

**International Union of Psychological Science  
Executive Committee  
Cape Town, South Africa  
August 13-17, 2009**

**MINUTES**

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**In attendance:** M. Bullock; H. Carpintero; P. Frensch; J. Georgas; N. Hammond; L. Hernandez-Guzman; M. Larsson; P. Maras; J. B. Overmier; J. Pandey; P. Ritchie; M. Sabourin; R. K. Silbereisen; G. Soygüt; B. Tversky; A. Watts; K. Zhang

Guests in attendance for item 11.1.2: Brett Bowman; Saths Cooper; Norman Duncan; Siphokazi Ndudane (NRF); Basil Pillay; Fatima Seedat; Patrick Sibaya

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### **Preliminaries**

The President welcomed the EC to the meeting, especially EC member Maria Larsson who was attending for the first time, and Executive Officer designate, Nick Hammond.

A moment of silence was held in memory of departed colleagues, in particular Mark Rosenzweig, former IUPsyS President.

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Action:** The revised agenda (distributed at the start of the meeting) was adopted unchanged.

### **2. Minutes**

#### **2.1 2008 Outgoing EC**

**Action:** The minutes were received and ratified (note that these minutes had previously been approved by email following the 2008 EC meeting in Berlin).

It was noted that the minutes refer to the engagement of a new Executive Officer (§5.2) and to changes in the duration of terms for some officers (§5.2 and §6).

#### **2.2 2008 Assembly**

The President reviewed the Assembly minutes, highlighting the strategic plan and priorities.

**Action:** The EC received the minutes, which will be distributed to National Members for review and for adoption at the 2010 Assembly.

#### **2.3 2008 Incoming EC**

**Action:** The minutes were received and ratified (note that these minutes had previously been approved by email following the 2008 EC meeting in Berlin).

*The EO designate was absent from the meeting for items 3 and 3.1.*

### **3. Report of the President**

The President reviewed his report and invited EC comments. The EC received the report and thanked the President.

#### **3.1 Executive Officer**

The President reviewed the recruitment and selection of the Executive Officer. The EC concurred with the Officers' action to appoint the Executive Officer.

**Action:** the Secretary-General was authorised to conclude a contract.

*The non-elected EC members (MB, NH, PR, MS) were absent from the meeting for item 3.2.*

#### **3.2 Transition Planning**

After thorough discussion, the EC agreed unanimously to recommend to the Assembly that the current Secretary-General be reappointed to continue in this post for the period 17 July 2010 to 7 July 2012.

The Secretary-General indicated his willingness to accept, should this recommendation be adopted by the Assembly. He reiterated that his primary motivation was to enable appropriate continuity and transition planning in the context of the newly established EO post and the conclusion of the current Deputy Secretary-General's term in 2010.

The EC thanked the Secretary-General for his flexibility over this issue.

### **4. Report of the Secretary-General & Deputy Secretary-General**

The Secretary-General referred EC members to the Annual Report and invited comments. The Deputy Secretary-General alerted members of the EC to the two chapters on the history of the Union (for the period 2000-2008) that are part of the current CD resource file.

#### **4.1 Archives**

The Secretary-General noted that the University of Würzburg is inaugurating the Adolf-Würth Centre for the History of Psychology, including an archive of Psychology, and that the Union has been invited to discuss depositing the Union's archive (currently at the University of Montreal) with this archive. He outlined the nature and potential value of maintaining and providing access to the extensive paper and electronic archives of the Union, and summarised an "in principle" offer from the University of Würzburg to house the Union archive.

The offer to the Union was well received. Discussion included the following points:

- The University of Würzburg provides one of the only two repositories for Psychology archives in the world, and has developed an academic focus on the history of science (and of psychology in particular).
- The Würzburg archives have a history of attracting funds for research on its archive, which offers an opportunity for both archival storage and future scholarly use of the materials.
- The University of Würzburg will also house the archives of the IAAP, which will add benefit to the potential use of both archives, but it will be important to assure that the two archives will be kept separate.

**Action:** EC directed the President and Secretary-General to take forward negotiations with the University of Würzburg and make arrangements to prepare and deliver the Union's archive to the University.

## 5. Report of the Treasurer

### 5.1 2008 Audited Financial Statements

The Treasurer presented the audited financial statements for 2008, noting that the auditor's report was satisfactory in all respects. The Treasurer briefly reviewed changes to the form of the statements due to recent alterations in accounting procedures in Canada. These changes include:

- The term "Accumulated surplus from operations" was previously "Union fund"
- "Restricted net assets" replaces the previously used term "reserve fund"
- The adoption of a deferral method of accounting for restricted and unrestricted contributions. This results in some changes to the details of the financial statement.

The Treasurer noted that the Union's investments were not adversely affected by the recent economic downturn.

**Action:** The EC received the audited financial statement.

### 5.2 2009 Year-to-Date Financial statements

The Treasurer presented the interim financial statements for the first six months of 2009, and expressed the view that whilst the current financial position is healthy, the Union needs to exercise wisdom and care in relation to future expenditures.

**Action:** The EC received the interim financial statements.

### 5.3 Budget 2009-2012

The Treasurer presented the new quadrennial budget, noting its alignment with the Strategic Plan, and recommended allocating \$75,000 to the Union's restricted net assets fund, as detailed in the budget.

**Action:** The EC endorsed this recommendation and unanimously approved the budget for 2009-2012.

The EC commended the formatting and reporting of the budget and thanked all those involved in its preparation.

## 6. Statutes and Rules of Procedure

### 6.1 Statutes Revision re: Election Procedures

The Secretary-General provided background information for the proposed changes to Article 16 of the Union's statutes (concerning the procedures by which the final two EC members are elected). The EC discussed the intent of the Statutes change (to ensure more clear and transparent procedures for considering any representational balance issues raised by the Assembly) and proposed minor editing changes to improve clarity and reduce ambiguity.

