



2024 IUPsyS ASSEMBLY

Monday, July 22, 2024, 14:00-18:00 CEST, Registration from 13:00
Wednesday, July 24, 2024, 14:00-18:00 CEST, Registration from 13:00

MINUTES

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 24. Other Business
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Assembly Participants

Number of Delegates: 74

Voting Executive Committee Members: 13

Honorary Executive Committee Members: 6

Number of National Members Represented: 55

International Journal of Psychology Editor-in-Chief: 1



Secretariat (Executive Officer & Administrative Officer): 2

Observers: 18

National Member	Session I		Session II	
	Delegate 1	Delegate 2	Delegate 1	Delegate 2
Albania	Valbona Treska	-	Valbona Treska	-
Argentina	María Cristina Richaud de Minzi	Mariel Musso	María Cristina Richaud de Minzi	Mariel Musso
Australia	Catriona Davis-McCabe	Zena Burgess	Catriona Davis-McCabe	Zena Burgess
Bahamas	Wendy Fernander		Wendy Fernander	
Belgium	Marc Brysbaert		Marc Brysbaert	
Botswana	Monde Kote		Monde Kote	
Cameroon	Lum Bobga Jacqueline		Lum Bobga Jacqueline	
Canada	Saba Safdar		Saba Safdar	
Chile	Marcelo Urrea		Marcelo Urrea	
China	Liu Xun	Sun Xianghong	Liu Xun	Sun Xianghong
Colombia	José Raúl Jiménez	Isabel Díaz Tatis	José Raúl Jiménez	Isabel Díaz Tatis
Cuba	Jorge Enrique Torralba Oslé		Jorge Enrique Torralba Oslé	
Czech Republic	Daniel Heller	Martina Klicperová*	Daniel Heller	Martina Klicperová*
Denmark	Arne Grønberg Johansen	Mette Bentzen	Arne Grønberg Johansen	Mette Bentzen
Estonia	Merry Bullock*		Merry Bullock	
France	Yann Coello	Valérie Gyselinck	Yann Coello	Valérie Gyselinck
Ghana	Agyemang Collins		Agyemang Collins	
Germany	Karl-Heinz Renner		Thordis Bethlehem	
Ghana	Collins Agyemang		Collins Agyemang	
Hong Kong	Paul Wong	Joe Ngai	Paul Wong	Joe Ngai

* Participants who held two or more roles

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Hungary	Márta Fülöp		Márta Fülöp	
India	Purnima Singh		Purnima Singh	
Indonesia	Andik Matulesy		Andik Matulesy	
Ireland	Odhrán McCarthy	John Francis Leader	Odhrán McCarthy	Dean McDonnell
Italy	Annamaria Di Fabio		Annamaria Di Fabio	
Japan	Yuko Yotsumoto	Yuka Ozaki	Yuko Yotsumoto	Yuka Ozaki
Korea (S)	Jeanyung Chey	Hyang Sook Kim	Jeanyung Chey	Hyang Sook Kim
Lebanon	Michel Nawfal		Michel Nawfal	
Lithuania	Robertas Povilaitis*		Robertas Povilaitis*	
Malaysia	Shukran Abdul Rahman		Shukran Abdul Rahman	
Mongolia	Taivanjargal Aldarbayar		Taivanjargal Aldarbayar	
Mozambique	Boia Efraime		Boia Efraime	
Nepal	Usha Subba		Usha Subba	
Netherlands	Michelle Troost		Michelle Troost	
New Zealand	Waikaremoana Waitoki	Tania Anstiss	Waikaremoana Waitoki	Tania Anstiss
Nigeria	Olukayode Afolabi		Olukayode Afolabi	
Norway	Håkon Kongsrud Skard	Ole Tunold	Håkon Kongsrud Skard	Ole Tunold
Panama	Ana Florez			
Philippines	Maria Luiso Guinto			Maria Luiso Guinto
Poland	Adam Tarnowski			Adam Tarnowski
Puerto Rico	Frances Boulon		Frances Boulon	
Romania	Dragos Iliescu		Dragos Iliescu	
Russia	Sergey Leonov	Aleksander Veraksa	Sergey Leonov	Aleksander Veraksa
Singapore	Adrian Toh	Kai Chuen	Adrian Toh	Kai Chuen
Slovenia	Vita Postuvan			

* Participants who held two or more roles

* Participants who held two or more roles



South Africa	Fatima Seedat	Shanaaz Suffla	Fatima Seedat	Shanaaz Suffla
Spain	José Maria Prieto	Jose Maria Peiro	José Maria Prieto	Jose Maria Peiro
Sweden	Kristina Taylor	Ulrika Edwinston	Kristina Taylor	Ulrika Edwinston
Trinidad and Tobago	Katija Khan		Katija Khan	
Turkey	Melikenaz Yalçın		Melikenaz Yalçın	
Ukraine	Valeriia Palii		Valeriia Palii	
United Kingdom	Nicky Hayes		Nicky Hayes	
United States	Vaishali Raval	Alejandro Lleras	Vaishali Raval	Alejandro Lleras
Uruguay	Luis Carrizo			
Zimbabwe	Julia Mutambara			Julia Mutambara

