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- ## IUPSYS RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT protesting calls for boycotts against Israeli academics and universities

  ### International Union of Psychological Science statement against abridging the free circulation of psychologists

  The International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) is concerned about recent actions that threaten the free circulation of scientists. The University and College Union, an organization of academics in Great Britain created in 2006, voted May 30, 2007 at its national conference to encourage its executive and its 116,000 members to foster discussion of calls for boycotts of academics and universities in Israel in protest at the Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

  Academic and practicing psychologists in Israel are represented internationally through their Israel Psychological Association and its membership in the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS). The IUPsyS, as a member of the International Council of Science (ICSU), adheres to the Principle of the Universality of Science embodied in the Council statutes. This principle embodies freedom of movement, association, expression and communication for scientists, as well as equitable access to data, information and research materials.

  Such boycotts are discriminatory, contrary to all principles of academic freedom, contravenes the International Council of Science Principle of the Universality of Science and free circulation of scientists, and misguided.

  The IUPsyS has a history of actively promoting free scholarly exchange in the region as evidenced by our support of two successful open regional conferences of psychology in the Middle Eastern and North Africa (2003, 2007) at which the IUPsyS insured that these principles were respected.

  J. Bruce Overmier, President, IUPsyS, June 6, 2007

- ## IUPsyS Announces New Policy on the Recognition of Psychology as an Autonomous Profession

  Consistent with its mission and objectives, and in recognition of the development of psychology around the world, the General Assembly of the International Union of Psychological Science adopted the following statement as policy in July 2006:

  > *The International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) supports legislative recognition, or the equivalent, of Psychology as an*

***autonomous profession, based on established standards of
education and training anchored in scientific psychology.***

The Union is pleased to make this policy statement available to further the
development of psychology as a profession.
For information and elaboration please contact the Union through the Secretary-
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pdf file with policy statement

Background : There has been substantial interest among IUPsyS National
Members about (1) psychology gaining formal recognition as an
independent profession that contributes to human welfare, and (2)
providing a basis for establishing national licensing as psychologists as the
profession strives to address societal needs. This goal typically leads to
'accreditation' of training programs and 'certification' of individuals.
Accreditation and certification are commonly the initial steps toward
instituting governmental recognition and licensure. Licensure may be a
necessity if psychologists are going to practice their specialties in hospital
or other institutional settings and in the community in parity with other
providers of services. It is the general case that government regulation
and licensure of psychologists reflects that the discipline in that country
has reached a level of development and usefulness in addressing societal
needs.
In view of these developments in psychology and its capacity to provide
important professional services that advance human welfare, the Assembly
of the International Union of Psychological Science formally adopted a new
policy at its meeting in 2006.

• IUPsyS launches International Psychology Development Fund - SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

IUPsyS has launched a fund to support capacity building activities to
develop the science and profession of psychology around the world. The
fund is administered through the American Psychological Foundation. See
www.iupsys.org/intlfund.html for more information.

• IUPsyS announces new Psychology Prize

As part an initiative to recognize achievements by psychologists, IUPsyS
has inaugurated the "**Fondation Mattei Dogan Prize in Psychological
Sciences**" under the generous auspices of the Mattei Dogan Foundation.
The prize, which recognizes "a major advancement in psychology by a
scholar or team of scholars of high international reputation" will be
awarded at the XXIX International Congress of Psychology, July 2008 in
Berlin. Information about eligibility, criteria and nominations procedures is

at www.iupsyys.org/information/dogan.html. The deadline for nominations is October 15, 2007

- ## Regional Conference - MENARCP2 held in Amman Jordan, April 2007

The Second Middle-East and North Africa Regional Conference of Psychology (MENA RCP2) was held in Amman, Jordan, April 27th- May 1st. This conference was organized by the Jordanian Psychological Association, under the auspices of the International Union of Psychological Science and co-sponsored by the International Association of Applied Psychology and the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology. The conference languages were Arabic and English, with simultaneous translation. Some 200 psychologists from a dozen countries in the region and several outside the region contributed to the conference's success. There were Pre-conference workshops for CE credits, and during the conference, there were Keynote addresses, paper presentations, and additional workshops and discussion groups. Focus was on advancing psychology as a practice, as a science, and as a formally organized discipline within the region. The atmosphere and the discussions following the presentations were spirited.

A full report of the conference will be published in a later issue of the International Journal of Psychology.

- ## President's Activities

In addition to his attendance at plenary, assembly and general meetings on behalf of the UNion, IUPsyS President J. Bruce Overmier has represented the Union through numerous invited talks and addresses. The following is a partial list of these representative activities.

2006

Turkish Psychological Association, Ankara, Turkey, September 6, 2006
Clinical Practice and Lessons Learned from the Animal Laboratory. Invited keynote
address at 30th Anniversary Congress.

Japanese Psychological Society, Tokyo, Japan, October 1, 2006
Science, applications, regulation, and organizations. Invited
keynote address at 80th
Anniversary Meeting.

University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MT, Canada, October 13, 2006
Ulcers: Are they Nobel-er in the gut or the mind?. Invited
annual John P. Zubek Memorial Lecture in Psychology.

International Social Sciences Council, General Assembly

Meeting, Alexandria Egypt, Nov 6-10, 2006

Defense Institute of Psychological Research, Delhi, India, December 8, 2006
Psychological science matters for applied psychology. Invited address.