**Action:** The EC recommended (with one abstention) that the Assembly adopt the revision to Article 16 as indicated below. Deletions are indicated by strikethrough and additions are indicated by underlining:

#### ***Section III. Nominations and Elections***

6. Election of the President, Vice-President and Executive Committee members shall be in accordance with the following procedures:

- (a) All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot; each Delegate entitled to vote in the Assembly has as many votes as positions to be filled in a ballot.
- (b) Should additional nominations be required, these shall be from Delegates in the

Assembly and must be nominated by an Assembly Delegate and seconded by at least one further Assembly Delegate at the first session of the Assembly during an International Congress of Psychology. In order to be valid, each nomination must include a 1-2 page curriculum vitae and the written agreement by the person nominated in accordance with Rule III.2 above.

(c) If additional nominations are required, following completion of these nominations, the Elections Committee shall present a final report at the second Assembly session.

(d) Subject to paragraph (f), election of the President and Vice-President shall take place immediately after the report of the Elections Committee.

(e) The President and Vice President shall be elected by an ~~absolute~~ simple majority of the votes cast, and may require multiple ballots, with the name of the previous lowest standing candidate removed from the list of names on each successive ballot .

(f) After the election of the President, the Vice-President shall be elected. Duly nominated candidates who are not elected for President are automatically added to the list of candidates for Vice President should they consent and if eligible for that office, or to the list of candidates for the Executive Committee should they consent and be eligible by virtue of not having already served eight consecutive immediately prior years on the Executive Committee.

(g) Election of eight members of the Executive Committee from the Assembly shall take place immediately after election of the President and Vice-President. Duly nominated candidates who are not elected for Vice-President are automatically added to the list of candidates for the Executive Committee should they consent and if they have not already served eight consecutive immediately prior years on the Executive Committee. If in the election of these eight members of the Executive Committee two or more candidates from the same country receive an absolute majority of votes, only the candidate with the highest number of votes shall be elected.

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(h) ~~(i)~~ The eight members elected under (g) shall be elected in no more than two ballots. In the first ballot a member is elected by absolute majority of votes. If a second ballot is necessary in order to obtain sufficient members, the second ballot will consist of no more than twice as many candidates as the number of positions to be filled in the second ballot. For this second ballot the remaining list of candidates is reduced to this number by striking out any candidate coming from a country already represented among those elected in the first ballot; if necessary, the number of candidates for the second ballot is reduced further by striking out those who received the lowest number of votes in the first ballot. In this second ballot those with the highest number of votes shall be elected. ~~The two members elected under (h) shall be elected by the highest number of votes.~~

In the event of a tie vote for the ~~second last~~ remaining position to be elected under (h), only the candidates who are tied shall be submitted to the Assembly for an additional ballot. Should there still be a tie, only those candidates now tied shall be submitted to the Assembly for a second additional ballot. Should that ballot result in a tie, the President shall determine the outcome by the toss of a coin.

(i) ~~(h)~~ Two additional members of the Executive Committee, for a total of ten members, shall be elected in a two separate ballots after election of eight members described in paragraph (g). These two members shall enable greater representativeness of the Executive Committee according to geography and gender or ~~and~~ such other criteria ~~as~~ as the Assembly may specify as relevant prior to receiving nominations for these positions. Following the discussion and a brief recess, nominations for these two positions shall be ~~made~~ received if each is made by the joint proposal of at least four other members of the Assembly present and voting at its second session. Candidates for these two additional members of the Executive Committee may be drawn from outside the Assembly.

These two members shall be elected successively. After all the nominations are received

for the two positions, a ballot shall be taken and the nominee with the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected. Then, without further discussion, a second ballot shall be taken among the remaining nominees, and that person receiving the highest number of ballots shall be deemed elected.

(j) The two members elected under (i) shall be elected by the highest number of votes. In the event of a tie vote for a position to be elected under (i), only the candidates who are tied shall be resubmitted to the Assembly for an additional ballot. Should there still be a tie, only those candidates now tied shall be re-resubmitted to the Assembly for an additional ballot. Should that ballot result in a tie, the President shall determine the outcome by the toss of a coin.

~~(j)~~ (k) No speeches favoring any candidate shall be made although factual information of a biographical nature may be presented with respect to candidates to be elected when deemed desirable by the President and when Assembly members ask for it. Each candidate for President and Vice-President shall be provided the opportunity to make a brief statement to the Assembly immediately following the Election Committee's final report at the second Assembly session. The President shall ensure that no statement exceeds three minutes.

The EC deferred discussion of alternative models for assuring geographical representation on the EC to a future meeting.

## **7. Standing Committee on Strategic Planning**

The President briefly reviewed the history and purposes of the workgroups (WGs).

### **7.1 Awards and Recognition**

#### **7.1.1 Report from the WG on Awards and Recognition**

The Vice-President, as Chair of this WG, reviewed the membership and purview of the Group.

The Awards WG from the previous Quadrennium developed a slate of new awards and award programmes that the present WG will review and develop further.

The possibility of establishing an award in honour of former IUPsyS President Mark Rosenzweig was raised. The President noted that the establishment of a memorial award could be considered after discussion with Rosenzweig's family members.

#### **Dogan Award**

The President provided a background on the Dogan awards, which are made in a range of scientific disciplines. The Union presented the first Dogan Award in Psychology at the 2008 International Congress of Psychology. The President reported on follow-up to an earlier invitation from Dogan to develop a second psychology award in social psychology. Although this invitation is no longer in place due to the current economic climate, it may be addressed in the future.

The EC thanked the WG Chair for the report.