Voting Executive Committee Members

Session I	Session II
Borst, Gregoire Clinton, Amanda Crowe, Simon Gutiérrez, German Khoury, Brigitte Klicperova, Martina Maras, Pam Padakannaya, Prakash Povilaitis, Robertas Sanchez-Cesareo, Marizaida Suzuki, Hanako Thompson, Ava Zamani, Andrew	Borst, Gregoire Clinton, Amanda Crowe, Simon Gutiérrez, German Khoury, Brigitte Klicperova, Martina Maras, Pam Padakannaya, Prakash Povilaitis, Robertas Sanchez-Cesareo, Marizaida Suzuki, Hanako Thompson, Ava Zamani, Andrew

Non-voting Honorary Executive Committee Members

Session I	Session II
Bullock, Merry Cooper, Saths Denis, Michel Ritchie, Pierre Silbereisen, Rainer K. Watts, Ann	Bullock, Merry Cooper, Saths Denis, Michel Ritchie, Pierre Silbereisen, Rainer K. Watts, Ann

Secretariat

Session I	Session II
Swain, Karl (Executive Officer) Van Heerden, Ashley (Administrative Officer)	Swain, Karl (Executive Officer) Van Heerden, Ashley (Administrative Officer)



International Journal of Psychology (IJP)

Session I	Session II
Gewirtz, Abigail (IJP Editor-in-Chief)	Gewirtz, Abigail (IJP Editor-in-Chief)

Observers

Representing	Session I	Session II
APA	Cynthia de las Fuentes	Cynthia de las Fuentes
The Club of Rome		Carlos Álvarez Pereira
EFPA	Christoph Steinebach Isane Aparicio Nicola Gale	Christoph Steinebach Isane Aparicio Nicola Gale
IAAP	Christine Roland-Levy Lori Foster	Christine Roland-Levy Lori Foster
ICP	Polli Hagenaaars	Polli Hagenaaars
Bahamas	Richard Adderly	Richard Adderly
Brazil	Daniel Martines Pedro Oauko Bicalho	Daniel Martines Pedro Oauko Bicalho
Canada	John Berry	John Berry
Canada	Randal Tonks	Randal Tonks
Hong Kong	Ephram Tsui	Ephram Tsui
Malaysia	Chee Leong Goh Daniella Mokhtar Shamsul Haque	Chee Leong Goh Daniella Mokhtar Shamsul Haque
Philippines	Allan Bernardo	Allan Bernardo
USA	Oscar Barbarin	Oscar Barbarin

Session I of the Assembly commenced at 14:00 CET on July 22, 2024, and Session II at 14:00 CET on July 24, 2024.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Gutiérrez called the Assembly to order and welcomed all Regional and National Member Delegates, Affiliate Representatives, Observers, and Guests. He highlighted that the hybrid Assembly was being recorded and noted that continued participation implied consent to the recording.

The Secretary-General called the roll of delegates and announced that a quorum was reached.

2. Opening Remarks

In his opening remarks, the President provided an overview of the Union's 135-year legacy in promoting international collaboration, scientific excellence, societal impact, and diverse representation within the field of psychological science. He emphasised the Union's pivotal role as a hub science that intersects with various disciplines, thereby amplifying the significance of psychology in tackling current challenges, especially in sustainability. The President emphasised the need for sustained passion and commitment to propel the field forward. He also underscored the critical need for mutual recognition and respect during discussions, which he stated would strengthen the global psychology community and elevate its significance worldwide.



The Executive Officer detailed the voting procedure designated for National Members in good standing. A test vote was successfully conducted.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Paper 2 of the Agenda was noted.

The Assembly unanimously adopted the Agenda as received.¹

4. Minutes

4.1. 2022 Assembly

Paper 4.1 of the Agenda was noted.

- **Motion:** Adopt the 2022 Assembly Minutes
- **Results:** 49 in support, 0 against, 4 abstentions

The Assembly voted to adopt the 2021 Assembly minutes as received.

5. Membership

The Secretary-General noted the current composition of the Union, highlighting that it comprises 93 National Members, seven Regional Members, and 19 Affiliated Member organisations. Additionally, she noted that Membership matters are usually the first item of Assembly business, allowing new members to actively engage in the Assembly.

5.1. Applications for National Membership

5.1.1. Ethiopia

Paper 5.1.1 of the Agenda was noted.

- **Motion:** Admit the Ethiopian Psychologists' Association to the Union as a National Member
- **Results:** 51 in support, 0 against, 1 abstention

The Assembly voted to admit the Ethiopian Psychologists' Association to the Union as a National Member.

