

ANNUAL REPORT of the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE (IUPsyS)

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INTRODUCTION

The International Union of Psychological Science is an organization composed of National Member organizations (national societies, associations or committees of scientific psychology, national academies of science, or similar organizations), comprising not more than one National Member per country. Eleven charter Members founded IUPsyS in 1951. At December 31, 2010 the number of National Members was 73.

As a Union, IUPsyS holds membership both in the International Council for Science (ICSU) and in the International Social Science Council (ISSC), Special Consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Consultative status with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) as well as Official Relations with the World Health Organization.

MEMBERSHIP

Countries with National Membership in IUPsyS in 2010 were:

Albania	Denmark	Ireland	Nigeria	Sudan
Argentina	Dominican Republic	Israel	Norway	Sweden
Australia	Egypt	Italy	Pakistan	Switzerland
Austria	Estonia	Japan	Panama	Turkey
Bahamas	Finland	Jordan	Peru	Uganda
Bangladesh	France	Korea (S)	Philippines	Ukraine
Belgium	Georgia	Lithuania	Poland	United Kingdom
Bulgaria	Germany	Malta	Portugal	United States of America
Canada	Greece	Mexico	Romania	Uruguay
Chile	Guatemala	Mongolia	Russia	Venezuela
China	Hong Kong	Morocco	Singapore	Vietnam
Colombia	Hungary	Namibia	Slovakia	Yemen
Croatia	India	Netherlands	Slovenia	Zimbabwe
Cuba	Indonesia	New Zealand	South Africa	
Czech Republic	Iran	Nicaragua	Spain	

At the end of the year, several potential applications were at varying stages of preparation. EC member Professor Helio Carpintero chairs the Work Group on Membership.

Sixteen organizations are now affiliated with IUPsyS:

- ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies (ARUPS)
- Association de Psychologie Scientifique de Langue Française (APSLF)
- European Association of Counselling Psychology (EACP)
- European Association of Social Psychology (EASP)
- European Association of Psychological Assessment (EAPA)
- European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP)

- European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology (EAWOP)
- European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCOP)
- Interamerican Society of Psychology/Sociedad Interamericana de Psicología (SIP)
- International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP)
- International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP)
- International Council of Psychologists (ICP)
- International Neuropsychological Society (INS)
- International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development (ISSBD)
- International Society of Comparative Psychology (ISCP)
- Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)

In addition, Special Liaison relationships have been established with the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA) and the International Test Commission (ITC).

VITAL STATISTICS

Number of National Members: 73

Number of Affiliated Organizations: 16

Number of Publications: 3: (*International Journal of Psychology; Psychology Resources Around the World; IUPsyS Newsletter*)

Number of Scientific Meeting: 1 quadrennial International Congress
1 biennial Regional Conference

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

This section contains information on the planning, management and administrative work of the Union.

Particular emphasis was given to implementation of the Strategic Plan adopted by the Assembly for the 2008-2012 quadrennium. The President assessed progress against the Strategic Plan in his report to the 2010 Assembly held in Melbourne in July. Further details are given below.

Strategic Plan

The 2008-2012 Strategic Plan contains guiding principles and targeted actions.

The five Core Operating Principles are:

1. Serve the science and the profession at the global level;
2. Recognize that National Members vary in their specific developmental and policy needs;
3. Capacity Building efforts focus on national and individual levels;
4. Representational and Policy activities focus on international over-arching organizations;
5. Monitoring and evaluation of activities is a necessary vehicle for planning and accountability.

The five Basic Principles and Decision Rules are:

1. Activities support continuous engagement with National Members;
2. Activities support continuous engagement in international representation;
3. Activities are important for development of the discipline and of organized psychology;
4. Activities are uniquely suited to the Union;
5. There are consequences to the discipline if the activity is not done.

The five Strategic Priorities are:

1. Capacity Building;
2. International Representation;
3. Service to National Members;
4. Service to the Discipline: Development of a Common Core;

5. Communications and Dissemination.

Each of these priorities has targeted specific actions whose progress is described in other sections of this report. Strategic planning is guided by the work of the *Standing Committee on Strategic Planning* chaired by the President Professor R K Silbereisen, assisted by the Secretary-General, other Officers and members of the Executive Committee.