#### **7.1.2 Jacobs Prize**

The President provided background information on the Jacobs Foundation and the prestigious Jacobs Research Prize for Productive Youth Development.

The Union was invited to make a nomination for the prize, and did so. The President recused himself from this process, as he is a member of the Jacobs Prize jury.

## **7.2 Funding**

### **7.2.1 Report from the WG on Funding**

P. Frensch, as Chair of the WG, introduced his report, highlighting WG membership (including members external to the EC) and progress toward the establishment of a database of funding bodies for international academic research projects in psychology. It is anticipated that a plan will be presented to the EC in 2010, and that the work will lead to a publication based on the database. Frensch welcomed suggestions of additional members.

Discussion included the following points:

- A version of the database should be made available through the proposed web portal (see §8.3.1).
- A number of alerting systems for research funding opportunities already exist, including a database at the US National Institutes of Health, and a database called “Fundsource” for funding in the behavioural and social sciences. EC members will send the WG chair references to these resources.
- The Group should consider privately-funded research sources, such as industry, pharmaceuticals or publishers, in addition to publicly-funded sources.
- National funding bodies that support international research should also be included.

The EC thanked the WG Chair for the report.

### **7.2.2 International Psychology Development Fund**

The Past President presented a short report on the Union’s International Psychology Development Fund (IPDF) and reviewed its history and purpose as an endowment fund set up through American Psychological Foundation (APF). The value of the fund has declined as a consequence of the current economic climate, but its value is anticipated to recover. Whilst there is some interest from the fund which the Union could choose to spend, the Past President recommended that the interest should be reinvested.

The EC thanked the Past President for the report.

## **7.3 Membership**

### **7.3.1 Report from the WG on Membership**

H. Carpintero, as Chair of the membership WG, presented a report on the group’s progress, highlighting a number of issues, including problems relating to non-responsive (silent) members, to non-paying members and to the representativeness of adhering member organisations.

In discussion, the following points were raised for further consideration by the WG:

- An exploration of the extent and nature (including region) of silent, non-paying or “category O” members.
- Based on such an analysis, to identify one or more individuals who might act as intermediaries or liaison contacts within regions, and who might join the WG.
- Use of examples of networks of organisations within countries as one means of addressing the issue of non-representativeness.
- Develop an explicit statement of “benefits of membership”, informed by a number of concrete examples.

The EC thanked the WG Chair for his report.

### 7.3.2 Membership Structure and Dues Revision

The President reviewed the background to the Assembly's request to review the Union's dues structure and its endorsement in principle of a 6-7 category system with clear and transparent criteria.

The Deputy Secretary-General and Treasurer presented an algorithm for calculating dues based on country information (including purchase power parity and population), number of psychologists in a country, and the development of Psychology within the country. The data used for each country use purchase power parity and population figures gathered from published data, and self-report data for the number of psychologists and psychology development in each country. The resulting scores are banded into six dues categories. The formula was optimised to provide the best fit in terms of current rank ordering of national members and face validity. Self-report data were collected via an on-line questionnaire to National Members (NMs), which 40 NMs completed. Mid-range values for missing variables were used to calculate scores for NMs who did not respond to the questionnaire.

The Deputy Secretary-General and Treasurer noted that the present iteration of the dues calculations take into account the Assembly's requests to include educational systems and to increase the number of categories for number of psychologists. In addition the formula:

- Is clear, transparent and objective
- Delivers a rank ordering of national members similar to the current system
- Eliminates a number of anomalies present in the current system
- Results in an almost identical dues total as the current system.

Discussion of the dues formula included the following points:

- Other international bodies (such as the International Union of Nutritional Sciences) use a very similar model for computing dues to that proposed here
- The reasons for the small number of sizeable discrepancies between current and new dues will need to be addressed
- Those NMs that will face an increase in dues should be informed individually
- Information on changes in the dues structure should be linked to more general messages on the benefits which membership brings
- The 2008 EC endorsement of determining the number of delegates to the Assembly at two for all NMs placed in category 2 or above may help alleviate the challenge of increased dues for members whose dues increase
- The Deputy Secretary-General was encouraged to collect questionnaire information from the remaining NMs.

**Action:** The EC endorsed the present dues formulation and will recommend to the Assembly that the present dues restructuring be adopted via a Statutes change.

The Officers will prepare a revised item for the Assembly taking into account the points discussed.

### 7.3.3 Membership Issues

#### (a) *Adhering Member: Italy*

The Secretary-General introduced the documents presented by the Italian Network Psychologists Association (INPA) to support national membership based on a federal networked model. The Officers proposed that the application be recommended for acceptance by the EC.

**Action:** The EC endorsed the recommendation to accept the membership of Italy.

**(b) Application: Brazil**

The Secretary-General reported that an application for national membership had been received from a Brazilian entity. Review of the application raised questions about whether it met the statutes criteria for membership as the membership of the entity is academic research departments that may make it too narrow in focus.

The EC endorsed a proposal by the Officers to correspond with the originators of the proposal and discuss developing an application that provides more appropriate and broader representation, for example, through federation with other entities.

Further discussion included the following points:

- It may be helpful to include Brazilian colleagues in informal association with workgroups, in particular the membership and capacity building workgroups with whom some contacts have already been made. The respective WG chairs (HC and PM) will coordinate over the details.
- The Union statutes should be reviewed for clarity concerning the acceptable membership composition of NM organizations.

**(c) Potential New Members: Guatemala, Paraguay, Sri Lanka, Thailand**

The Secretary-General provided information on a number of countries that have expressed interest in, or might be considered for, national membership. He raised the general issue of what incentives can be offered to encourage applications.