5.1.2 Saudi Arabia

Paper 5.1.2 of the Agenda was noted.

National Member Delegate Bullock (Estonia) raised concerns about the membership criteria for the Saudi Psychological Association and whether it adequately represents the national grouping of psychologists in Saudi Arabia.

An extensive discussion was held regarding the Saudi Psychological Association's application for National Membership. It was confirmed that the application met all requirements prescribed by the Union, and the Executive Committee has endorsed it.

¹ Note: Decisions made by the Assembly are boxed.



Considering the request for further details, it was proposed that the decision on this application be postponed until Assembly Session II on July 24, 2024, to facilitate additional discussions and correspondence with the Saudi Psychological Association. The Secretary-General highlighted the Union's commitment to a rigorous and transparent vetting process, which is applied consistently to all IUPsyS Members to ensure that standards are maintained and documented uniformly.

- **Motion:** Defer the decision on the application of the Saudi Psychological Association until Assembly Session II
- **Results:** 49 in support, 0 against, 4 abstentions

The Assembly voted to defer the motion to admit the Saudi Psychological Association as a National Member to the Union until the second session of the Assembly on July 24, 2024.

SESSION II

The Secretary-General confirmed that the Saudi Psychological Association's membership criteria had been obtained. However, she highlighted that the bylaws did not mandate disclosure regarding national organisations' membership criteria for applications to the Union. She further acknowledged that while other psychological organisations exist in Saudi Arabia, it is unknown whether they possess the scope that would necessitate inclusion in a federation for the application process.

The Assembly was informed that current procedures do not include requirements about the organisation's age, and suggestions to amend membership criteria to include such details would be considered in future reviews of membership guidelines. The President concluded by moving to have the Assembly vote on SPA's membership application.

- **Motion:** Admit the Saudi Psychological Association to the Union as a National Member
- **Results:** 53 in support, 6 against, 10 abstentions

The Assembly voted to admit the Saudi Psychological Association to the Union as a National Member.

5.2. Requests for Change in Adhering Body

5.2.1. Peru

Paper 5.2.1 of the Agenda was noted.

- **Motion:** Change the adhering body for the National Member for Peru to the College of Psychologists of Peru
- **Results:** 61 in support, 0 against, 1 abstention

The Assembly voted to change the adhering body for the National Member for Peru to the College of Psychologists of Peru.



5.2.2. Ukraine

Paper 5.2.2 of the Agenda was noted.

- **Motion:** Change the adhering body for the National Member for Ukraine to the National Psychological Association of Ukraine
- **Results:** 61 in support, 0 against, 1 abstention

The Assembly voted to change the adhering body for the National Member in Ukraine to the National Psychological Association of Ukraine.

5.3. Applications for Affiliate Membership

5.3.1. International Society for the Study of Individual Differences

Paper 3.3.1 of the Agenda was noted.

- **Motion:** Admit the International Society for the Study of Individual Differences as an Affiliate to the Union
- **Results:** 58 in support, 0 against, 5 abstentions

The Assembly voted to admit the International Society for the Study of Individual Differences as an Affiliate to the Union.

5.4. Membership Motion

The Secretary-General reported that on July 11, 2024, a motion was received from the Lithuanian Psychological Association seeking the expulsion of the Russian Psychological Society, which was subsequently endorsed by the Estonian Union of Psychologists and the Nederlands Instituut van Psychologen. She noted that the Secretariat had acknowledged receipt of these communications and that the Executive Committee had thoroughly reviewed the motion and deemed it important to place it on the Agenda for this Assembly. She noted further that it was placed on the agenda for information purposes, to ensure that the Assembly is aware of the request.

The Secretary-General stated that after an extensive review of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure, the Executive Committee concluded that a defined procedure was needed to act on this item. As the Union does not have a procedure, the EC further determined that the first step is to develop a procedure to operationalise Article 12(c) of the statutes:

Section II: Membership of the Union - Article 12 (c): by a vote of exclusion adopted by not less than a two-thirds vote of the Assembly, after particulars have been presented and an opportunity given for a hearing (Page 3)

The Secretary-General elaborated on the Executive Committee's Commitment by noting that the procedure would be guided by the principles of due process - fair, transparent, evidence-based and free of conflicts of interest would be consultative in nature and would be timely i.e., developed by January 31, 2025. She concluded by stating that the Assembly will receive communications from the EC as the process is developed as the final decision on the matter is the Assembly's.



In the discussion that followed, several delegates to the Assembly reinforced the nature of the motion, highlighted previous membership application matters and associated communication, raised concerns about the Executive Committee's response to the motion, and made enquiries or recommendations. The President reinforced the Union's commitment to operating as a law-based organisation, necessitating a rigorous adherence to procedural standards of good governance.

The President affirmed the decision to defer voting on the motion until a comprehensive procedure is presented to the Assembly, underscoring a steadfast commitment to statutory compliance and procedural integrity.