International Conference on Cognitive Science, Allahabad, India, December 10 ,2006
Study of basic associative processes contributes to our understanding in cognitive science. Invited keynote address.

Academy of Psychology, Mumbai, India, December 14, 2006.
Wise clinical practice recognizes roots in basic sciences. Invited keynote address at XVI National Conference.

2007

Science for Health and Well-Being Initiative (ICSU Initiative) meeting April 21-22, 2007

International Science Council (ICSU) Unions Meeting, April 23-24, 2007

Conference on Integrated Education in Psychology, Kwansei Gakuin University, Nishinomiya, Japan, February, 2007
Specialized versus general education in psychology: Their benefits and costs. Invited address.

2nd Middle East North African Regional Conference of Psychology, Amman, Jordan, April, 2007
Stress induced gastro-intestinal vulnerability: Modulation by psychological variables. Invited keynote address.

Upcoming

XXXI Interamerican Congress of Psychology, Mexico City, Mexico, July, 2007.
Lessons Learned from the Animal Laboratory Contribute to Clinical Practice. Invited keynote address
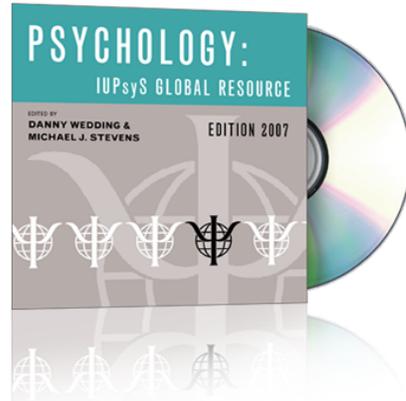
XI Reunión Asociación Argentina de Ciencias del Comporta miento. Mendoza, Argentina, September, 2007
How basic animal research strengthens the science and practice of psychology.

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Just released - Psychology: IUPsyS Global Resource

Editors: Danny Wedding (Missouri Institute of Mental Health, USA) and Michael J. Stevens (Illinois State University, USA)

The CD-ROM *Psychology: IUPsyS Global Resource* provides a broad range of information about Psychology worldwide
[Price: $43.95 / £25.00 (+VAT). ISBN: 978-1-84169-675-1. Psychology Press]

Resources added to the 2007 edition include:

- **Country Homepages** — a collection of individual homepages showing the major searchable database entries for a particular country. Each database link leads to a browsing page for that country.
- Full text of the **Proceedings of the XXVII ICP Congress** convened in Stockholm, August 2000, entitled "*Psychology at the Turn of the Millennium*" (Volumes 1 and 2), edited by Lars Bäckman and Claes von Hofsten.
- Thirty **Reviews of Books Relevant to International Psychology** obtained from the American Psychological Association's *PsycCRITIQUES: Contemporary Psychology—APA Journal of Reviews*, edited by Danny Wedding.
- **Directory of Grants and Fellowships in the Global Health Sciences** compiled by the Fogarty International Center.
- The **2007 edition of the International Compilation of Human Subject Research Protections** produced by the Office for Human Research Protections of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- **Articles** on Sub-Saharan Africa, indigenous psychologies
- **Policy briefings**
- The full text of the **Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IUPsyS** (as approved by the General Assembly of the Union in 2006).

As well as *substantial* updates to

- The **National Tour** database
- The **Directory of International Psychological Associations and Related Organizations** —
- The **Directory of Major Institutions for Psychological Research and Training**
- The **Timeline of Psychological Ideas** from Ancient Greece to the Present Day in the "History of Psychology" section.

- The **Bibliography of World and Regional Psychology 1974–2006**, with updated country and regional entries for 2006 (coded for areas of psychology).
- The **Annotated Bibliography for Internationalizing the Undergraduate Psychology Curriculum: 1974-2006**, which appears in the Bibliography section.
- The **International Psychology Information Clearinghouse**.
- The **List of Publications under the Auspices of the IUPsyS**.

New datafiles, new materials, and further updating of existing resources are scheduled for the 2008 edition of *Psychology: IUPsyS Global Resource*.

See www.iupsys.org/information/pub-cdrom.html for more information.

News from Around the World-

- ### **IASC Releases Guidelines for Psychosocial Interventions in Humanitarian Emergencies**

  The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), a global collective of UN agencies and NGOs that work to improve humanitarian coordination released the first global, inter-agency *Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings* in February, 2007.

  The guidelines reflect the insights of 27 UN agencies and NGOs, extensive consultation with practitioners around the world, and multiple reviews by leading scholars, practitioners and agencies.

  The Guidelines were developed by a special task force of the IASC that was co-chaired by Mike Wessells and Mark van Ommeren. They focus specifically on minimum response -- the first steps that need to be taken in the midst of an emergency. In addition to guiding the activities of psychologists and social workers, they also have a multi-sectoral orientation and spell out how colleagues in sectors such as shelter and food aid can support psychosocial well-being.

  The guidelines are a significant milestone and provide credible, appropriate guidance in international settings. The guidelines are now the global standard that will be used in emergency settings by lead UN agencies such as UNICEF, UNHCR, OCHA, WFP,UNFPA; by the International Federation of the Red Cross; by international NGOs; and by community based organizations.

  The report is available at http://www.humanitarianinfo.org/iasc/content/news/newsdetails.asp?newsid=56&publish=0

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