Discussion included the following points:

- The membership workgroup should take the lead in proposing ways of encouraging membership
- All members of the EC should provide suggestions on potential members, existing national associations, and ways of encouraging membership. Information should be passed to Carpintero as chair of the membership workgroup.
- A generic letter from the President, encouraging membership applications, might be considered.
- A number of EC members have contacts through other activities which can be explored.
- Regional activity and knowledge provide opportunities for exploring Union membership, and should be utilised.
- Capacity-building exercises at the regional level will develop contacts which in turn will lead to information exchange and possible visits by EC members.

**(d) Affiliate membership of the Society for Research in Child Development**

The Secretary-General introduced the application form sent by the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), and proposed that SRCD be admitted as an affiliate of the Union.

<b>Action:</b> The EC will recommend Affiliate status for SRCD to the Assembly.
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**(e) Morocco**

The Secretary-General introduced for information correspondence from the Morocco National Member that indicated concerns with the status of psychology in Morocco. The Treasurer will follow up with this correspondence.

**Category O**

The Treasurer introduced a paper on Category O members, highlighting that at the start of the year 20 members were in this category (presently 19).

The following points were raised in discussion:



- Retaining Category O National Members as members of the Union is valuable. In many organisations such members would be lost.
- We should treat Category O as a temporary category, and make attempts to change this status to an active “in-good-standing” membership status in whatever ways are possible.
- The issue behind Category standing often appears to be lack of organisation or a reliable contact rather than lack of funds. The membership workgroup may wish to advise on ways of maximising effective outreach and contact with Category O countries.

#### 7.3.4 Report from the WG on Communication with National Members

J. Georgas introduced a report on the IUPsyS Newsletter, highlighting the need to focus on dialogue with member countries and information for international associations and bodies. The report outlines suggestions for the content of future newsletters and invites further suggestions.

The following points were raised in discussion:

- Important to be distinctive from members’ newsletters in speaking at a global level
- Regular contributors to the Newsletter could be given the title of “international correspondent” (or similar) and be linked with the workgroup
- The new Executive Officer will become the main link in co-ordinating the assembly and publication of the Newsletter. The possibility of appointing a separate Newsletter Editor should be considered at a later date.

The EC thanked the Chair for his report.

### 7.4 Policy

#### 7.4.1 Report from the WG on Policy Development & Policy Statements

The President noted that due to problems with email communications and election to the position *in absentia*, the Chair of the workgroup had not been in a position to make substantial progress.

M. Larsson, the workgroup Chair, outlined initial work in recruiting members.

#### 7.4.2 Development of Free Circulation Policy: Response to USNC

The Secretary-General provided the background to correspondence with the US National Member (USNC) Chair, Professor Suzanne Bennett Johnson, concerning including explicit mention of sexual orientation (LGBT) in the free circulation of scientists policy. The action requested from the USNC was for the Union to propose that ICSU include sexual orientation in its free circulation policy. The Secretary-General noted, prior to making this request to ICSU, it would be important that the Union statutes explicitly include this policy. At present the Union policy is merely to adhere to the ICSU policy. The proposed solution is to amend Article 3 of the Union Statutes to clearly articulate the free circulation policy.

**Action:** The EC will recommend to the Assembly that it modify the statutes as following (new material in bold font):

*Article 3. (i)* The Union adheres to the International Council for Science (ICSU) and recognizes it as providing a coordinating and representative body for the international organization of science.

**(ii) The Union adheres to the ICSU principle of the Universality of Science embodying freedom of movement, association, expression and communication for scientists, as well as equitable access to data, information and research material; and actively upholds this principle, by opposing any discrimination on the basis of such factors as ethnic origin, religion, citizenship, language, political stance, gender, sex, sexual orientation, or age.**

## 8. Standing Committee on Communications and Publications

### 8.1 Report on Communications Strategic Planning Meeting

The Past President referred the EC to the report of the Publications Strategic Planning Meeting held in Oxford, asking for an endorsement of the publications development plan embodied in the report.

**Action:** The EC endorsed the plans for development of the publications programme as outlined in the report.

In addition to general publications development plans, the report made a specific suggestion with regard to the International Journal of Psychology (IJP) that the current default for EC members to be the *de facto* editorial board be altered. The report proposed that EC Members form the journal “advisory board” (or similar term) and that the editor be allowed to develop a separate editorial board.

**Action:** The EC endorsed this proposal.

The EC thanked the Past President for his work.

### 8.2 IJP

#### 8.2.1 Editor’s Report (Dalbert)

The Past President referred the EC to the editor’s report and noted the editor’s success in developing the journal, including an improvement in the journal’s impact factor.

The EC accepted the report. The President will convey the EC’s appreciation to the editor.

#### 8.2.2 Editor Search

B. Tversky, the Editorial Search WG Chair, outlined the process by which a new editor was recruited and designated, and will circulate a report describing this process.

The Past President reported that, following the selection process, the Editor-designate withdrew after signing a contract. The next candidate on the Editorial Search WG short list was contacted, and has indicated her willingness to accept the position of editor when a formal offer is made.

**Action:** The EC endorsed making a formal offer to this candidate for IJP editor. The Secretary-General and the Treasurer recused themselves from this discussion.

The EC discussed and endorsed a proposal to invite the new IJP editor to attend all EC meetings *ex officio*. Until now, the editor has attended only those EC meetings occurring during the years of international congresses, and has attended only for the publications portion of the meeting. The Officers will convey this to the incoming editor.

The EC thanked the WG Chair for her work.

### 8.3 Web Resources

#### 8.3.1 Web

The Deputy Secretary-General outlined the new role of Psychology Press in hosting the Union website and taking over technical aspects of the web posting and provided a short demonstration. The publisher will support the design and infrastructure for the website whilst the Union will retain control over the substantive content. The Deputy Secretary-General noted that the new web will allow multiple authors for providing content and updates to the web, and will also provide password-protected sections for National Members, the EC and the Officers.