SESSION II

The Secretary-General reported that two key communications were received following Session I of the Assembly: one from the Russian Psychological Society, acknowledging the motion initiated by Lithuania, and another from the New Zealand Psychological Society, supporting the motion. The latter included a proposal for the Assembly to suspend the Russian Psychological Society pending a thorough investigation and requested that the Union appoint a Chair and a Committee to address the allegations and swiftly report findings to the Executive Committee.

The President clarified that the IUPsyS Statutes and Rules of Procedure do not permit a vote or action on this matter during the current session. Both documents, received on July 22 and 23, will be discussed in the upcoming post-assembly Executive Committee meeting held on July 27, 2024, and will be circulated to the Assembly delegates. The President acknowledged the significance of the issue and the necessity for a prompt and fair resolution, highlighting the importance of developing a procedure that protects the interests of all parties involved, the union, and the broader field of global psychology.

6. Nominations and Elections

FOR SESSION I

6.1. Second Report of the Elections Committee

Paper 6.1 of the Agenda was noted.

The Past President, in her role as Chair of the Elections Committee, reported on the Elections Committee's Second Report. She indicated that one nomination for a regular EC Member, Chao-Gan Yan (China), was withdrawn. There were no additional changes to the posted report. The Past President explained the rules and procedure for nominations from the floor.

6.2. Additional Nominations

There were further nominations from the floor of the Assembly for the role of regular Executive Committee Member. No additional nominations were received for President-Elect.

Six candidates for Regular EC Member were proposed:

- Bernardo, Allan (Philippines): Proposed Maria Luiso Guinto (Philippines); Seconded Adrian Toh (Singapore)



- Carrizo, Luis (Uruguay): Proposed Ana Florez (Panama); Seconded Alejandro Lleras (USA)
- Hayes, Nicky (United Kingdom): Proposed Dragos Iliescu (Romania); Seconded Valbona Treska (Albania)
- Mesurado, Belen (Argentina): Proposed Mariel Musso (Argentina); Seconded José Maria Peiro (Spain)
- Sun, Xianghong (China): Proposed Xun Liu (China); Seconded Adrian Toh (Singapore)
- Tonks, Randal (Canada): Proposed Saba Safdar (Canada); Seconded Alejandro Lleras (USA)

SESSION II

6.3. Updated Second Report of the Elections Committee

The Past President reported that six additional nominations had been received for Regular EC Member and that the nominations were in good order.

The slates for each election were therefore as follows:

For President-Elect

Khoury, Brigitte (Lebanon)

For Treasurer

Barbarin, Oscar (USA)

Sanchez-Cesareo, Marizaida (Puerto Rico)

For Regular EC Members

Bernardo, Allan (Philippines)

Borst, Grégoire (France)

Carrizo, Luis (Uruguay)

Hayes, Nicky (UK)

Mesurado, Belen (Argentina)

Ningdyah, Anrilia EM (Indonesia)

Suffla, Shahnaaz (South Africa)

Sun, Xianghong (China)

Suzuki, Hanako (Japan)

Tonks, Randal (Canada)

Waitoki, Moana (New Zealand)

Zamani, Andrew (Nigeria)

6.4. Brief Statements by Candidates for President-Elect

Brigitte Khoury (Lebanon) delivered a brief statement to the Assembly.

6.5. Voting for President-Elect

Brigitte Khoury was duly elected IUPsyS President-Elect for the 2024-2026 period by acclamation.
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6.6. Brief Statements by Candidates for Treasurer

Statements for the position of Treasurer were made in the following order: Oscar Barbarin (USA) and Marizaida Sanchez-Cesareo (Puerto Rico).

6.7. Voting for Treasurer

A vote was taken for Treasurer.

Results	
Nominee	Number of Votes
Marizaida Sanchez-Cesareo (Puerto Rico)	41 (57.75 %)
Oscar Barbarin (USA)	30 (42.25 %)

Marizaida Sanchez-Cesareo was duly elected IUPsyS Treasurer for the 2024-2028 period on the first ballot. Oscar Barbarin agreed to stand for nomination for a regular EC Member.

6.8. Voting for Regular Members of the Executive Committee

A vote was taken for the eight regular members of the EC.

Results	
Nominee	Number of Votes
Barbarin, Oscar (USA)	37 (50.68%)
Bernardo, Allan (Philippines)	53 (72.6%)
Borst, Grégoire (France)	48 (65.75%)
Carrizo, Luis (Uruguay)	39 (53.42%)
Hayes, Nicky (UK)	40 (54.79%)
Mesurado, Belen (Argentina)	29 (39.73%)
Ningdyah, Anrilia EM (Indonesia)	33 (45.21%)
Suffla, Shahnaaz (South Africa)	32 (43.84%)
Sun, Xianghong (China)	27 (36.99%)
Suzuki, Hanako (Japan)	44 (60.27%)
Tonks, Randal (Canada)	43 (58.9%)
Waitoki, Moana (New Zealand)	57 (78.08%)
Zamani, Andrew (Nigeria)	37 (50.68%)

The following were duly elected to the EC for the 2024-2028 period on the first ballot.

