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Stockholm, Sweden

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A total of 60 representatives representing National Members and 16 members of the Executive Committee were present at one or both of the Assembly sessions, representing 40 countries.

Argentina:	A. M. Verzini (both sessions)	Japan	K. Sigemasu (both sessions), H. Azuma, (both sessions) *H. Imada
Australia:	B. Crowe (both sessions) J.M. Innes (both sessions)		
Belgium:	K. Verfaillie (both sessions) L. Verhofstadt-Denève (session 1) A. Vandierendonck (session 2) *G. d'Ydewalle (both sessions)	Lithuania	B. Pociute (both sessions)
Canada:	D. Evans (both sessions) J. Gauthier (both sessions) *J. Adair *P. Ritchie *M. Sabourin	Mexico	J. Martinez (both sessions), L. Hernandez-Guzman, (both sessions) *J. Sanchez-Sosa
Chile:	C. Urrutia-Schwarz (both sessions)	Morocco	M. Rabi (both sessions)
China:	K. Zhang (both sessions) Q. Jing, (both sessions) *H. Zhang	Netherlands	W. Kort (both sessions), M. Chatrou, (both sessions) *Y. Poortinga
Colombia:	G. Guiterrez (both sessions), *R. Ardila	Norway	A.-M. Aanonsen, (both sessions) B. Rund (both sessions) *J. Strelau
Czech Republic	D. Heller (both sessions)	Poland	F. Marques (both sessions)
Denmark:	J. Bratbo (both sessions), P. Sibelle (both sessions)	Portugal	V. Barabanschikov (both sessions), A. Brushlinsky (both sessions)
Estonia	M. Kreegipuu (both sessions)	Russia	E. Nair (both sessions) A. Zupančič (both sessions)
Egypt	A. Sadek (both sessions)	Singapore	L. Nicholas, (both sessions) S. Cooper (both sessions)
Finland	K. Hakamies-Bloomqvist (both sessions) J. Hyona (both sessions)	Slovenia	H. Carpintero, J. Prieto
France	M. Carlier, M. Santiago- Delefosse (session 1) M. Fayol (session 2) *M. Denis	South Africa	B. Hansson A. Öhman, *L.-G. Nilsson
Germany	L. Hellfritsch, (both sessions) R. Silbereisen (both sessions) *K. Pawlik	Spain	J. Retschitzki (both sessions) H. Kepir-Sinangil *C. Kagitçibasi
Greece	J. Georgas (both sessions)	Sweden	I. Lunt, M. Hakel (both sessions) N. Abeles (session 1) R. Thompson (session 2) *M. Bullock *B. Overmier
Hungary	E. Banyai (both sessions)	Switzerland	E. Tuana
Iran	M. Mansour (session 2)	Turkey	E. Mpofu (session 2) H. Kahn (session 2)
Ireland	R. Woodward (both sessions)	United Kingdom	
Italy	P. Fumai, (both sessions) A. Lo Iacono (session 2)	United States	
		Uruguay	
		Zimbabwe	
		Yemen	

Official Representatives of Affiliated Organisations in attendance were as follows:

American Psychological Association:	R. Fowler, J. Buchanan, N. Johnson
American Psychological Society:	A. Kraut
European Association of Psychological Assessment:	R. Fernandez-Ballesteros
European Professional Psychologists Associations	T. Tikkanen
International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology	K. Boehnke
International Council of Psychologists	P. Merenda, S. Sapir
International Association of Applied Psychology	S. Sapir, C. Spielberger
International Society for Comparative Psychology	E. Tobach
Norwegian Psychological Association	T. Pedersen
Swedish Psychological Association:	O. Salling
Sociedad InterAmericana de Psicologia/ Interamerican Society of Psychology	S. Pick
IUPsyS Committee for the Psychological Study of Peace:	M. Wessells

Observers:

Argentina	C. Sacchi M. Richaud H. J. A. Rimoldi R. Ramondi
Canada	R. Sabourin
Egypt	R. Abouserie
Germany	R. Kluwe, R. Schwarzer
Ireland	J. Tiernen, E. McCarthy
Nigeria	A. Mogaji
Saudi Arabia	R. Ibrahim
South Africa	C. Wilson
USA	S. Fowler M. Rosenzweig W. Holtzman C. Spielberger
Yemen	M. Barry

**IUPsyS ASSEMBLY 2000
Stockholm, Sweden
July 24 and July 26, 2000**

0. 1. Call to Order: Roll call to certify delegates

President **d'Ydewalle** called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on July 24, 2000. He welcomed all the delegates, especially those from new National Members Lithuania and Spain (change in representative body), and liaisons and observers.

Sabourin read the Roll Call to certify delegates, a procedure repeated at the beginning of the 2nd session. Ritchie confirmed and the President informed the Assembly that the quorum for changing the statutes and for voting on regular issues had been reached.

2. Consideration of the Agenda

The President presented the Agenda and noted that he would present most of the information during the meeting with the assistance of powerpoint slide presentations.

The Assembly accepted the agenda

3. Statutes and Rules of Procedure

3.1 Amendment of Article 7: Definition of Good Standing

The president called attention to the proposed text change in Article 7, explained the background for the changes and called for a vote.

The Assembly voted to accept the amendment to Article 7 of the statutes

The new Article 7 will read (changes in italics):

- (i) Members of the Union shall be elected by the Assembly according to procedures specified in Article 13.
- (ii) *With the consent of the Assembly, the National Member for a country may change from one form of organisation, as described in Article 6, to another of the forms described in the same article.*
- (iii) *Membership shall take effect upon payment of the first year annual dues.*
- (iv) A National Member is in good standing when its annual dues are paid *as of December 31 of the most recent full calendar year.*
- (v) National Members are entitled to send delegates to the Assembly. The number of delegates shall be determined as specified in Article 8.
- (vi) Only the delegates of National Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Assembly.

4. Membership issues

The President noted addition of four new National Members since the last Assembly meeting in San Francisco. He then introduced applications for one new National Member and one new Affiliate and noted that the recommendation of the EC was to accept each application.

4.1 Yemen

The Assembly voted unanimously to accept Yemen as a new National Member

4.2 European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology

The Assembly voted to accept the European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology as affiliate

4.3 Category 0 countries

The President presented the list of Category 0 members and noted that the number has

been increasing for some years. The EC has discussed several solutions to category 0 members at length.

5. Minutes

5.1 1998 Assembly Minutes

Minutes were approved by email vote

5.2 1999 EC Minutes

The President noted the new policy to have the minutes available also on the Website of the Union (www.iupsys.org).

6. Report of the President

The President's report covered the following points, identifying opportunities and challenges to the Union in the coming quadrennial.

1) International leadership of IUPsyS

- goal is to identify and support the needs of National Members, especially those that should be addressed at a global level
- goal is to ensure that international initiatives have broad representation across countries and regions
- goal is to develop strategies to support regional as well as national developments

2) International Congresses

- Congresses are a flagship of Union activities.
- One challenge is to address declining attendance by scientists by finding mechanisms to increase the Congress' attraction to scientists
- Another challenge is to address declining attendance from US participants
- A further challenge is to address low attendance by colleagues from the developing world by improving dissemination of information about congress, and in finding ways to make attendance economically feasible and attractive

3) Expanding the publication programme

- The publication program has expanded, but should be increased even more; this is an important Union function and the Union needs to be proactive in this regard.
- royalties are an important source of income to the Union
- publications can provide way to fulfill some of members' needs
- publications at the frontier of new technologies should be considered

4) Redefining the scope of the research programme

- The Union needs to consider how the research projects committee should proceed given that the budget is not adequate for genuine research projects
- because allocations are at the discretion of UNESCO, ISSC, ICSU, it is difficult to develop and independent portfolio
- there is little time for planning or discussion as priorities are set according to UNESCO timetable

5) Improving our ICSU association

- The Union needs to strengthen relations with ICSU. There is no presence on the Executive Committee; the overall presence is a weak one
- positive side: success of recent large scale project; good working relation with new Executive Director;
- negative side: failure to get Union representative elected to the Executive Committee - there was good support from science unions but not from national organizations - this must be addressed

6) IUPsyS, expanding its activities?