A number of issues were raised in discussion:

- The web should become the “one stop shop” (or “go to place”) as a portal for relevant global resources. The portal should be complementary to the sites of national members.
- This portal should include the Psychology Resource files (see §8.3.2) and other resources about psychology in countries around the world. Other suggestions included:
  - posting the tables of contents of all National Member official journals
  - email alerts or RSS feeds with announcements to National Members
  - Web2 social networking facilities

The EC was requested to send feedback on the new site ([www.iupsys.net](http://www.iupsys.net)) to the Deputy Secretary-General.

### **8.3.2 Psychology Resource File**

The Past President reviewed the status of the Psychology Resource File and noted that the 2009 CD-Rom version is the last in its current format: future versions will be made available on the web. The resources will continue to be maintained through the web portal.

### **8.4 Publisher’s Report**

The Past President introduced the report from the IJP publishers. He noted that although the number of individual subscriptions to IJP is around 500, this does not give an accurate indication of access as many more accesses are made through library subscriptions or institutional on-line subscription arrangements.

The President expressed a wish for future publisher reports to provide more detail on citations to articles in the IJP.

The EC received the report.

## **9. Standing Committee on Capacity Building**

L. Hernandez-Guzman, as Chair of the Standing Committee on Capacity Building, referred to her report, and noted that a first task is to consider the remit of the Standing Committee in light of the new strategic plan.

Some of these issues are taken up under §10.

### **9.1 ARTS**

The President provided a general background to ARTS, noting its collaborative nature across three organizations.

#### **9.1.1 Report on ARTS Planning Meeting**

The Deputy Secretary-General introduced the agenda and report of the ARTS planning meeting (held in Würzburg, May 09), highlighting a move to a new structure including an ARTS co-ordinator and liaison contacts from each coordinating organisation.

EC members noted that new structure is a great improvement and thanked the Deputy Secretary-General for her work.

#### **9.1.2 Report of the WG on ARTS**

G. Soygüt, as Chair of the workgroup and Liaison for the ARTS Steering Committee, introduced her report, and updated the EC on the plans for forthcoming ARTS events in Melbourne.

Issues raised in discussion included:

- Uncertainties over funding for some events. Traditionally the Union has not directly funded convenors, but in exceptional circumstances it could be considered where convenors are from majority world countries.
- The possibility of using “distance learning” methods for alternative ARTS activities in the future.
- Setting up a network of alumni from past ARTS events.

The EC thanked the Chair/Liaison for her report.

### **9.1.3 ARTS 2010**

Two of the three proposed ARTS programmes for 2010 were described. These are an ARTS on Test Adaptation, organized by Tom Oakland (IAAP liaison) and three additional convenors, and an ARTS on Neuroimaging and Social Psychology, organized by Professor S. Han from China. A third ARTS on qualitative methods and interview analysis is in the process of being organized.

The Deputy Secretary-General also outlined work that the ARTS coordinating committee is pursuing on fund-raising, including sending solicitation letters to past donors and to National Members. It was noted that there are additional funds available for the 2010 ARTS that stem from earlier funded young psychologist programs, and that will need to be expended.

### **9.1.4 ARTS Memorandum of Understanding**

The Deputy Secretary-General referred the EC to the ARTS MOU and the associated Statement of Operational Procedures. To date, IUPsyS and the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) have signed the MOU.

The President briefly outlined his correspondence with the president of IACCP and indications that IACCP is prepared to sign the MOU as well.

The EC recorded its thanks to former ARTS co-chairs Ingrid Lunt and Heidi Keller on their previous work, and to the Deputy Secretary-General and current ARTS coordinating committee for its present activities.

## **9.2 Education**

### **9.2.1 Report of the WG on Education for Psychologists**

J. Pandey, as Chair of the WG, referred to the EC materials on this WG and noted:

- The importance of collecting information on the status of psychology and professional training, whilst avoiding suggestions of evaluation
- Ensuring the credibility of information collected on education, training and practice.
- The need to be inclusive and sensitive to cultural aspects of countries, identifying learning from different parts of the world
- The long-term goal of developing some universal frameworks and mechanisms for reaching consensus on common goals, standards or quality assurance of psychology education
- The evolutionary nature of the enterprise.

Discussion focussed around two areas: (a) the need to gain information on how education and training occurs around the world, and (b) the possibilities for the definition and regularisation of systems.

#### **(a) Information**

The EC agreed that information collection will be long-term and must be sensitive to wide differences in educational systems. There was discussion of developing a meeting to explore variations in methodologies and models for psychology education and training worldwide, that would expand the range of models considered beyond the

currently widely known models and that would include training across the broad range of psychology areas (e.g., professional practice, research, applications in various settings).

It was also noted that some information already exists in texts on international psychology (e.g., Wedding and Stevens). The EC noted that in discussions of education systems it is important to use the term “discipline” rather than “profession” to ensure the broadest context.

### **(b) Regularisation**

A longer-term goal of developing consensus on common goals of psychology education would be useful to the field and to National Members. Some of the issues discussed included: nomenclature (e.g., regularisation vs standardisation); mechanisms for determining consensus on core competencies and skills in psychology; consideration of competency-based frameworks which can include knowledge, skills and values, and can apply equally well for science and for application.

JP thanked members of the EC for their input and the encouragement for the group to move forward.

## **9.3 Health**

### **9.3.1 Report on the WG on HealthNet and Health Psychology**

A. Watts, as Chair of the workgroup, reported on two activities: HealthNet and the WHO ICD-10 international advisory group.

#### **HealthNet**

The HealthNet web pages will be updated and expanded. The EC was asked for suggestions for expansion of the HealthNet pages, in particular for suggestions for contacts with Health-related activities at the National Member level.