Bernardo, Allen B. I.	Philippines
Borst, Grégoire	France
Carrizo, Luis	Uruguay
Hayes, Nicky	United Kingdom
Suzuki, Hanako	Japan
Tonks, Randal	Canada
Waitoki, Moana	New Zealand



A second vote was taken for the Regular EC Members. The elected member will serve for two years.

Results	
Nominee	Number of Votes
Barbarin, Oscar (USA)	33 (45.21 %)
Zamani, Andrew (Nigeria)	40 (54.79 %)

Andrew Zamani (Nigeria) was duly elected to the EC for the 2024-2026 period on the second ballot.

6.9. Voting for Members of the 2026 Elections Committee

It was noted that the Past President serves as Chair of the Elections Committee. Two Assembly delegates were proposed as the additional members to the 2024 Elections Committee:

The following were duly elected to serve on the 2024 Elections Committee.
 Bullock, Merry Estonia
 Khan, Katija Trinidad and Tobago

I. Reports of the Executive Committee

7. Minutes

7.1. 2022-07-05 IUPsyS Executive Committee Meeting²

Paper 4.2 of the Agenda was noted.

The Assembly received the 2022-07-05 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

7.2. 2022-10-28 IUPsyS Executive Committee Meeting

Paper 4.3 of the Agenda was noted.

The Assembly received the 2022-10-028 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

7.3. 2023-03-03 IUPsyS Executive Committee Meeting

Paper 4.4 of the Agenda was noted.

The Assembly received the 2023-03-03 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

7.4. 2023-04-28 IUPsyS Executive Committee Meeting

Paper 4.5 of the Agenda was noted.

² EC Minutes are for noting



The Assembly received the 2023-04-28 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

7.5. 2023-07-11 IUPsyS Executive Committee Meeting

Paper 4.6 of the Agenda was noted.

The Assembly received the 2023-07-11 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

7.6. 2023-10-27 IUPsyS Executive Committee Meeting

Paper 4.7 of the Agenda was noted.

The Assembly received the 2023-10-27 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

7.7. 2024-01-26 IUPsyS Executive Committee Meeting

Paper 4.8 of the Agenda was noted.

The Assembly received the 2024-01-26 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

7.8. 2024-04-26 IUPsyS Executive Committee Meeting

Paper 4.9 of the Agenda was noted.

The Assembly received the 2024-04-26 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

8. Biennial Report of the Executive Committee

Paper 8 of the Agenda was noted.

9. Statutes and Rules of Procedure

9.1. Amendments

Paper 5.1 of the Agenda was noted.

Current Article Section IV: Assembly Business

(2) The Assembly meeting between International Congresses of Psychology shall normally meet for a single session. The President may determine that a second session is required and the notice of the meeting sent to all National Members required by Article 15 of the Statutes shall so specify.

Proposed Article Section IV: Assembly Business

(2) The Assembly meeting between International Congresses of Psychology shall normally meet for two half-days, with a day between the sessions.

Rationale: The IUPsyS Assembly convenes every two years. Historically, elections for Executive Committee Members and Officers were conducted only at the Quadrennial Assembly. It was not necessary to have two sessions as no nominations were made at the Mid-Quadrennial Assembly. However, since 2016, IUPsyS has implemented a staggered election process, conducting elections at both Quadrennial and Mid-Quadrennial Assemblies to ensure continuity, succession planning, and enhanced representation and diversity within the Union's leadership. The amendment to Assembly Business is required to allow equal consideration of nominations for Secretary-General and



three Executive Committee Members at the Mid-Quadrennial Assembly as at the Quadrennial Assembly. With the amendment, the election process at the Quadrennial and Mid-Quadrennial Assemblies will be the same.

- **Motion:** Approve the proposed amendment to Section IV (2) of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure.
- Results: 51 in support, 3 against, 1 abstention

The Assembly voted to approve the proposed amendment to Section IV (2) of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure.

9.2. Future Amendments

The Secretary-General reported that over the past two years, the Executive Committee has identified several areas that require amendments to the IUPsyS Statutes and Rules of Procedure. The Executive Committee shall commence a process to familiarise the Assembly with these proposed amendments, with the objective of them being considered at the 2026 Assembly.

10. Financial Report

Paper 8 and Paper 10 of the Agenda were noted.

The Treasurer summarised the Union's expenditures and revenues as detailed in the 2023 Audited Financial Statements and reported on the Budget for 2023 and 2024.

Queries were raised about the nature of the Union's investments, particularly regarding ethical considerations. The Executive Officer clarified that current investments were limited to low-risk money market funds, such as bond funds and other securities. Plans to review potential equity investments to ensure ethical alignment were noted.

