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Meeting of the IUPsyS Assembly
Beijing, China, 2004
August 9: Session 1
August 11: Session 2

AGENDA

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Delegates

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| Argentina | C. R. de Minzi (Sessions I & II) |
| Australia | P. Martin (Sessions I & II) |
| Belgium | A. Cleeremans (Session II); P. Peigneux (Sessions I & II), G d'Ydewalle (EC, Sessions I & II); |
| Canada | J. Berry (Sessions I & II), J. Gauthier (Sessions I & II), J. Adair (EC, Sessions I & II); P. Ritchie (EC, Sessions I & II); M. Sabourin (EC, Sessions I & II) |
| China | K. Zhang (Sessions I & II), Z. Wang (Sessions I & II); H. Zhang (EC, Sessions I & II) |
| Colombia | R. Ardila (Sessions I & II) |
| Czech Rep. | D. Heller (Sessions I & II) |
| Estonia | T. Niit (Sessions I & II) |

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| France | M. Carlier (Sessions I & II), P. Lemaire (Sessions I & II), M. Denis (EC, Sessions I & II) |
| Germany | C. Brücher-Albers (Sessions I & II), W. Schneider (Session II), R. Silbereisen (Session I; EC, Session II) |
| Greece | J. Georgas (Sessions I & II) |
| Hong Kong | C. Chan (Sessions I & II) |
| Hungary | I. Czigler (Sessions I & II) |
| India | J. Pandey (Sessions I & II) |
| Indonesia | R. Ismail (Sessions I & II) |
| Ireland | E. McCarthy (Session II) |
| Japan | S. Kuwano (Sessions I & II), K. Tsuij (Sessions I & II), H. Imada (EC, Sessions I & II) |
| Mexico | L. Hernandez (Sessions I & II), E. Moques (Sessions I & II), J. -J. Sanchez-Sosa (EC, Sessions I & II) |
| Netherlands | M. Born (Sessions I & II), R. de Jung (Session II), Y. Poortinga (Session I, EC, Session II) |
| New Zealand | T. Williams (Sessions I & II) |
| Nigeria | Y. Mayday (Sessions I & II) |
| Norway | A-M. Aronson (Sessions I & II), B. Round (Sessions I & II) |
| Poland | I. Heszen-Niejodek (Sessions I & II) |
| Singapore | G. Alexander (Sessions I & II), E. Nair (EC, Sessions I & II) |
| South Africa | L. Nicholas (Session I), A. Watts (Sessions I & II), S. S. Saffler (Session II); S. Cooper (EC, Sessions I & II) |
| Spain | H. Carpintero (Sessions I & II), xx (Session II) |
| Sudan | O. Khaleefa (Sessions I & II) |
| Sweden | L. Ahlin (Sessions I & II), B. Hagekull (Sessions I & II) |
| Switzerland | J. Retschitzki (Sessions I & II) |
| Turkey | C. Kagitcibasi (Sessions I & II) |
| UK | I. Lunt (Sessions I & II) |
| Uruguay | N. Cazacas-Segredo (Sessions I & II) |
| USA | K. Miller (Sessions I & II), B. Tversky (Sessions I & II), B. Overmier (EC, Sessions I & II), M. Bullock (EC, Sessions I & II) |
| Yemen | H. Khan (Sessions I & II) |
| Zimbabwe | K. Nyamungo (Sessions I & II) |

Observers and Guests

R. Ahmed (Kuwait); M. Barry (Yemen); K. Boehnke (IACCP); G. Cardenas (?); R. Cemchin (Nigeria); R. Fowler (USA); B. Han (China); Q. Jing (China); E. Lawson (USA), J. Macees (Argentina); A. Mogaji (Nigeria); K. Pawlik (Honorary EC); G. Richardt (Germany); O. Salling (Sweden)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Denis called the meeting to order and welcomed all delegates, observers and guests. Secretary-General Ritchie announced that quorum was attained. He explained that according to the Statutes the obtained quorum was sufficient to vote on all items, including those that required 2/3 presence (Sessions I & II).

2. Consideration of the Agenda

The President asked for additions to the agenda. There were none.

THE ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE AGENDA.

The President asked for a moment of silence in honor of Andrei Brushlinsky (Russia), Assembly member and Director of the Institute of Psychology of the Russian Academy of Sciences, whose untimely and tragic death occurred last year in Moscow.