#### **WHO-ICD**

Watts attended a meeting of the ICD-10 international advisory group in December in Geneva. The Union has been asked to nominate psychologists to join the WHO advisory group, and a call was sent to national members.

The workgroup will meet in Geneva at the end of September and will consider: (1) the ICD-10 revision process through National Members; (2) the involvement in field trials of (a) clinical settings, (b) professional societies, (c) networks of clinical settings (the synergy with HealthNet was noted); (3) training in the use of ICD-11.

The President asked the EC members to consider possibilities for nominations and for input to these activities. It was noted that many National Members have divisions of health psychology (and similar) which could be contacted. It will be important to increase representativeness in relation to ICD activities.

Watts was asked to provide EC members with further details, including deadlines for nominations.

The EC thanked the WG Chair for her work in this area.

## **9.4 National Capacity Building**

### **9.4.1 Report of the WG on National Capacity Building**

P. Maras, as Chair of the workgroup, summarised her report highlighting the draft statement of principles, the role of the group and a workshop outline for the 2009 Regional psychology conference in Sofia conference.

A number of issues were raised in discussion:

- A need for a clear definition and description of national capacity building goals and purview. There is ambiguity over the distinction between national and regional capacity building, and how regional activities interact with the development of national organizations. It was noted that national capacity (including the encouragement of new National Members) can be facilitated through regional activity.
- Mechanisms for identifying appropriate leaders from countries to participate in capacity building activities.

The EC suggested clarifying the Union's role with respect to other organisations in the WG Terms of Reference as follows: "The Union takes primary responsibility, but these may also be carried out with other regional or international organisations"

The EC thanked the WG Chair for her work.

#### **9.4.2 Caucasus Initiative**

The President provided background information on the Caucasus capacity building workshop and referred to the report and draft programme, highlighting the grant funding obtained and the topic of Bereavement Research and Practice. He noted that the grant specifies funding only for delegates from the Caucasus region and faculty from Germany. The EC noted that this workshop is consistent with the Union's earlier decision to focus primarily on knowledge provision and "train the trainer" models in any capacity building related to responses to humanitarian emergencies.

The EC thanked the President for the report.

### **9.5 Evaluation Criteria**

#### **9.5.1 Report on the WG on Implementation of Quality Enhancement / Evaluation Criteria**

B. Tversky, as Chair of the WG, referred to a paper prepared in 2008 by Ingrid Lunt, on the importance of evaluation procedures for Union activities. Tversky emphasised the remit of the WG on advising other workgroups or activity organisers rather than conducting evaluations itself. The workgroup will provide generic tools which can be shaped for specific activities.

Suggestions from discussion included the importance of seeking the expectations of those attending events, the use of pre/post comparisons, and considering the role of evaluation for formative development as well as for accountability.

Tversky agreed to circulate to the EC a framework paper for the development of assessment tools.

The EC thanked the WG chair for the report.

### **9.6 Regional Conferences**

#### **9.6.1 2009 SEE Conference**

The Past President presented a report on the SEE Regional Conference, to be held in Sofia Oct/Nov 2009. The Treasurer will be present at the conference as the IUPsyS liaison in replacement of the Past President.

The EC agreed that Union communications around regional meetings need to include the Chair of the Standing Committee on Capacity Building (Hernandez-Guzman) and the Chair of the workgroup on National Capacity Building (Maras) because regional conferences provide ideal opportunities for individual and national capacity building activities.

The EC thanked the Past President and Treasurer for their reports.

## **9.6.2 2011 Regional Conference of Psychology**

The Deputy Secretary-General referred to materials providing preliminary details on the organisation for the proposed 2011 regional conference in the Caribbean region. She noted that contacts in the region welcome the opportunity to host a conference, as psychology and psychology organizations are not well developed in the Caribbean. A coalition has been put together, possibly with Bahamas as the lead organisation. It is likely that the conference will be held in the late autumn of 2011.

## **10. Review of work group activities**

The President reviewed the progress of the newly-formed WGs and stressed the need to generate and share ideas, and to develop appropriate communications

The WG committee chair has an important role to ensure co-ordination and communication. Capacity building relates to organisations, to individuals and to academic institutions.

The following issues were raised in discussion:

- The central importance of good communication within WGs and among WGs and with the Officers. The Executive Officer will develop mechanisms to facilitate this exchange.
- Developing lists of key national contacts who are active
- WG Chairs need to consider: (1) composition of the group (e.g., how do external members increase the competence of the group; checking for external members in multiple groups; drawing on a broader base); (2) the communications required to keep things running (including the overlapping nature of groups); (3) priorities with respect to the strategic plan.
- EC members each have access to \$500/year in support of their EC activity, such as chairing groups. These funds may be requested as needed. WG activities that require further funds that are not specifically budgeted need to be discussed with the Officers.

The President proposed that chairs of groups identify priorities between now and the 2010 EC meeting and disseminate these for further discussion, reflection and iteration with revised materials for the 2010 EC meeting.

## **11. International Congress**

### **11.1 XXX Congress (Cape Town, 2012) Progress Report**

#### **11.1.1 Report of the IUPsyS liaison**

The Secretary-General referred to the report from the South African committee, noting the strength of the report, that planning was going well and the strong working relationships developed.

The Officers had identified the following as particular themes for discussion: the representativeness of invited speakers; the international/academic representation of the scientific committees; funding for young scientists; opportunities to explore issues of support in some under-represented areas.

#### **11.1.2 Report of the Organizing Committee**

*The EC was joined by the ICP Congress President and members of the Congress Organising team for this item.*

The President thanked the local team for enabling the EC to hear about progress and offer suggestions.