The Assembly discussed the financial performance of the Union's publication, the International Journal of Psychology (IJP). It was noted that there had been a decrease in publication-related revenue and an increase in expenses, significantly impacting net income. The Assembly also discussed the recent renegotiation of the publishing contract with Wiley. The possibility of regular renegotiations was suggested to ensure the Union's publications remain competitive and financially sustainable.

11. Standing Committee on Strategic Planning

Paper 8 of the Agenda was noted.

The following Agenda items were deferred due to time constraints.

11.1. Overview and Update

11.2. Membership Engagement

11.3. Work Groups



SESSION II

The President discussed the Agenda item deferred from Session I of the Assembly.

11.1. Overview and Update

The President reported on the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. He elucidated the five strategic goals outlined in the Plan, each accompanied by a detailed plan of actions, as outlined in Paper 5:

1. Grow IUPsyS' global footprint and impact as a broker/convener of psychological science.
2. Engagement with National Members.
3. Increase regional activity and engagement.
4. Improve the global visibility and profile of IUPsyS.
5. Develop IUPsyS' operational capacity and financial underpinnings.

The Strategic Planning Standing Committee has made substantial progress in developing and implementing the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, integrating the Sustainable Development Goals to achieve Pillar 1(a) and fostering collaboration with key stakeholders across multiple countries and regions. However, while the current 2020-2024 Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap for operationalising the IUPsyS' mission, the President emphasised the need for a more dynamic strategic planning process to better respond to rapid global changes.

11.2. Membership Engagement

The President provided an overview of the Union's activities since July 2022, particularly detailing engagements with Regional Memberships. He reported that the Union has actively participated in numerous events and has initiated dialogues with national bodies concerning matters of strategic interest. Active participation in international and regional events has strengthened relationships, promoted capacity building, and laid a strong foundation for future initiatives and strategic goals.

11.3. Work Groups

The IUPsyS has established six specialised Work Groups with representatives from National and Regional Membership to address critical areas within the discipline and praxis of psychology. The Work Groups are as follows:

- Cross-border Virtual Mental Health
- Equality in Science
- Global Psychology Lecture Series and Events
- International Congresses of Psychology
- IUPsyS Work Group – IUPsyS Response to Crisis
- IUPsyS Work Group – Licensure and Regulation

Break-Out Groups

The Assembly members participated in break-out groups to discuss the following questions:

- Vision and Long-term Impact



- How can the International Union of Psychology position itself to contribute effectively to global sustainability efforts while facilitating psychology's interdisciplinary nature as a hub science?
- Strategic Integration
 - What specific areas within psychology can be strategically integrated with sustainability goals to maximize the discipline's impact on environmental, social, and economic sustainability?
- Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Effort
 - How can the Union foster and enhance collaboration between psychology and other scientific organizations to address complex global sustainability challenges?

Representatives of each group provided feedback on their discussions. The President thanked all participants for their contributions and noted that their feedback would inform the strategic direction of the Union.

12. Standing Committee on Publications

Paper 8 of the Agenda was noted.

12.2. International Journal of Psychology

Paper 12.1 of the Agenda was noted.

The International Journal of Psychology (IJP) Editor-in-Chief Abigail Gewirtz reported that the journal actively solicits submissions across all domains of psychology, particularly prioritising articles that tackle pertinent contemporary and cross-cultural issues. She reported the following:

- In 2023, the IJP experienced a notable increase in submissions, receiving 872 manuscripts—686 new and 186 resubmissions. The journal implemented a rigorous selection process, initially rejecting 66% of new submissions.
- The IJP published a special issue dedicated to psychology and human rights and has announced three upcoming special issues for 2024.
- The journal's acceptance rate stood at a competitive 14.5%, and its impact factor increased significantly to 3.3, securing its place in the first quartile among multidisciplinary psychology journals globally.
- Contributions were received from 79 countries, notably including significant submissions from China and India.

IJP Editor-in-Chief Abigail Gewirtz concluded by expressing gratitude towards the editorial team and associate editors, reflecting on the journal's accomplishments and its influential role in advancing psychological research internationally.

The President commended the exceptional leadership and contributions of IJP Editor-in-Chief Gewirtz throughout her tenure.

12.3. Publication Review

The Past President, in her role as the Chair of the Standing Committee on Publications, reported that in 2023, the Executive Committee established the



Terms of Reference for a comprehensive Publications Review. The Review Group is composed of members from the Standing Committee on Publications, supplemented by three external experts: Oscar Barbarin (USA), Allan Bernado (Philippines), and Darryl O'Connor (UK). Additionally, representatives from Wiley Publications are engaged in the review process as deemed necessary. This review is currently ongoing, with an initial focus on IJP. The Past-President highlighted key points identified in the Publications Review thus far.