- there are limited resources and time available at the Secretariat --, there is no way to expand this office. Thus it is critically important that EC members and National Members are willing to be active. It is important to have a broad range of countries involved in activities and to recruit individuals who are willing to be active – this means that the elections are crucially important

7. Report of the Secretary-General

Secretary-General Ritchie referred the Assembly to his Annual Report. He then reported on the volume and activities of the Secretariat, of the challenges facing the Union, and of current changes. One notable change compared to four years ago is a cost-efficient increase in electronic communication. He expressed thanks for teamwork and collegiality. He described increases in the strength and breadth of Union activities of the Union and noted its stronger infrastructure.

8. Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer presented an overview of the current state of the Union finances and activities, and a summary of recent trends and projections.

9. International Congresses of Psychology

9.1 XXVII Congress (Stockholm, 2000) Progress Report

Nilsson gave an overview of the XXVII Congress and highlighted the following points: Attendance was anticipated at about 6000; the addresses of all participants will be available on the web. He noted that securing external funding is a crucial activity for the success of the Congress and recommended this to future Congress organizers.

The President thanked Nilsson and the other Swedish colleagues for their hard work and praised the organization of the Congress.

9.2 XXVIII Congress (Beijing, 2004) Progress Report

The organizers noted that the dates have been set as August 8-13, 2004. They are planning for 4500 participants, and activities are on track on the projected time line. More than 150 Chinese colleagues were attending the XXVII Congress both to promote psychology in China, to observe this Congress, and as members of the psychological community. (to add a link to their Congress site?)

9.3 XXIX Congress - Selection of Venue

The President called the Assembly's attention to items in the Agenda book illustrating materials and information sent to bidders, and requested each of the 2008 Congress bidders to make a brief 15 min presentation. The order of presentation was determined by lot.

Bogota, Colombia
Montevideo, Uruguay
Berlin, Germany
Durban, South Africa

The Assembly voted. The two highest candidates were Berlin and Durban.
A second vote was called.

Ardila (Colombia) requested a count of the votes for each city.
d'Ydewalle called for a vote on this request.

The Assembly voted to receive the numbers

The President read the vote tally:

Berlin 34; Bogota 12; Durban 20; Montevideo 5

The Election Committee Chair Pawlik questioned the Assembly whether it was allowable to have 71 ballots when there were 72 voting members.

The Assembly agreed

A second vote was taken. The results of the vote were Berlin 43, Durban 28 .

The Assembly voted to accept Berlin for the venue of the XXIX International Congress of Psychology.

Schwarzer (Germany) thanked the Assembly for their choice, which he took as a sign of confidence, and stressed the Germans' commitment to achieving a high quality conference. Ardila congratulated the Germans for the choice.

10. Nominations and Elections

10.1 Nominations

The President announced new elections and briefly outlined the procedures:

1. The first question was for the Assembly to decide whether additional nominations for the positions of President, Vice President and Executive Committee would be accepted during the first Assembly session prior to voting. Voting would take place during the second Assembly session. At the second session, additional nominations would be accepted only for the Executive Committee ballot.

The President gave the floor to Pawlik, Chair of the Election Committee

Pawlik noted that the Assembly had voted in San Francisco to establish an Election Committee. Nominations for positions were received by the Election Committee, collated, and reported to National Members.

Pawlik then called the question of whether additional nominations for various positions would be accepted.