Assembly and Executive Committee Meetings

In July, the Assembly of the Union met during two sessions in conjunction with the International Congress of Applied Psychology in Melbourne, Australia. A total of 40 and 30 delegates were present for the respective sessions, representing 29 National Member countries; there were also 21 Observers and Guests.

The President, Professor Rainer K Silbereisen, reviewed progress on implementing the Strategic Plan over the previous two years. He also noted his three main aims of prime importance for sustaining and augmenting the success of IUPsyS. These were:

1. to increase the inclusion of psychology in all parts of the world in the Union's activities and purview;
2. to improve the level of exchange with National Members;
3. to build a more focused level of EC member participation in the work of the Union.

He outlined three objectives for meeting these aims:

1. To have a greater focus on regional conferences and smaller events, including organizing side events to the larger ICP Congress. This is intended to foster greater inclusion of scientists from less economically developed countries, to increase the visibility of IUPsyS, and to improve contact to National Members.
2. To capitalize on the increased exposure offered by recognition through awards. This helps increase visibility, and thereby the acquisition of funds, as well as recognizing personal achievement.
3. To improve the financial situation of the Union by increasing sources of funding, such as private foundations and philanthropies, and by applying for external funding whenever possible.

Actions have been put in place to achieve these objectives, and these are outlined below.

Other highlights of the 2010 Assembly meeting included:

- Endorsement of revised membership categories and dues structures, following the principles previously endorsed by the Assembly;
- Admission of two new National Members (*Bahamas and Guatemala*) and two new Affiliates (*Society for Research in Child Development and European Association of Counselling Psychology*);
- Selection of Yokohama (Japan) the site for the 2016 International Congress of Psychology;
- Statutes Changes on election procedures, membership categories and Free Circulation of Scientists (to include sexual orientation as a component).

The Assembly will next meet in July 2012 in conjunction with the 30th International Congress of Psychology in Cape Town, South Africa.

The Executive Committee (EC) met in July 2010 in Melbourne. Much of the work of the Executive Committee and its Work Groups are reflected in the Activities described below. At this mid-quadrrennium meeting of the EC, the focus of the meeting was on reviewing, planning and developing the work of the Work Groups within the context of strategic planning development and implementation. A further important topic was reviewing and contributing to the development of the 30th International Congress of Psychology to be held in 2012 in Cape Town.

The members of the Executive Committee for the 2008-2012 Quadrennium are: Merry Bullock (USA); Helio Carpintero (Spain); Peter French (Germany); James Georgas (Greece); Nick Hammond (UK); Laura Hernandez Guzman (Mexico); Maria Larsson (Sweden); Pam Maras (United Kingdom); Bruce Overmier (USA); Janak Pandey (India); Pierre Ritchie (Canada); Michel Sabourin (Canada); Rainer K Silbereisen (Germany); Gonca Soygüt (Turkey); Barbara Tversky (USA); Ann Watts (South Africa); Kan Zhang (China).

The Officers of the Union are President (Rainer K Silbereisen); Secretary-General (Pierre Ritchie); Vice-President (Kan Zhang); Past-President (Bruce Overmier); Treasurer (Michel Sabourin); Deputy Secretary-General (Merry Bullock until July 2010; Ann Watts from July 2010). The Executive Officer (Nick Hammond) is an *ex officio* non-voting participant in Assembly, EC and Officer meetings.

The Officers held three meetings in 2010 (two in conjunction with the Assembly and EC meetings in Melbourne). Smaller groups of EC members and Officers met when possible in conjunction with other activities.

Finances

Detailed financial statements, independently audited, have been completed and submitted to the EC, Assembly, and other organizations where required as part of reporting on the use of external grant funds.

The Treasurer, Professor Michel Sabourin, presented a comprehensive report to the Assembly and Executive Committee. In line with strategic planning, the Union's budget is now developed and managed within a quadrennial framework. Prospects for the current quadrennium are better than those of recent years, largely due to the current publishing contract, grants in support of the WHO ICD initiative and other initiatives, and the prospect of further non-dues revenues. The Work Group on Funding, chaired by EC member Professor Peter Frensch, held a planning meeting in May to consider the Union's future fund-raising strategy.

Following endorsement of the general principles for a revision of the membership category system in 2008, the 2010 Assembly endorsed the implementation of the principles based upon an assessment of National Member status, computation of a National Member score and the banding of these scores into six National Membership categories (with associated dues levels). This endorsement is reflected in changes to the IUPsyS Statutes and Rules of Procedure. The new dues will be introduced in a graduated manner until 2014.