3. Membership issues

3.1 Termination of Indian Psychological Association as adhering member for India

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO TERMINATE THE INDIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION AS ADHERING MEMBER FOR INDIA.

3.2 Admission of National Academy of Psychology-India as adhering member for India

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO ADMIT THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PSYCHOLOGY AS NEW ADHERING MEMBER FOR INDIA.

The Secretary-General noted that India would be in Category A by EC recommendation. The Assembly welcomed J. Pandey as the representative from India

3.3. Admission of Jordanian Psychological Association as adhering member for Jordan

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO ADMIT THE JORDANIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION AS ADHERING MEMBER FOR JORDAN.

The Secretary-General noted that Jordan would be in Category A by EC recommendation.

3.4. Admission of Sudan Psychological Association as adhering member for Sudan

There was discussion of the number of people in the Sudan societies (400), and about the wording of the SPA statutes.

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO ADMIT THE SUDAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION AS ADHERING MEMBER FOR SUDAN.

The Secretary-General noted that Sudan would be in Category A by EC recommendation. The Assembly welcomed O. Khaleefa as the representative from Sudan

3.5 Observer Category

Treasurer Sabourin reported on the movement of countries into the Observer category. Presently about 30% of National Members are in this category. It was agreed that this issue needs attention.

4. Minutes

4.1. 2002 Assembly Minutes

THE ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE MINUTES

4.2. 2003 EC Minutes

The Assembly was referred to the website

5. Report of the President

President Denis reported on goals that had informed Union actions:

- Increasing the presence and activity of psychology in the international science arena. An example of action in this area is the Union's position in ICSU. While pursuing its effort to make psychology present in the ISSC, the Union has recently acquired a strong position in ICSU because for the first time it has succeeded in having representation on the ICSU Executive Board. This occurred as ICSU made a move to include at least some of the social sciences in its activities and governing bodies. The President acknowledged and paid tribute to K. Pawlik and G. d'Ydewalle for their efforts in beginning this process, which furthers the promotion of psychological science. When the 27 Scientific Unions of ICSU meet, there is a voice speaking for psychology, especially when asked to chair the General Unions' Meeting this year in Paris. In addition two members of the EC are further involved: on the Committee for Scientific Planning and Review (CSPR) and the Policy Committee on Developing Countries. In addition to ICSU, the Union is present in other international bodies where it has privileged status in the UN system, in particular: DPI, ECOSOC and WHO.
- Another front in which the Union is particularly active is in the support of the development of psychology in countries where it was recently established or is still developing. The needs here are different from those in other regions/countries where psychology has a long past. ARTS and the initiatives in the domain of National Capacity Building for psychology are examples of flagship activities, as is the organization of Regional Conferences.
- Another area in which the Union has made progress is launching strategic planning and revising the Union Statutes. This process is underway.
- The final area in which the Union has addressed issues is in elections. A new leadership is about to work for the Union. Because we are facing strategic choices, it is important to call new people with a true international mind who will be thinking and acting in favor of global psychology, not from specific, national points of view.
- The President expressed his gratitude for the work performed by the EC during the past four years, especially the fellow Officers, who supported his own work and contributed to solve a number of issues of primary institutional importance (such as the relations with National Members, the relations with the Congress organizers, the web site, and the Newsletter, etc).
- Lastly, the President expressed special recognition of the Union to Past President Gery d'Ydewalle, who is about to leave the EC after a total of 26 years devoted to the life of the Union. He was appointed Editor of the IJP in 1978. Then as a delegate from Belgium, he was elected to the EC in 1980, then reelected in 1984, a term during which he became Deputy Secretary-General, a position he held until 1992. In 1992, he became Secretary-General. He was elected President in 1996, and became Past President in 2000. His life is closely articulated to the life of the Union. He illustrates a full dedication to science and an exceptional involvement at the service of the Union. The President invited the Assembly to join in a tribute to d'Ydewalle for his accomplishments in the service of international psychology.

THE ASSEMBLY APPLAUDED PAST-PRESIDENT G. D'YDEWALLE

6. *Report of the Secretary-General*

Secretary-General Ritchie referred delegates to the most recent annual report in the delegate kits. This is the overview of the work of the Union. The role of the Secretary-General is essentially to coordinate tasks. This requires a large number of other people and the report is the articulation of them. Credit falls to those mentioned in the report in relation to the various tasks.