12.4. ICD-11 Book Publication

The Past President reported on the publication of the book titled *A Psychological Approach to Diagnosis: Using the ICD-11 as a Framework*, co-published with the American Psychological Association (APA). She highlighted that the book will be prominently featured at the Secretary-General's Invited Symposium, with the editorial team participating. In addition, Geoffrey Reed is scheduled to deliver a State-of-the-Art lecture on the subject. The book is currently available for purchase at the APA Exhibition Booth during the ICP2024. She further announced that the official launch of the ICD-11 Book Publications will take place at the Stages Hotel at 18:30 CEST on July 24, 2024.

13. Standing Committee on Capacity Building

Paper 8 of the Agenda was noted.

The following Agenda items were deferred due to time constraints.

13.2. Capacity Building Events

13.3. Capacity Building Initiative

13.4. Regional Member's Terms of Reference

14. Awards

Paper 8 of the Agenda was noted.

The President acknowledged the recipients of the 2024 Awards and announced a comprehensive review of the Awards process to ensure their continued excellence and integrity.

15. International Congresses of Psychology

15.2. 33rd ICP Progress Report

ICP2024 Chair Štech, ICP2024 Secretary-General Dobiášová and ICP Liaison Watts presented a report on the 33rd ICP hosted by the Czech-Moravian Psychological Society in Prague from July 21-26, 2024. The Congress featured a diverse and robust scientific programme, with abstracts from 95 countries on every continent. The scientific program featured eleven state-of-the-art lectures, 53 symposia, and 75 keynote speakers.

The success of the Emerging Psychologists Programme (EPP), chaired by Irena Smetáčková, was acknowledged, which has effectively engaged new scholars and potential leaders in psychology since its introduction in 2012.



ICP Liaison and Past Secretary-General Ann Watts expressed gratitude to the ICP Organising Committee and highlighted the resilience and determination required to host the Congress amidst global challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on previous plans. The dedication of the organising team in overcoming these adversities was commended.

15.3. 34th ICP Progress Report

The 34th International Congress of Psychology (ICP) was awarded to Melbourne, Australia, during the 2021 Assembly and is scheduled to take place from July 17-21, 2028. The President of the Congress provided updates on ICP2028 activities during the proceedings of the 33rd ICP.

15.4. 35th ICP Bids

The President reported that traditionally, the Assembly votes on the host location eight years in advance. However, the Executive Committee approved the proposal to defer bids for the 2032 Congress. Initial expressions of interest were received from two National Members, but no formal bids were submitted within the required timeframe. Consequently, the Union decided to engage the International Congresses of Psychology Work Group to review and enhance the international Congress model in light of evolving global dynamics in congresses. As a result, the decision on the host for the 2032 ICP has been postponed until the mid-quadrennial assembly in 2026.

16. International Decade of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IDBSSD)

The President provided a comprehensive summary of the IUPsyS Psychological Science Leadership Summit held on 21 July 2024, attended by regional leaders from across the globe. The Summit emphasised capacity building and the enhancement of regional organisations. A prominent theme was the integration of psychology within the broader international discourse, particularly concerning sustainable development, supporting the Union's vision of positioning psychology as a hub science that bridges diverse disciplines.

To advance this initiative, Dr. Carlos Álvarez Pereira, a member of the Steering Committee of the Earth-Humanity Coalition, was invited to the Assembly to present on sustainability from an external disciplinary perspective. With a background in engineering and applied mathematics, Dr. Pereira's contribution was aimed at enriching the delegates' understanding of interdisciplinary strategies for addressing sustainability issues through the lens of psychology.

Carlos Álvarez Pereira, Member of the Steering Committee of the Earth-Humanity Coalition, delivered a presentation to the Assembly.

17. Review and Closing Remarks

The President provided a concluding statement at the 2024 IUPsyS Assembly, acknowledging the global contributions of psychologists in crisis response. Special recognition was given to the Turkish Psychological Association for their exemplary humanitarian efforts following the recent earthquake on the Turkish-Syrian border. A presidential citation was presented, commending their vital mental health support and recovery assistance to the impacted communities.



The Assembly adjourned at 18:00 CEST on July 22, 2024

Session II

18. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Gutiérrez called the Assembly to order and welcomed all Regional and National Member Delegates, Affiliate Representatives, Observers and Guests. He reminded Delegates that the hybrid Assembly was being recorded.

The Secretary-General called the roll of delegates and announced that a quorum was reached.

The Executive Officer reminded the Assembly of the voting procedure designated for National Members in good standing. A test vote was successfully conducted.

II. Relations with International Organizations

19. United Nations

Paper 8 of the Agenda was noted.

The Secretary-General reminded delegates to the Assembly that IUPsyS has Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Consultative Status with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI). The Union is also a member of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO) and the Psychology Coalition at the United Nations (PCUN). She noted that IUPsyS involvement in the UN is being revisioned within the context of the Strategic Plan and includes the identification of how the Union can impact Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development Goals and beyond. She further noted that during the current reporting period IUPsyS contributed to the 15th Annual Psychology Day at the United Nations, entitled Building Hope: Contributions to a Roadmap for Climate Change, held on April 21, 2022.