As noted in previous annual reports, some National Members continue to have difficulty in rendering timely dues payments; this is typically due to economic and currency problems in their respective countries.

The International Psychology Development Fund (IPDF) was established in the previous quadrennium to build an endowment for capacity-building. This was an important first step in securing the Union's long-term commitment to support for capacity-building initiatives. Notwithstanding global financial difficulties, the IPDF has grown modestly. It is anticipated that it may be able to fund some focal capacity-building activities in this quadrennium.

The Union has been successful in attracting external funding to support a number of its activities. These include: funding from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to support the continuing Caucasus Workshop series on bereavement, funding from the Jacob Foundation and several National Members which supported the ARTS 2010 Programme, and funding from the Dogan Foundation in support of the Mattei Dogan Prize in Psychological Science. In addition, the Jacobs Foundation will provide funding to support a variety of activities associated with ICP2012 in South Africa.

Secretariat

As reported in the 2009 Annual Report, the Union appointed the Union's first Executive Officer, a half-time position, in October 2009. The Deputy Secretary-General, initially due to leave in 2008, had agreed to stay on until 2010 to help with the induction of the new EO into his role. As planned, following the Assembly meeting in 2010, Dr Merry Bullock stood down as Deputy Secretary-General. She remains the liaison for the 2011 Regional Conference of Psychology. The recruitment and selection of a new Deputy Secretary-General for the remainder of the quadrennium took place early in the year, and the Assembly endorsed the appointment of Dr Ann Watts to the DSG position.

The Secretary-General, Professor Pierre Ritchie, initially due to leave his position in 2010, agreed to remain in this role until 2012 with the strong endorsement of the EC and Assembly.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING 2010

Scientific meetings

XXX International Congress of Psychology. The Assembly and the EC received detailed progress reports on the XXX International Congress of Psychology to be held in Cape Town, South Africa in 2012 from Congress President Saths Cooper and Congress Secretary-General Ann Watts as well as from Union Liaison, Secretary-General Ritchie. Both meetings expressed satisfaction with the development of the scientific programme and other plans for the Congress.

XXXI International Congress of Psychology. The Assembly voted on the venue of the 31st ICP in 2016. The Congress will be held in Yokohama, Japan.

Regional Conferences of Psychology. The 2011 Caribbean Regional Conference of Psychology will be held in Nassau, in November 2011 with the theme of Psychological Science and Well-Being: Building Bridges for Tomorrow.

Publications

The IUPsyS publications program is guided by the Standing Committee on Publications and Communications chaired by Past-President Bruce Overmier.

The *International Journal of Psychology* remains the major regular scientific publication channel of IUPsyS. With the 2009 volume, Professor C. Dalbert completed a very successful term as Editor. The new Editor, effective from the 2010 volume, is Professor M. Robert. Professor Robert has continued the work of recent editors to give the journal an identity and to increase its importance, recognition, and value in advancing psychology as a science and the applications of that science. The scope of the journal has expanded to include articles that evaluatively review special science and applications topics. The International Platform Section of the Journal (Editors: Professor P Ritchie and Dr M. Bullock / Dr Ann Watts) continued to serve as a quick-access information forum on major national and regional developments in scientific psychology. A continuously updated calendar of international congresses and conferences in psychology was again part of that section as well as posted to the web-site.

The tenth edition of the *Psychology Global Resource* (Co-Editors: Professors M. Stevens and D. Wedding) was published in 2009. The tenth edition, as with other recent editions, allowed users of the CD-Rom with concurrent access to the internet to take advantage of this feature. Among the resource tools, users find a historical time-line for psychology, with integrated links to the internet, an organized list of useful internet websites that are primarily meta-sites offering access to further sites, review of the origins and developments of scientific psychology in various regions of the world, as well as updates of materials which were included in preceding editions. In 2010, the Executive Committee decided to change the format of the Psychology Global Resource and to develop it further in the form of a website portal rather than as a CD-Rom. This development has proceeded during 2010 under the guidance of outgoing DSG Bullock.

The *IUPsyS Website* (www.iupsys.net) has developed significantly during 2009 and 2010 as part of the Union's new publishing arrangements with Psychology Press. Responsibility for the website was transferred from Deputy Secretary-General to the Executive Officer towards the end of 2010. The web site provides a rich source of current information on the Union and activities of international significance.