Ritchie spoke of the Secretariat and underscored that the workload of the Union has grown

significantly over the last two quadriennia. Managing the activities of the Union is close to a maximum in having the resources to support the Union's activities. This will inform an important part of the later discussion of strategic planning.

Ritchie noted thanks to the fellow officers, members of the EC, the University of Ottawa, and his family, who have enabled his participation.

THE ASSEMBLY COMMENDED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR HIS WORK

7. Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer Sabourin reviewed the Union's revenues and expenditures, focusing on the budget for 2004 and the difficult situation of the past two years.

7.1 Proposal for US\$30 increase of unit value of the annual subscription fee (Session I)

Treasurer Sabourin introduced a motion, approved by the EC in 2003:

Motion:

- Considering that there has been no dues increase since 1996, i.e. for the past 8 years, while the inflation index has increased Union expenses during that same period;
- Considering that the Stockholm International Congress of Psychology in 2000 generated no surplus and that the Union no longer has the allocation of approximately US\$18,000 per annum provided by the Montreal ICP of 1996 surplus during the previous quadrennium (1997-2000);
- Considering that the Union has maintained and expanded the scope of its capacity building activities (ARTS, National Capacity Building workshops, Regional Conferences);
- Considering the success of the Union's activities to increase the presence of psychology in international organizations (e.g. ICSU, ISSC, UN Secretariat, WHO) pursuing objectives congruent with the Union's mission;
- Considering that stable, previously automatic yearly grants from UNESCO through ISSC and ICSU are no longer stable, and that grant applications are now competitive, making it very difficult to predict levels of annual support;
- Considering that efforts will be made to find alternate sources of funding and to increase non-dues revenues;
- Considering that the Union Statutes (Art. 8) and Rules of Procedure (Section II, Art. 2) require that a recommendation for a dues increase to the Assembly be made by the Executive Committee after considering the financial needs of the Union, as described in the Report of the Treasurer;
- Therefore, the Executive Committee of the Union recommends, for the purpose of calculating the annual dues of the Members of the Union in conformity with the unit-based category system described in Article 8 of the Statutes, that the unit value be increased by 30\$US, as of January 1, 2005.

Lively discussion followed. The following points were raised:

- exploring the feasibility of a reduction of governance costs through more individual payment of costs (Netherlands);
- differential dues increases for low and high dues paying National Members (Yemen);
- probability of Congress surpluses and whether this would go to the Union (France);
- the impact of dues increases on the number of National Members in arrears in their dues or continued membership by Category A countries (Singapore, Greece);
- a call for detailed information on National Member dues categories and the proposed net increase in dollars (Spain);

- concern about a sudden increase in dues of up to 25% and suggestions for a graduated increase (Canada);
- shift the structure of costs to emphasize project activities more and governance activities less (Germany).

THE ASSEMBLY COMMENDED THE TREASURER FOR HIS WORK

A number of amendments were proposed during Session I (see below). However, the Assembly voted to defer continued discussion of the dues increase until Session II.

Proposed amendments:

- to institute a graduated dues increase of \$20 with a further increase in 4 years if additional sources of income are not forthcoming (Berry, Canada, Session I)
- to solicit input from low-income countries (Session I).
- exempt Category A National Members from the proposed increase (Session II).

THE ASSEMBLY PASSED AN AMENDMENT THAT DUES INCREASES DO NOT APPLY TO CATEGORY "A" NATIONAL MEMBERS.

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO INCREASE DUES BY \$20 PER UNIT, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2005. CATEGORY A COUNTRIES ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS INCREASE.

7.2 Report of the Work Group on New Funding

Treasurer Sabourin reported on the Work Group's deliberations and described plans to:

- designate and create a charitable foundation so that people could donate monies to the Union
- actively pursue grant and foundation funding.

Hassan (Yemen) noted that there are opportunities for collaboration between low-income countries that need programmatic assistance from the Union and that have funds available through international programs.

8. Statutes and Rules of Procedure

8.1 Report on mail ballot

Ritchie reported that quorum was not reached on the mail ballot concerning statutes change.