19.1. Nikil Seth, UN Assistant Secretary-General; Executive Director, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

The Assembly received a recorded address from Nikhil Seth on the contribution of psychology to the United Nations 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. He highlighted the serious challenges affecting global progress, including conflict, climate change, poverty, inequality and the continuing consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that only 17% of Sustainable Development Goals targets were currently on track to be achieved by 2030 and emphasised the need for renewed international cooperation involving governments, civil society, academia, young people and the private sector.

Nikhil Seth emphasised that achievement of the SDGs would require integrated approaches to policymaking that recognise the interrelationship between areas



such as poverty reduction, education, climate action, health and human wellbeing. He further stressed the importance of long-term planning, behavioural change and measures of progress that extend beyond conventional economic indicators to include social, environmental and mental-health outcomes.

Particular attention was given to the role of psychology and behavioural science in supporting effective, inclusive and human-centred public policy. Psychologists could assist policymakers in understanding behaviour, improving policy design, promoting empathy within public institutions and ensuring that policies respond appropriately to the needs of vulnerable populations. Mr Seth concluded by encouraging a “whole-of-psychology” approach through which psychological knowledge could contribute to more equitable, sustainable and evidence-informed societies.

The message reinforced the importance of increasing psychology’s contribution to major global challenges, strengthening engagement with multilateral and interdisciplinary partners, and ensuring that psychological science informs policy and practice, areas consistent with the Union’s broader strategic direction.

20. World Health Organization (WHO)

Papers 8 of the Agenda were noted.

Honorary EC Member and Past Secretary-General Watts noted that IUPsyS official relations with WHO are renewed triennially and the 2023-2025 work plan currently guides the Union’s work with WHO. The 2023-2025 plan for collaboration with WHO’s Department of Mental Health, Brain Health, and Substance Use was approved in 2022. At the request of WHO, this collaboration between WHO and IUPsyS will continue to support WHO’s Thirteenth General Programme of Work, notably Strategic Priority 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage.

The Past Secretary-General noted that the Clinical Description and Diagnostic Requirements for ICD-11 Mental, Behavioural and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (CDDR) is a comprehensive diagnostic manual designed to support the accurate and reliable identification and diagnosis of mental, behavioural, and neurodevelopmental disorders in clinical settings worldwide. She noted that Geoffrey Reed played an instrumental role in the WHO team developing the CDDR, launched globally on March 08, 2024. The publication may be downloaded free online.

The Past Secretary-General reported on the Global Mental Health Fellowship (GMHF), a jointly funded APA-IUPsyS Global Mental Health Fellowship that enables a duly qualified Psychologist to work directly with WHO’s Department of Mental Health and Substance Use. She noted that to date, six Fellows have been selected. However, in 2023 the WHO made the decision to no longer support Fellowships. Options for moving forward with this fellowship programme are currently being considered.

21. International Science Council (ISC)



The President reminded the Assembly that the former International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC) had merged to form the International Science Council (ISC) in July 2018. The President provided a comprehensive breakdown of IUPsyS activities in relation to ISC.

21.1. CODATA

In June 2023, the Past President, with others, was involved in establishing a CODATA Union's Forum which will meet approximately four times a year to report. CODATA oversees eight funded Task Groups. The Past President is responsible for overseeing the progress of the Data-driven Social Change Towards a Society Promoting Cognitively Healthy Aging Task Group within the CODATA Executive Committee.

22. Standing Committee on Gender Equality in Science

Paper 8 of the Agenda was noted.

The Past President provided an update on the IUPsyS' involvement with the Standing Committee on Gender Equality in Science (SCGES), which originated from the Gender Gap in Science Project by the former International Council for Science. The Past President and Secretary-General are members of this Committee. As of December 14, 2023, the SCGES comprises twenty partners, primarily Category One Members of the ISC. Looking forward, the association between IUPsyS and SCGES is expected to be overseen by the IUPsyS Work Group on Equality in Science throughout the upcoming year.

Honorary EC Member Ritchie emphasised the Union's opportunity to nominate individuals for various roles within the ISC, advocating for the inclusion of early career professionals alongside seasoned academics. He encouraged National Members to actively promote and support younger colleagues in pursuing international roles, emphasising the vitality and fresh perspectives brought by youth.

III. Next Assembly

23. Time and Place of Next Assembly Meeting

The President noted that the 2026 IUPsyS Assembly would be held on July 21-25, 2026, in Florence, Italy.

24. Other Competent Business

The President expressed gratitude to the outgoing Executive Committee members for their dedicated service to the Union and warmly welcomed the incoming members, anticipating a productive term ahead.

There was no other business.

25. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 18:00 CEST on July 24, 2024.