The Union's *Newsletter* under the joint editorship of EC member Professor James Georgas and EO Dr Nick Hammond facilitates communication with National Members.

An innovation for 2010 is the circulation of a monthly email Bulletin to National Members and other interested parties. The Bulletin provides brief information and updates on the work and activities of the Union and related regional and international matters.

Capacity-building

Capacity-building is guided by the work of the Standing Committee on Capacity Building chaired by EC member Professor Laura Hernandez Guzman. It provides an oversight and coordinating role across the various components of capacity-building. A focal strategic planning activity, similar to the one that occurred for publications and communications, will take place in 2011. Key activities in 2010 were as follows.

Work Group on Education for Psychologists (Chair, EC member Professor Janak Pandey): This WG aims to promote education in scientific psychology worldwide. During 2010, the group has gathered data from national members on the level and type of education available for psychologists in their respective countries. A symposium on the topic was held at the International Congress of Applied Psychology in Melbourne in July, and the group held a special meeting of this group in Melbourne to develop plans, including approval for the preparation of an international conference on scientific aspects of psychology education and for a funding application to be submitted to a research foundation.

Work Group on National Capacity Building (Chair, EC member Professor Pam Maras): The Group held a symposium on National Capacity Building at ICAP2010 in Melbourne, and subsequently ran a National Capacity Building workshop at the ARUPS Conference in Kuala Lumpur in November. The workshops are moving their focus towards the development of flexible materials and processes as a "Union product" which can be used by National Member countries in the future. A further workshop is planned at the Caribbean Regional Conference of Psychology in 2011.

Advanced Research Training Seminars (Liaison, EC member Professor Gonca Soygüt): The 2010 ARTS Programme was held in Melbourne in July 2010. Three successful seminars were run: Cultural and Social Cognitive Neuroscience Research; Test Development And Adaptation; Discourse Analysis. In addition a round table discussion session was held at ICAP2010 and much helpful feedback was provided by ARTS alumni from previous ARTS Programmes. The ARTS Coordinator for ARTS 2010 was Dr Xianghong Sun. Dr Nick Hammond, IUPsyS Executive Officer, has been appointed ARTS Co-ordinator for the next ARTS Programme, to be held in 2012 in conjunction with ICP 2012.

Special Capacity Building Initiatives. A series of events has focussed on developing research capacity and the capacity of national associations to represent psychology in their countries in developing countries and countries in transition, with support funding from external sources. A series of three capacity building workshops for countries in the South Caucasus region on the general topic Bereavement Research and Practice is currently under way. The first workshop was held in 2009; focussing on research findings; a second workshop took place in October 2010 and focussed more on application and practical training; a third will take place in 2011 with a focus on curriculum development for psychology programmes. The series is supported by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The events to date have proved highly successful as well as rejuvenating IUPsyS National Membership in the region.

Quality Enhancement and Evaluation (Chair, EC member Professor Barbara Tversky): Evaluation guidelines for all capacity building activities have been developed by the Work Group on Evaluation and have been used with effect on a number of occasions.

Awards and recognition

The *Fondation Mattei Dogan Prize in Psychological Science* was established in 2006 by the Union under the generous auspices of the Mattei Dogan Foundation. This award is part an IUPsyS initiative to recognize achievements by psychologists, and was awarded for the first time to Professor Michael Posner on the occasion of the XXIX International Congress of Psychology (Berlin, Germany) in July 2008. It is awarded every four years, and will be next awarded in Cape Town, South Africa at the XXX International Congress of Psychology.

Work Group on Awards (Chair, Past-President Bruce Overmier). Building on the Dogan Award as well as on the efforts initiated in the previous quadrennium by President Silbereisen, the Group developed proposals for a number of new awards: Young Investigator Awards (one in basic science, one for applied work), Lifetime Career Award, and Achievement against the Odds Award. The plans were endorsed by the EC and the Assembly. The new awards will be first bestowed at the ICP2012 in Cape Town.

International Council for Science

The Union continues to maintain strong relations with the International Council for Science (ICSU). Past-President Overmier served on the ICSU Executive Board; Secretary-General Ritchie served on the Committee for Scientific Planning and Research; and EC Vice-President Professor K. Zhang served on the Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the Conduct of Science. Secretary-General Ritchie also served on the Planning Group on Human Health and Union Treasurer served as Treasurer of CODATA .