8.2 Report of the Presidential Work Group on the Union Statutes

President Denis reported on the deliberations of the Work Group and subsequent discussion in the EC. The issues and the EC recommendations are:

- Voting in the Assembly: the issue is whether EC members should be voting members of the Assembly. The opinion of a majority of the EC is that the voting members should include all National Member delegates and all *elected* EC members - i.e., the Secretary-General, Treasurer and Deputy-Secretary-General would be non-voting members of the Assembly.
- Defining the Status of the Officers: the issue is to change the number of elected officials and to explicitly define the Officers. The EC recommends reducing the number of Vice-Presidents so that there is one Vice-President rather than two, and defining the term 'Officers' to include the President, Vice-President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, Deputy Secretary-General and Past President.
- Term limits: the issue is to consider instituting term limits for elected Officers. The EC made no explicit recommendation.

- Ratification of appointments of the Secretary-General, Treasurer and Deputy Secretary-General: the issue is defining mechanisms for the final approval of the appointed Officers. The EC recommends that the EC select these Officers and submit their names to the Assembly for ratification.
- Quorum: the issue is to define quorum and specify the voting threshold for regular business and statutes change. The EC had no explicit recommendation.
- Insertion of "Psychology": the issue is that in reference to an International Congress, the terms "of Psychology" need to be added for clarity. The EC recommends doing this.

8.3 Amendments to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure

In the following the proposed new Statutes and Rules of Procedure are marked as follows: new terms are in bold; stricken terms are marked out.

8.3.1 Voting Members of the Assembly

The motion was to change Articles 12, 15 and 16 as follows:

Article 12. Ultimate authority of the operation of the Union is vested in the Assembly, which consists of delegates of the National Members and of **elect** Executive Committee Members, each representative having equal power in discussion and voting. The Assembly shall meet biennially, normally at the occasion of an international congress ...

Article 15. For administering the affairs of the Union the Assembly shall elect an Executive Committee

All **elect** members of the Executive Committee shall be members of the Assembly

Article 16. The duties and powers of the Executive Committee are the following:

(a) ... To recommend ... appointment [of the Secretary-General, Treasurer, Deputy Secretary-General] who are.. **voting members of the Executive Committee and ex officio non-voting members of the Assembly.**

THE MOTION PASSED

8.3.2 Defining the Status of Officers

The motion is to change Articles 13 and 15 as follows:

Article 13. The duties and powers of the Assembly include the following:

(a) To elect in accordance with the rules of procedure a President and ~~two Vice-Presidents~~ **a Vice-President** for a term beginning at the close of an International Congress The President and the ~~two Vice-Presidents~~ **Vice-President** shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to the same office. They must be elected by an absolute majority of the members of the Assembly present and voting.

Article 15. For administering the affairs of the Union the Assembly shall elect an Executive Committee **The Officers are: President, Vice-President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, Deputy Secretary-General, Past President.**

There was discussion of trying to achieve gender equity among the officers

THE MOTION PASSED.

8.3.3 Term Limits

The motion is to change Article 15 as follows:

Article 15. For administering the affairs of the Union the Assembly shall elect an Executive Committee.... **...No elected member except the President, Past President or Vice President may serve on the Executive Committee for more than eight consecutive years.**

THE MOTION PASSED.

8.3.4 Ratification of Appointment of Secretary-General, Treasurer and Deputy Secretary-General

The motion is to change Articles 13 and 16 and the Rules of Procedure as follows:

Article 13. The duties and powers of the Assembly include the following

(b) To ratify, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the appointment of a Secretary-General, a Treasurer, and a Deputy Secretary-General.

Article 16. The duties and powers of the Executive Committee are the following:

(a) To ~~appoint~~ **recommend to the Assembly at the time of an International Congress of Psychology, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the appointment,** not necessarily from among the delegates to the Assembly, a Secretary-General, a Treasurer, and a Deputy Secretary-General, ~~and a Treasurer~~ of the Union. These shall be voting members of the Executive Committee **and non-voting ex officio members** of the Assembly. **They shall serve from the time of their appointment until the close of the next International Congress of Psychology.**

Rules of Procedure (addition)

Section IV: Nomination and Ratification of Secretary-General, Treasurer, and Deputy Secretary-General

(i). At least three months in advance of an International Congress of Psychology, the President shall request nominations for Secretary-General, Treasurer, and Deputy Secretary-General, from National Members holding voting rights in the Assembly and from members of the Executive Committee. Each nomination must be accompanied by a one-page curriculum vitae of the person nominated and by a signed statement expressing that person's agreement to be nominated and to serve if elected. Nominations shall be submitted to the President no less than one month in advance of an International Congress of Psychology.