The majority of the Assembly voted to receive additional nominations, with 6 against and 7 abstentions

Additional nominations were then accepted

Additional nominations for President: Michel Denis, France

Additional nominations for Vice President: Houcan Zhang, China

Ruben Ardila, Colombia

Additional nominations for the Executive Committee: Hiroshi Imada

The slates at the end of the first session were as follows:

President Michel Denis, France
Cigdem Kagitçibasi, Turkey

Juan Sanchez-Sosa, Mexico

Vice Presidents
Ruben Ardila, Colombia
John Adair, Canada
Bruce Overmier, United States of America
Juan Jose Sanchez-Sosa, Mexico
Houcan Zhang, China

Executive Committee
John Adair, Canada
Ruben Ardila, Colombia
Vladimir Brushlinsky, Russia
Saths Cooper, South Africa
Bruce Crowe, Australia
Milt Hakel, United States of America
Hiroshi Imada, Japan
Cidgem Kagitçibasi, Turkey
Hassan Khan, Yemen
Ingrid Lunt, United Kingdom
Bruce Overmier, United States
Ype Poortinga, Netherlands
Rainer Silbereisen, Germany

10.2 Elections

Voting took place at the second Assembly session:

The President opened the item by noting that the Election Committee would review the new rules of procedure, proposed and ratified by the Assembly in San Francisco, after the elections and would prepare a full report. He invited the Assembly to make suggestions to the chair of the Election Committee for incorporation into this report.

Pawlik indicated that the Election Committee had reviewed nominations received from the floor during the first session of the Assembly and found them in order.

10.2.1 Election of the President:

The President noted that a majority of the Assembly members present and voting were required to elect a President. The vote was taken and the Election Committee left to count the votes.

Gauthier moved to let the number of votes be known.

The motion was seconded

Discussion:

Silbereisen noted that indicating the vote during a series of elections might change voting behavior.

An Amendment to make the numbers known only to the candidates was made:

The Amendment was seconded

There was no discussion.

Overmier made a point of order that an amendment different from a motion cannot be considered before the vote was taken.

Gauthier noted that amendment was not considered a friendly amendment and was

different in intent and outcome than the original motion.

The President called for vote on the original motion:

The Assembly voted by a majority to announce the number of votes.

The votes from the first ballot were:

Denis	32
Kagiticbasi	29
Sanchez-Sosa	10
Abstentions	1

A Second vote was taken.

The results were:

Denis	41
Kagiticbasi	31

Denis was elected President.

Denis thanked the Assembly for its support and expression of confidence, and reminded the Assembly to keep in mind the work accomplished by the other candidates. Denis then asked their readiness to continue work for the Union

10.2.2 Election of Vice President:

The first vote was taken for the Vice President. The tally was as follows:

Adair	25
Ardila	15
Overmier	26
Sanchez-Sosa	34
Zhang	33
Blank ballots	9

A second vote was taken

Adair	23
Overmier	29
Sanchez-Sosa	38
Zhang	37
Blank ballots	15

Sanchez-Sosa and Zhang were elected as Vice Presidents

10.2.3 Election of the Executive Committee

A first vote for 8 members of the EC was called. The tally was as follows:

Adair	46
Ardila	40
Brushlinsky	21
Cooper	52
Crowe	22
Hakel	19
Imada	39

Kagiticbasi	44
Khan	15
Lunt	41
Overmier	49
Poortinga	37
Silbereisen	43

Adair, Ardila, Cooper, Imada, Kagiticbasi, Lunt, Overmier and Silbereisen were elected to the EC.

The Assembly accepted new nominations for the second round of voting.

The final slate was as follows:

Elizabeth Nair, Singapore
 J.B.P. Sinha, India
 Andrei Brushlinsky, Russia
 Helio Carpintero, Spain
 M'Barek Rabi, Morocco
 Ype Poortinga, Netherlands
 Kevin McConkey, Australia
 Carlos Urrutia, Chile

It was noted that the nominee from Morocco did not have a CV. The President asked for a vote on whether to accept the nomination.

The Assembly voted to decline a nomination without a CV.

There was a proposal to nominate the delegate from Yemen who declined the nomination.