The mid-triennium meeting of ICSU unions was held in 2010. IUPsyS was represented by President Silbereisen and Secretary-General Ritchie.

International Social Science Council

The Union was an important sponsor of the ISSC World Social Science Forum (WSSF) held in Bergen, Norway in May, 2009, and contributed to the subsequent World Social Science Report published in 2010 with a chapter on *Psychology at the Vortex of Convergence and Divergence: The Sample Case of Social Change* (authored by President Silbereisen, Secretary-General Ritchie and Past-President Overmier). Union Treasurer Michel Sabourin served on the ISSC Executive Committee. The ISSC General Assembly was held in Japan in late 2010. The Union was represented by President Silbereisen, S-G Ritchie and DSG Watts. Professor Sabourin was elected Treasurer of ISSC .

World Health Organization

Official Relations between the Union and the World Health Organization (WHO) were established in 2002 and have been renewed regularly since that date. Secretary-General Ritchie serves as the Union's Main Representative to WHO. The Union is committed to support the development of the next edition of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD), with particular focus on the Mental Health section. With the support of a major grant from the American Psychological Association, the Union has seconded Dr G. Reed to WHO as Senior Project Officer for the revision of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse chapter of the ICD. The Union is represented by Deputy Secretary-General Watts on the International Advisory Committee for the ICD revision.

The Work Group on HealthNet and Health Psychology which incorporated HealthNet continued its renewal and expansion under the coordination of Deputy Secretary-General Watts. This network also provides collaboration and assistance to Union and to the World Health Organization (WHO) in implementing the IUPsyS-WHO Work Plan.

United Nations secretariat

At the United Nations secretariat in New York, the Union continues to hold Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and is a recognized Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with the Department of Public Information. The Union will undertake a strategic review of these activities in the coming year under the direction of Deputy Secretary-General Watts.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PLANS

The annual reports for the previous quadrennium highlighted the Union's shift to strategically-oriented planning and concomitant changes to the way it conducts its business. The Union is developing a well crafted approach to strategic planning. A challenge for the current quadrennium is refinement of this process.

Capacity-building emerged as a central priority as part of the Union's core vision. Historically, through its International Congress and ARTS, and in the past decade through regional conferences of psychology and national capacity-building, the Union demonstrated the importance it accords to capacity-building. The current Strategic Plan reaffirms the Union's commitment to this area, and the range of Capacity Building activities during the year is testament to the implementation of this commitment. Furthermore, the choice of Cape Town, South Africa as the venue of the next International Congress of Psychology well illustrates the Union's intent to devote resources to supporting the development of psychology in Africa.

The Union continues to make a sustained contribution to international development through strong relations with ICSU, ISSC, the UN secretariat, and WHO. It is evaluating opportunities to further enhance inter-disciplinary collaboration in the advancement of science and its applications for human well-being.

Annual reports in recent years described the heavy demands placed on the Union to mobilize the resources required to make possible the achievements reported here. With the sustained growth in activity and the continued dramatic increase in external as well as internal communications, the Union's secretariat receives demands well beyond the limits of its resources. Appointment of a part-time Executive Officer has proved to be an important first step to enable the Union to function more effectively. One part-time person, however, is not able to do everything that merits attention. The Officers in particular are required to set clear priorities based on the Strategic Plan and emerging opportunities. Similarly, there remains an urgent need to secure additional financial and human resources to truly achieve the objectives of the Union's Strategic Plan. Transition in the Union's senior leadership is proceeding in an orderly manner through a series of succession planning activities coordinated by the Secretary-General with the assistance of the Executive Officer as well as the outgoing and new Deputy Secretaries-General.

The International Union of Psychological Science through the actions of the Assembly, together with the leadership of the Executive Committee and the Officers, in concert with National Members, Affiliates and Liaisons now works increasingly within a strategic framework based on a vision and key priorities. The accomplishments of the first two years of the current quadrennium are the result of sustained leadership and active participation by the Union's various constituents. These remain the necessary ingredients to ensure future success. The prospect of further substantial progress in the coming two years is very good. Particular attention will be given to the Union's capacity-building mission which will be the object of a strategic review and planning exercise in the coming year.