(ii). The Outgoing Executive meeting prior to the Assembly will receive the nominations and make a single recommendation for each office.

(iii). At the first session of an Assembly at the time of an International Congress of Psychology, the Outgoing Executive Committee will submit the recommendation for each office to the Assembly for a ratification vote.

(iv). Ratification will require an affirmative vote from a majority of the ballots cast for each recommendation.

(v). If the recommendation for a particular office does not receive an affirmative vote, the Outgoing Executive Committee will meet between the two Assembly sessions and make a further recommendation for ratification at the second session of the Assembly.

THE MOTION PASSED.

8.3.5 Quorum and Voting Threshold (Sessions I and II)

The motion was to change Articles 13 and 14. After considerable discussion during Session I

and after determination that there was no longer quorum for statutes change, there was a motion to consider each article separately in Session II.

The Assembly discussed and worded the motion to change Article 14 as follows:

Article 14.

(i) Quorum for the Assembly is achieved when at least one half plus one of those entitled to vote are present.

(ii) Except as otherwise ordered, questions coming before the Assembly shall normally be decided by a simple majority ~~if at least half of those entitled to vote are present and voting.~~

(iii) When the Assembly is not in session, ~~or if less than half of those entitled to vote are present,~~ **or if quorum is not reached**, the President may arrange for voting by correspondence. Approval of an issue voted upon by correspondence ~~shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes, and~~ shall not be valid unless at least half plus one of the possible votes is received.

THE MOTION PASSED.

There was a motion to change Article 13 as follows:

Article 13 (f) (e) To decide all matters relating to these statutes. Alterations or amendments to these statutes shall require a two-thirds majority ~~of those entitled to vote in the Assembly, whether present or not,~~ **subject to Articles 14(i) and 14(ii) .**

THE MOTION PASSED.

There was a motion to adopt an amendment to restrict voting on statutes changes to Assembly meetings at the International Congresses of Psychology. Discussion concerned the functions and efficiency of the Assembly at each kind of meeting.

THE MOTION FAILED

8.3.6 Reference to the International Congress of Psychology

There was a motion to insert "of Psychology" to every reference to the International Congress of Psychology in Articles 13 and 15

Article 13. (a) To elect in accordance with the rules of procedure ... for a term beginning at the close of an International Congress **of Psychology** and continuing to the close of the next International Congress **of Psychology**.

Article 15. For administering the affairs of the Union the Assembly shall elect an Executive Committee elected in accordance with the rules of procedure at a meeting of the Assembly held at the time of an International Congress **of Psychology**, and shall serve until the close of the next International Congress **of Psychology**.

THE MOTION PASSED.

9. International Congresses of Psychology

9.1 XXVIII Congress (Beijing, 2004) Progress Report

The Chinese organizers provided a quick summary of Congress statistics. These included: The Congress at that point had 6452 registrations; Summary of program: 227 invited symposia ;

5598 accepted abstracts (including 3465 abstracts from outside Mainland China). The rate of acceptance was 88%; More than 100 participants from: Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, US, perhaps Canada; More than 50 participants from: Canada, Taiwan, South Korea, France, Norway, Indonesia.

9.2 XXIX Congress (Berlin, 2008) Progress Report

Ralf Schwarzer gave a report on the status of the Berlin 2008 Congress. The Congress contract will be signed during the ICP. The Congress website (www.icp2008.de) is being updated, and the venue is being reviewed.

9.3 XXX Congress - Selection of Venue

Cooper and a colleague presented an informational slide show and a promotional slide show to the Assembly.

Comments included a request for low registration fees for low-income participants beyond the early registration period; and a request for support programs for Africans to attend the Congress

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO HOLD THE XXX INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY in 2012 IN CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.