The vote was taken. The tally was as follows:

Brushlinsky	23
Carpintero	8
McConkey	12
Nair	26
Poortinga	25
Sinha	8
Urritia	6

Poortinga and Nair were elected to the Executive Committee

The chair of the Election Committee Pawlik spoke about the new procedures and asked the Assembly to give input on whether the nominations procedures should be changed so that nominations would not be taken from the floor unless absolutely necessary. He also noted that the statutes do not provide rules and procedures for a tie.

The Election Committee will reflect on the procedures for the elections and submit a report in writing to the new President.

11. **Report of the Standing Committee on Communications and Publications**
The President presented the report of the Standing Committee on Publications and asked for questions. There were none.
12. **Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Special Projects**
The President referred to the report on current projects and showed a list of items to the Assembly. He noted that projects that are funded by UNESCO are subject to changing and *ad hoc* priorities (see Annual Report for further information).
13. **Report of the Standing Committee on the Development of Psychology as a Science and as a Profession**
The President reported that a framework paper on the challenges and directions in psychology is in preparation. A first draft of this paper was discussed within the outgoing Executive Committee. The outgoing Executive Committee recommended strongly that the incoming Executive Committee complete the framework paper and urged its broad dissemination.
14. **Regional Congresses**
 - 14.1 1999 Africa Regional Congress
Cooper presented a report on the Regional Congress (see Annual Report for more information).
 - 14.2 Future Regional Congresses
A question was raised about the role of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) in the regional congresses. The Secretary-General supported comments by Poortinga that full participation is needed.
Pawlik commented that regional congresses can be understood as an opportunity for regions to come forward with suggestions of how to promote psychology in the region, and how IUPsyS as special outlet can facilitate this.
Nair raised a question about the IUPsyS written materials on the selection of congress venues. One criterion stated in this document is that regional congress venues should be those where there is "no reasonable chance" of an international congress in the region. She noted that this sentence is vague, especially as "region" is not defined.
15. **Advanced Research Training Seminars**
The President referred the Assembly to the written report.
16. **Report of the Committee on the Psychological Study of Peace**
The President referred the Assembly to the written report.
17. **International Social Science Council (ISSC)**
This item was deferred. (Was it really deferred? What happened then?)
18. **International Council for Science (ICSU)**
The President referred the Assembly to the written report.
 - 18.1 CODATA
Sabourin presented a report, and noted new attention to the question of data archiving. A goal is to identify problems, methods, and issues. He reported a proposition for a task force on the ethics of archiving.

19. United Nations Secretariat (New York)

Sabourin referred to the written report of activities on and summarized the highlights. The Union is approaching activities with the World Congress on Children as a preliminary step to asking for consultative status.

The President thanked Sabourin for the report

20. UNESCO

Ritchie presented a report; and described the funding crisis looming at UNESCO,. He noted that funds from ICSU and ISSC are decreasing. There is reorganization in the UNESCO structure with a new Director-General. UNESCO is in the process of developing more direct links to public and constituent organizations. The Union is presently working to enhance our status with UNESCO.

Ritchie discussed the Culture of Peace initiative and informed the Assembly about a request to sign a Manifesto.

The President called for vote on whether to sign the manifesto

The Assembly voted to sign the manifesto.

A question was raised about whether it was appropriate that National bodies should consider adopting it.

21. World Health Organization (WHO)

The President referred to a joint report of Healthnet and WHO, co-authored by Ritchie and Sanchez-Sosa:

22. Organizations affiliated with IUPsyS

22.1 Report of the IUPsyS -IAAP Joint Committee

The President commented that a report had been prepared. The first draft was written by Wilpert, amended by d'Ydewalle, and submitted to the officers to rewrite in word by word fashion to craft the report.

Poortinga spoke to the report and said that the Dutch delegation is extremely happy that such a report has been completed. This report was first requested in Montreal, and although it has been slow, there is evidence of important progress. He encouraged the officers to return to the Assembly with a report that will include many good achievements.