The Congress President, Saths Cooper, introduced the 2012 Executive Team and the Scientific Committee. He then provided a brief overview of progress to date and key

points from the report. The scientific committee covers 44 content areas, all chaired by South Africans; members include at least one African scholar, an emerging scholar, and international scholars in each of the divisions. To date, 300 speakers have been invited of whom 145 have accepted. A range of governmental (including the National Research Foundation) and corporate sponsors are providing support. The target is for 6,000 delegates, of whom 2,000 will be from southern Africa. Registrations fees vary by country (high, middle and low income countries) and date of registration.

The President thanked the Congress President for his presentation.

Questions and discussion raised the following issues and clarifications:

*Concerning programming*

- The History of Psychology area could include theoretical and applied developments, and psychology in developing countries.
- The EC endorsed the idea and success of the Controversial Debates format, while noting that these had been challenging to operationalise at ICP2008.
- The EC suggested explicitly inviting participation from national societies and regional organisations to present symposia or other programming.
- In terms of a knowledge transfer theme, there has been discussion with key leadership in governmental bodies, including NRF, such as looking for emerging scientists, capacity building, templates for the future, getting psychology infused into the other educational and learning systems. Enhancing awareness of the contribution of psychology to the public good is an important goal of the Congress.
- There should be close involvement of an ARTS person with local organisers to facilitate coordination.
- Issues of terminology were raised in relation to “trans-cultural”, “cross-cultural” and “indigenous psychology”

*Concerning outreach*

- Composition of the Scientific Committee thematic groups: Members of the EC were invited to suggest additional members who would raise the profile and visibility of the event.
- The need to establish a mechanism for identifying scientists not necessarily mentioned by national groups.
- Additional names from the EC who increase geographical representation would be welcome. The organizers will provide a list of speaker topics for symposia and individual to the EC.
- Students from all countries will be charged at the “low income country” rate.
- Low cost accommodation of reasonable quality-assured standard will be available.

*Concerning support*

- Previously, the Congress has attracted private foundation money (e.g., Jacobs foundation at Berlin), to support research, travel or attendance, focussed on particular areas. It might be possible to submit joint applications (by the Union & the Congress) to Jacobs or to other foundations.
- A small number of high profile speakers could be linked to sponsoring foundations or other sponsors.
- Universities have been asked to provide support and staff time, especially those with graduate programmes in Psychology.
- Extending the time of keynotes to visit institutions would be possible. Researcher-in-residence models may be possible with NRF support.

The Congress President wished to record a note of appreciation to the ICP2008 organisers for their assistance.



The President thanked the South African team on behalf of the EC for their excellent work to date.

## **11.2 XXXI Congress**

The Secretary-General referred the EC to materials expressing intent to submit bids for the XXXI Congress received from National Members.

The EC viewed the proposals with interest and asked the Secretary-General to invite official bids for the 2010 EC and Assembly.

## **12. International Council for Science (ICSU)**

### **12.1 Report from the Executive Board**

The Past President referred to material from the 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of ICSU, and highlighted four aspects:

- The ICSU grant programme is limited in size, but will continue with a probable deadline for the next round in February 2010. Action is needed now to consider a bid: a good integrative project would have a high chance of success.
- The International Sociology Association has applied for membership, and the Union has been asked to comment. The Officers will respond to this.
- ICSU holds meetings with its member organisations: the next will be in April 2010
- ICSU is preparing new programmes of activities on integrated disaster risk, with emphasis on physical risk and its measurement. This provides an opportunity for the Union to articulate the importance of behavioural aspects of risk and of recovery. There is a call for input by September.

The Officers will look at these issues in detail and decide how to proceed.

### **12.2 Reports from ICSU Committees**

The Secretary-General, as a member of the ICSU Committee on Scientific Program Review, provided background information on ICSU committees. He noted that ICSU encompasses all areas of science, and priority areas are identified as having behavioural components. For the Union, the strategic importance is to demonstrate the relevance of Psychology in terms of substantive input and high-level representation.

The Treasurer outlined his work as an Executive Committee member (and now Treasurer) of ICSU CODATA (Committee on Data for Science and Technology). The Committee has many projects, all stemming from its strategic plan, including the establishment of data management policies and applications for the large databases produced by the International Polar Year (IPY) initiative.

The Vice-President has been a member of the Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the Conduct of Science since 2002, and his term is coming to an end. The Committee emphasises the free movement of scientists and associated responsibilities. The issue arises on who might represent the Union in future. The Vice-President has recommended a new Chinese member and an existing member from New Zealand has interests in psychology.

The Officers will develop proposals for future consideration by the EC.

### **12.3 ISCU Health Planning Group**

The Secretary-General is a member of this group, charged with evaluating the establishment of a new ICSU flagship multidisciplinary programme. The anticipated focus is health in a changing urban environment, with an emphasis on providing

advice to policy makers. The EC will have to consider possible involvement by 2010 or 2011.

## **12.4 Regional Offices**

The Past President reported that ICSU hoped to open a regional office in the Middle East to complement those currently in Asia, Africa and South America. A review of the current regional offices will be underway in the next few months.

It was noted that ICSU Offices provide a potential resource for capacity-building activities. In addition, members noted that Union links with ICSU need stronger co-ordination and it is important to identify stronger “products” and representation to raise the profile of Psychology.

## **13. International Social Science Council (ISSC)**

The President provided a brief background to the ISSC, referring to his report (§3).

### **13.1 World Social Sciences Forum**

The President and Secretary-General participated in the Forum, including organising a symposium. The focus was on the role that individual psychology plays in underpinning sociological mechanisms. In addition, the President, Secretary-General and Past President prepared a chapter for the World Social Sciences Report under a very short deadline (see §13.2) that made it impossible to solicit the input from others to this report.