10. Nominations and Elections

Session I

By virtue of sufficient nominations to meet the requirements of the Rules of Procedure, chair of the Elections Committee, Past President d'Ydewalle announced that the nomination period for President was closed. The slate included the following 3 candidates:

Saths Cooper (South Africa)
Bruce Overmier (USA)
Juan-Jose Sanchez-Sosa (Mexico).

One person only had been nominated for Vice-President: Saths Cooper (South Africa). Upon consultation with the Assembly there was a request for additional nominations for Vice-President. In addition to the previous nomination for Cooper, nominations were made for Ingrid Lunt, Elizabeth Nair, Bruce Overmier. The slate thus included the following four names:

- Saths Cooper (South Africa)
- Ingrid Lunt (UK)
- Elizabeth Nair (Singapore)
- Bruce Overmier (USA)

There had been 10 nominations for EC members: Merry Bullock (USA), Janel Gauthier (Canada), James Georgas (Greece), German Gutierrez (Colombia), Irena Heszen-Niejodek (Poland), Ingrid Lunt (UK), Kevin Miller (USA), Elizabeth Nair (Singapore), Rainer Silbereisen (Germany) and Barbara Tversky (USA).

There was a motion to restrict nominations from the floor for the Executive Committee.

THE MOTION DID NOT PASS.

Merry Bullock and Kevin Miller declared that they wished to withdraw their names from the slate. Nominations for the Executive Committee were then made from the floor. They included: Helio Carpintero (Spain); Hassan Khan (Yemen), Sunoko Kuwano (Japan); Patrick Lemaire (France);

Paul Martin (Australia); Janek Pandey (India) and Kan Zhang (China). The slate thus included the following 14 names:

- Helio Carpintero (Spain)
- Janel Gauthier (Canada)
- James Georgas (Greece)
- German Gutierrez (Colombia)
- Irena Heszen-Niejodek (Poland)
- Hassan Khan (Yemen)
- Patrick Lemaire (France)
- Ingrid Lunt (UK)
- Paul Martin (Australia)
- Elizabeth Nair (Singapore)
- Janek Pandey (India)
- Rainer Silbereisen (Germany)
- Barbara Tversky (USA)
- Kan Zhang (China)

The Chair noted that all new nominees must provide a 1-page summary of their vita and a statement that they are willing to serve. This information must be delivered to the IUPsyS office in the Congress building before 8 am on the day of Session II.

Session II

The Chair of the Elections Committee provided a report on the nominations and provided a list of the candidates. Candidates for President and Vice-President delivered 3-minute speeches, order determined by random assignment.

President Denis noted that voting procedures indicated that candidates would win by majority vote to be elected. For EC members, this means a simple majority of those voting. For President and Vice-Presidents there was ambiguity about majority. The Rules of Procedure (III6; g) indicate that the President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the highest number of votes. However past practice was to consider that the President and Vice-President should be elected by majority vote not simply greatest number of votes. This is the procedure that will be followed in this election according to precedent. Procedurally, this means the following: if there is no absolute majority on the first ballot, the vote will be repeated on a second ballot with the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. President Denis also noted that the ambiguous statement in the Rules of Procedure is disambiguated by Article 13(a) of the Statutes, which states that the President and Vice-Presidents "must be elected by an absolute majority of the members of the Assembly present and voting." It was noted that some harmonization in the formulations of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure should be undertaken. Comments from the Assembly led to the assurance that the results will be announced for each ballot.

10.1 President

A vote was taken for President. The tally was Cooper 15; Overmier 31; Sanchez-Sosa 16. A second vote was taken. The votes on the second ballot were: Overmier 37; Sanchez-Sosa 24; Abstention 1.

BRUCE OVERMIER WAS ELECTED IUPSYS PRESIDENT FOR 2004-2008 ON THE SECOND BALLOT.

10.2 Vice Presidents

The vote was taken for the Vice-Presidents. The tally was Cooper 39; Lunt 40; Nair 37

SATHS COOPER AND INGRID LUNT WERE ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENTS FOR 2004-2008.

10.3 Members of the Executive Committee

A first vote for 8 members of the EC was called. The name of Lunt was withdrawn from the slate, while the name of Sanchez-Sosa was added to it. The tally was as follows: Carpintero 30; Gauthier 22; Georgas 36; Gutierrez 13; Heszen-Niejodek 22; Khan 23; Lemaire 30; Martin 25; Nair 44; Pandey 24; Sanchez-Sosa 42; Silbereisen 39; Tversky 26; Zhang 45. The majority was set at 32. Therefore, those elected were Georgas, Nair, Sanchez-Sosa, Silbereisen, and Zhang.