Spielberger (current president if IAAP) confirmed the President's comments and confirmed that meetings have been most productive. He thanked d'Ydewalle for hosting a meeting in Bruges that helped work together for international psychology and encouraged the Assembly members to come to Singapore in 2002 and to Mumbai in 2001.

22.2 Reports from affiliated organizations

The Sociedad Inter Americana de Psicologia/InterAmerican Psychological Society (SIP) Congress will be in August 2000 in Santiago Chile. The next Congress will be in 2002 in Lima Peru.

The European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology will have a Congress in Prague in 2001.

International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology: Boehnke indicated that the IACCP supported for the Southern African regional congress and the Mumbai regional congress. He also reported that there was a European regional congress with the International Test Commission in Graz and that there will be one in Winchester England in 2001. A conference with 350 participants representing 47 had just been held in Warsaw. The next international meeting will be in Jovjaka, Indonesia in 2002.

IAAP – Upcoming Congresses had already been announced.

ICP –Merenda presented a brief report. The ICP just held its 59th Convention in Padua Italy. The next will be in Winchester England July 1-6 2001. The new President is Manny Goeschenfeld.

INS – no report

ISSBD – Silbereisen, the incoming President reported. There was just a meeting in Beijing. The ISSBD is active in organizing workshops in developing countries and want to intensify this effort as well as work with ARTS teams.

ISCP – Tobach reported that the ISCP celebrated its 20th year and just had an international meeting in Poland. The ISCP will be have its next meeting in Beijing in 2004.

Liaison reports:

EFPPA –Hansson reported that one major focus of EFPPA is trying to establish links between science and application and has involved the Union Executive Committee in this process. President Tikkanen reported that EFPPA has 31 current members and anticipates new ones, mainly from central and eastern European countries. The total membership represents about 130,000 psychologists. The organization is growing rapidly, reflecting growth in the profession. A basic main project at this point is trying to create a European psychologist diploma. Mobility within Europe is a difficult task without this. The goal of achieving this by 2003 has been set by EFPPA and member countries whose training level would be flexible over Europe. Another focus is linking science and professional issues, including funding of psychological research and publications.

President d'Ydewalle continued and noted that some may know there have been concerns about the extent to which EFPPA supports science. Some behavioral scientists in Europe are of the opinion that the voice of psychology and psychological research should sound more clearly, particularly in the offices of the European Union in Brussels. A group of scientists who believe that EFPPA has insufficiently supported the cause of scientific research has begun to take steps toward the

formation of a European Society of Psychological Science. d'Ydewalle noted that although the Union cannot and does not take any position, the EC considered this a matter of great concern, and could foresee with serious repercussions if psychologists in Europe were to speak with two voices. He appealed as President of the Union and on behalf of the EC to all parties and persons involved to work towards compromise and cooperation.

ITC

Adair noted that ITC had conducted an ARTS.

23. International Psychology Initiatives

23.1 World Forum

There was a successful meeting in San Francisco. The Forum will be repeated in Stockholm. The meeting is a joint initiative of IAAP and IUPsyS

23.2 Decade of Behavior

Bullock reported on current Decade of Behavior activities in the US and presented a set of suggestions for how National Members could participate in Decade of Behavior activities. She encouraged all National Members to visit the Decade Website at www.decadeofbehavior.org.

24. Time and place of the next Assembly meeting

The meeting will take place during the week of July 7-12, 2002 in Singapore. It is not yet known precisely when the EC and Assembly meetings will be during that time.

The President acknowledged and thanked those who were leaving the Executive Committee: Nilsson, Pawlik and Strelau.

Pawlik, who will have served the union from 1978 until July of 2000, has been granted the title of Honorary Life Member of the Executive Committee.

The President also expressed strong thanks to Nilsson especially for the Congress activities, and to Strelau, especially for his service as Vice President of the Union.

The President ended by thanking the Assembly, Executive Committee, and Officers for their teamwork over the last four years.

25. Adjournment

The second and final session of the Assembly meeting was adjourned at 5.30 PM.