### **13.2 World Social Sciences Report**

L. Hernandez-Guzman referred to the report on the World Social Science Report. Two meetings of the group have been held.

The EC thanked Hernandez-Guzman for her report.

## **14. World Health Organization**

### **14.1 Report from the WHO liaison**

The Secretary-General provided information on the Union’s work with WHO.

A flagship activity of the Union is participation in the revision of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse chapter in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) revision project. The Union has provided to the WHO its senior project officer for the chapter revision, Dr Geoff Reed. This activity is supported through a substantial grant from the American Psychological Association to the Union.

EC member Watts has been appointed to the International Advisory Group for the ICD revision of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse chapter.

A new endeavour is the development of the Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP). This has been added in the IUPsyS-WHO workplan.

The Secretary-General will be attending a WHO event (with senior national officials) launching mhGAP in October: our engagement at the highest level indicates our success in working with WHO.

The Secretary-General thanked Watts for her contribution as well as the Officers and EC for their support of the Union’s initiatives with WHO.

#### **14.1.1 ICD Revision**

See above (§14.1)

#### **14.1.2 mhGAP**

See above (§14.1)

## **15. UN/NGO Representation**

### **15.1 New York**

The Secretary-General provided background on Union activities within the Non-governmental Organization (NGO) sector at the United Nations. The Union has special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and is accredited to the Department of Public Information (DPI).

Discussion involved activities to strengthen Union involvement at the UN, both in the NGO sector and in other sectors. Issues discussed included:

- The value of identifying a liaison to the UN representation who reports to the EC. This would need to be someone in the New York area
- The importance of identifying areas at the UN where the Union could make a strong and unique contribution. The Treasurer and Deputy Secretary General were tasked to provide a scan of current and future UN priorities and initiatives to suggest such areas.
- The values of UN engagement at a substantive level (providing psychology input to UN documents and activities, which is a long and slow process and must be undertaken in large coalitions) and the value of UN engagement as a means of showcasing the Union as an organization
- The value of communicating information about UN activities and opportunities to National Members (a DPI function )

### **15.2 Other Representation**

The UN also has relevant offices in Vienna (labour, security) and in Geneva (health). At present the Union will focus on strengthening the New York representation.

## **16. Relations with Other Organizations**

### **16.1 IAAP**

The Secretary-General reported on the joint IAAP/IUPsyS Officers' Meeting held in Oslo July 2009. The meeting was highly collegial, included preliminary discussions for Union activities at the 2010 ICAP Congress, as well as the need to coordinate activities across organizations.

### **16.2 ITC**

The Deputy-Secretary-General referred to ITC materials, including the ITC President's report and the liaison report. The next ITC Congress will be in Hong Kong, following the ICAP in Melbourne. ITC has expressed its appreciation of Union input.

### **16.3 Committee for the Psychological Study of Peace**

The President provided information on the correspondence with the Chair of the Committee for the Psychological Study of Peace, in response to the Union's suggestion that the committee constitute itself as an independent entity and apply for Affiliate status with the Union. The President is awaiting a response and proposes no further action at this time.

## **17. 2010 Assembly and EC Meeting (Melbourne, Australia)**

The Secretary-General noted that the Union EC and Assembly meetings will take place in conjunction with of the 2010 International Congress of Applied Psychology which takes place 11-16 July. Provisional arrangements for EC and GA meetings (to be confirmed with the ICAP organizers) are as follows (with officers meetings added for consistency):

- Officers' meeting: July 12<sup>th</sup> (all day)
- EC meeting: July 13<sup>th</sup> for 3 hours to prepare for the two Union Assembly meetings

- Assembly: July 14<sup>th</sup> (pm) for 5 hours
- Assembly: July 15<sup>th</sup> (am) for 3.5 hours
- EC meeting: July 17<sup>th</sup> (all day)
- EC meeting: July 18<sup>th</sup> (all day)
- Officers' meeting July 19<sup>th</sup> (all day)

The Union will cover basic travel costs to Melbourne, but encourages all EC members to apply for funds from their institution or funders for attendance at the ICAP Congress to partially cover travel costs. The Union will cover accommodation and subsistence (at the Union-accommodation hotel) for the days of the EC and Assembly meetings, but does not cover Congress registration or accommodation/subsistence for other days.

### **Union Activities During the ICAP 2010 Congress**

The President noted that the Union will require a number of slots for activities and these should be reserved early.

The Secretary-General listed Union symposia planned so far:

- On ARTS alumni – the multiplier effect (Soygüt)
- ICD revision (Ritchie)
- Something in the education area (Pandey)
- National capacity building (Maras)

Abstracts are needed for each of these to be submitted to the Congress organizers by the Union Officers as a package. It was noted that EC members may also wish to submit proposals that do not specifically address Union activities. These proposals should be submitted via regular submission channels (deadline 31 December 2009).

**Action:** Abstracts (150 words) to be sent to the Secretary-General by Sept 15<sup>th</sup> for Union symposia (presentations that specifically address Union-related activities). Further suggestions should be sent by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. The Secretary-General will write to Mike Knowles to inform him of our expectations.

If space is required for other activities (such as WG meetings), let the Officers know as soon as possible, and by 15 Jan 2010 at the latest to be able to request space.

### **18. EC Actions: Steps and Mechanisms**

The Officers will circulate to-do lists for (a) Officer actions, and (b) WG actions. The minutes will be circulated in draft form to the Officers for review and then to members of the EC.

### **19. Other business**

- (a) The President congratulated AW for her wonderful support during the meeting.
- (b) It was noted that several members (Frensch, Maras, Silbereisen, Zhang) had received full or partial travel support for their attendance at the Union EC meeting. They were requested to send information on this support to the Secretariat (Deputy Secretary-General) so that the Union can write letters of thanks to their funders.

### **20. Adjournment**