A second vote was called. The tally was as follows: Carpintero 32; Khan 29; Lemaire 30; Martin 21; Pandey 22; Tversky 29. The majority was set at 30. Therefore, those elected were Carpintero and Lemaire.

A third vote was called. The tally was as follows: Khan 27; Tversky 24
Khan was elected.

New nominations were made for the election of the last two members of the EC. The slate included: Gunnel Backenroth-Ohsako (Sweden), German Gutierrez (Colombia), Daniel Heller (Czech Republic), Irena Heszen-Niejodek (Poland), Rahmat Ismail (Indonesia), Sonoko Kuwano (Japan), Yuvanna Mivanyi (Nigeria), Janek Pandey (India), and Barbara Tversky (USA). The tally was as follows: Backenroth-Ohsako 7; Gutierrez 6; Heller 7; Heszen-Niejodek 2; Ismail 4; Kuwano 16; Mivanyi 14; Pandey 13; Tversky 17
Kuwano and Tversky were elected.

THE FOLLOWING WERE THUS ELECTED TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

HELIO CARPINTERO (SPAIN), JAMES GEORGAS (GREECE), HASSAN KHAN (YEMEN), SUNOKO KUWANO (JAPAN), PATRICK LEMAIRE (FRANCE), ELIZABETH NAIR (SINGAPORE), JUAN-JOSE SANCHEZ-SOSA (MEXICO), RAINER SILBEREISEN (GERMANY), BARBARA TVERSKY (USA), AND KAN ZHANG (CHINA).

11. Report of the Standing Committee on Communications and Publications

11.1 International Journal of Psychology

Hernandez provided a report on the IJP (see Report)

11.2 Psychology Resource File

It was announced that B. Overmier and R. Overmier had been succeeded as editors by Danny Wedding and Michael Stevens.

11.3 Website

The Assembly delegates were encouraged to visit the website for information and to encourage their National Members to contribute information and articles to the "country news" sections in the new electronic newsletter *Keeping You Posted*.

12. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Special Projects

12.1 Report of the Ad Hoc Joint Committee on Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles

Gauthier reported on the activities and goals of this Work Group (see Report).

THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO CONTINUE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORK GROUP.

THE ASSEMBLY APPLAUDED GAUTHIER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.

13. Report of the Standing Committee on the Development of Psychology as a Science and as a Profession

13.1 Report of the Work Group on National Capacity Building

Nair reported on the National Capacity Building Workshops. The workshops were designed to address the needs of the large number of Category O countries and to reach countries with no representation in the Union. There have been workshops in 2002 in Singapore and in 2003 in Dubai. A third will take place following the ICP in Beijing.

14. Report of the Work Group on Public Policy Issues Affecting Psychology and Psychological Organizations

This group will continue its activities.

15. Report of the Work Group on a Psychology Prize

This group will continue its activities.

16. Report of the Work Group on Strategic Planning

Ritchie reported on the Work Group's deliberations and described the context of the group's considerations. Over the last two quadriennia, as the Union has grown in the range and number of activities and organizational complexity, there is a need for an increased level of transparency and development of an explicit overall plan for the use of Union resources. During the past quadrennium the EC has begun to devote increased attention to decision processes as well as specific activities. The EC instituted a Work Group on Strategic Planning, which included the President and EC members Lunt, Overmier, Silbereisen and Ritchie (Chair). This Work Group has produced a report that includes recommendations for Assembly motions directing policy and procedure statements concerning strategic planning and some implementation recommendations for the incoming EC.

16.1 Policy Directive

The EC recommended the following policy directive:

The Union will function on the basis of a Strategic Plan and the process of strategic planning will be a fundamental principle for the Union's governance and management.

Discussion included positive statements in support of the strategic planning idea.

THE ASSEMBLY APPROVED THE MOTION

16.2 Procedural Directive re: strategic planning

The EC recommended adopting of the following procedural directive:

At each Assembly, the EC will submit a progress report on the Strategic Plan as well as any proposed revisions. The Assembly will consider the report and any proposals.

