi/index.aspx

The APA is also seeking applications for grants on Program Development of National Psychology Associations (deadline 1 September 2013). Details at: www.apa.org/international/programs/index.aspx

8. American Psychological Foundation (APF) Grants

The American Psychological Foundation is seeking applications for the following grants: **Henry P. David Grants** for Research and for International Travel in Human Reproductive Behavior and Population Studies (deadline 14 Feb 2014); **Frances M. Culbertson Travel Grant**, providing support for women from developing countries who are in the early stages of their careers by providing travel funds to attend international regional conferences in psychology deadline 15 Feb 2014). Details may be seen at:

www.apa.org/international/programs/index.aspx

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