There was a request for clarification on the nature of a progress report. The intent is to indicate progress in the development of the strategic plan and progress toward outcomes in the plan.

THE ASSEMBLY APPROVED THE MOTION

16.3 Adoption of Preliminary Strategic Plan (2004-2006)

The EC recommended adoption of the following Preliminary Strategic Plan (2004-2006):

1. Implement the policy and procedures for strategic planning (including development of a strategic vision)
2. Pursue permanent sources of new funding and augmenting short-term project funding
3. Evaluate the Union's requirements for human resources
4. Identify and maintain current core functions and ongoing short-term special projects

THE ASSEMBLY ADOPTED THE STRATEGIC PLAN

THE ASSEMBLY MANDATED THE EC TO UNDERTAKE THE TASKS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS LISTED IN THE PRELIMINARY STRATEGIC PLAN

17. Advanced Research Training Seminars

Lunt gave a report on ARTS and noted that the EC and Coordinators will address future priorities including fund raising and raising the profile of the ARTS program. The Assembly expressed gratitude for the outstanding role of Adair as ARTS Coordinator over the past years.

THE ASSEMBLY EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR THE OUTSTANDING ROLE OF JOHN ADAIR AS ARTS COORDINATOR OVER THE PAST YEARS.

18. Regional Conferences

18.1 2003 Middle East and North Africa Regional Conference

Sabourin reported on the Conference, noting that the conference goals of enhancing communications and facilitating the integration of mainstream psychology were begun and will increase in the years to come. There was participation by psychologists from 35 countries (of which 17 were MENA countries). Conference participants also attended the National Capacity Building workshop. One outcome of this was an agreement to create a regional association of psychology associations and to host another regional conference in Jordan in 2005.

THE ASSEMBLY EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION TO SABOURIN AND KHAN FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE.

18.2 Future Regional Conferences

The location of the 2005 Regional Conference is still not determined but there has been strong interest in Thailand.

Kagiticbasi offered that Turkey might be an appropriate venue for a future regional conference.

19. Committee for the Psychological Study of Peace

Denis reported that this committee has been going through a transition process. D. Bretherton, Chair of the Committee, submitted a report on the Peace Symposium and noted that she was retiring from chairing the committee. She suggested the name of a new chair. It is expected that the activities of this committee will increase in the coming quadrennium.

20. International Council for Science (ICSU)

Ritchie reported on ICSU activities, especially foresight activities and a number of forthcoming planning and evaluation documents, leading to submission of ICSU's first strategic plan at its General Assembly in 2005.

21. International Social Science Council (ISSC)

Kagiticbasi reported on the Executive Committee meetings and other ISSC developments.

22. United Nations Secretariat (New York)

Sabourin reported on UN activities.

23. UNESCO

Ritchie reported on UNESCO activities

24. World Health Organization (WHO) and HealthNet

Ritchie and Sanchez-Sosa reported on WHO and HealthNet activities

25. Organizations affiliated with IUPsyS

25.1 Report of the IUPsyS -IAAP Joint Committee

The president reports on the strengthened relationship between IUPsyS and IAAP. Meetings between the IUPsyS and IAAP officers give opportunities to review and enhance every form of collaboration between the two organizations (ARTS, Regional conferences, World Forum, etc).

25.2 Reports from affiliated organizations

Klaus Boehnke, Secretary General of the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) reported on a successful congress in Xian (403 participants) and an associated ARTS program. He noted that the next international congress will be on the Isle of Spetses in Greece 2006. There will be a European regional congress in San Sebastian July 11-15 2005, and another regional congress in Mexico in 2007. The President Elect (term begins 2006) is James Georgas from Greece

26 International Psychology Initiatives

26.1 World Forum

Denis noted the World Forum meeting was forthcoming

26.2 Decade of Behavior:

Bullock encouraged National Members to visit the Decade web site and participate in its programs (www.decadeofbehavior.org).

27. Time and place of the next Assembly meeting

The next Assembly meeting will take place during the IAAP Congress in Athens July 16-21 2006.

THE ASSEMBLY CONVEYED ITS APPRECIATION AND WARMLY APPLAUDED DENIS FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UNION IN THE PAST QUADRENNIUM.

28. Adjournment