

ANNUAL REPORT
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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 / 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, 2008 the number of National Members was 71. 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 2008 were: Albania; Argentina; Australia; Austria; Bangladesh; Belgium; Bulgaria; Canada; Chile; China; Colombia; Croatia; Cuba; Czech Republic; Denmark; Dominican Republic; Egypt; Estonia; Finland; France; Georgia; Germany; Greece; Hong Kong; Hungary; India; Indonesia; Iran; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Japan; Jordan; Korea; Lithuania; Malta; Mexico; Mongolia; Morocco; Namibia; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Nigeria; Norway; Pakistan; Panama; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Russia; Singapore; Slovakia; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sudan; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; Uganda; Ukraine; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Venezuela; Vietnam; Yemen; and Zimbabwe. At the end of the year, several potential applications were at varying stages of preparation.

Fourteen organizations are now affiliated with IUPsyS. The complete list of Affiliates is: ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies; Association de Psychologie Scientifique de Langue Française (APSLF); European Association of Experimental Social Psychologists (EAESP); European Association of Personality Assessment (EAPA); European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP); European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology (EAWOP); European Society for Cognitive Psychology (ESCP), 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). In addition, special liaison relationships have been established with the European Federation of Professional Psychologists Associations (EFPPA) and the International Test Commission (ITC).

VITAL STATISTICS

Number of National Members:	71
Number of Affiliated Organizations:	14
Number of Publications:	2
<i>-International Journal of Psychology</i>	
<i>-Psychology Global Resource</i>	
Number of Scientific Meetings:	2
<i>-quadrennial International Congress</i>	
<i>-biennial Regional Conference</i>	

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

This section contains some items of an over-arching nature or not otherwise presented elsewhere in the Annual Report.

Highlights of 2008 included completion of the review of the Union's publication arrangements and a new contract with Psychology Press / Taylor and Francis. The Union was awarded a major multi-year grant from the American Psychological Association that will enable sustained work on the revision of the Mental Health and Substantive Abuse chapter of the next version of the World Health Organization's International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11).

Special emphasis was given to implementation of the strategic planning framework adopted by the Assembly in 2004 as well as to the preparation of the new Strategic Plan for the 2008-2012 quadrennium. As specified in the directive adopted by the Assembly, the strategic priorities for the new quadrennium were submitted to the 2008 Assembly, which adopted the new Strategic Plan. As mandated by the 2006 Assembly, work continued on revision of the Dues Structure and Membership Categories. The 2008 Assembly received a progress report and endorsed

principles to guide the revision of the Statutes to be submitted to the 2010 Assembly.

Strategic Plan

The 2008-2012 Strategic Plan adopted by the Assembly 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.

Assembly and Executive Committee Meetings

In July 2008, the Assembly of the Union met during two sessions in conjunction with the XIX International Congress of Psychology held in Berlin, Germany. A total of 69 and 72 delegates were present for the respective sessions, representing 40 countries; there were also 28 Observers and Guests.

The President, Professor Bruce Overmier, reviewed the last quadrennium including the financial challenges of the past quadrennium, implementation of the Assembly mandate to advance the Union in a strategic manner, greater support to National Members, and moving toward the professionalization of the Union's

administration and management. He then reviewed the main components of the proposed new Strategic Plan that was subsequently adopted by the Assembly.

President Overmier reported that the Union concluded the 2004-2008 quadrennium with substantially improved financial prospects. He noted that this will make it more possible to achieve the actions prioritized in the strategic plan. In addition, the Union's endowment fund, the International Psychology Development Fund, established in this quadrennium, has grown steadily.

The President expressed his gratitude for the work performed by the EC during the past four years, especially fellow Officers. The President offered special recognition to the outgoing Past President, Michel Denis. The President invited the Assembly to join in a tribute to Professor Denis for his accomplishments in the service of international psychology.

In addition to the deliberations on new publications arrangements, on dues structure and membership categories, as well as on strategic planning, the Assembly also endorsed the policy on Dual Service proposed by the Executive Committee. The Assembly also adopted the Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles for Psychologists. The President expressed appreciation to Assembly Delegate, Professor Janel Gauthier who chaired the inter-organizational work group that has worked for six years on development of the Declaration.

The Assembly deferred to 2010 the selection of the venue for the XXXI International Congress of Psychology in 2016. This decision was taken to allow National Members who have expressed interest to continue work on their bid proposals as well as to allow for the possibility of additional bids.

The Assembly will next meet in Melbourne, Australia in July, 2010 in conjunction with the International Congress of Applied Psychology.

The Executive Committee met in July 2008 in Berlin, Germany in conjunction with the XIX International Congress of Psychology and the meeting of the Assembly. Excellent arrangements for this meeting were coordinated by EC member Professor Rainer Silbereisen, Congress President Peter French and Congress Secretary-General Barbara Schauenburg.

Much of the work of the Executive Committee is reflected in the actions adopted by the Assembly already reported. The outgoing EC reviewed and endorsed the work of the Officers, Standing Committees and Work Groups on the proposed 2008-2012 Strategic Plan. At its brief initial meeting, the

Incoming EC received the President's assignments to Standing Committees and Work Groups and established the framework for implementing the new Strategic Plan.

The EC remained preoccupied by continued decreases in support to scientific unions via ICSU and ISSC under the UNESCO Framework Agreement and consequent implications for research and special projects. The President and other Officers stressed that it will be important to develop alternate sources of support.

The Executive Committee for the current quadrennium (2008-2012) is:

President, Prof. Rainer Silbereisen (Germany); Secretary-General, Prof. Pierre Ritchie (Canada); Vice-President, Prof. Kan Zhang (China); Past-President, Prof. Bruce Overmier (USA); Treasurer, Prof. Michel Sabourin (Canada); Deputy Secretary-General, Dr. Merry Bullock (USA); Members: Profs. Helio Carpintero (Spain), Peter French (Germany), James Georgas (Greece); Laura Hernandez Guzman (Mexico), Maria Larsson (Sweden), Pam Maras (United Kingdom), Janak Pandey (India), Gonca Soygut (Turkey), Barbara Tversky (USA), and Ann Watts (South Africa).

The Officers are the President, Secretary-General, Vice-President, Past-President, Treasurer, and Deputy Secretary-General. The Officers held three meetings in 2008 (two in conjunction with the Assembly and EC meetings in Berlin). 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 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. While operational finances remained very tight throughout the 2004-2008 quadrennium, the prospects for the next quadrennium are significantly better, largely due to the new publishing contract and the grant in support of the WHO ICD initiative. Nonetheless, the Treasurer cautioned that the strategic priorities set ambitious targets. Therefore, further fund-raising will be required. In the short-term, the Treasurer reaffirmed that fiscal prudence in the management of the Union's affairs allowed it to

maintain financial viability. He again noted that more stringent financial reporting requirements continue to add to the administrative load of the Union.

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 establishment in the 2004-2008 quadrennium of the International Psychology Development Fund to build an endowment for capacity-building was an important first step in securing the Union's long-term commitment to support for capacity-building initiatives.

The Treasurer was directed by the Assembly to develop a proposal to revise the dues category system. In collaboration with the Work Group on Membership, the EC and the Officers, a progress report and first stage proposal was submitted to the 2008 Assembly. The Assembly adopted the principle of a seven-category system based on a Psychology Development Index (PDI). Data for the index will be acquired from National Members. The final proposal and the necessary Statutes revisions are to be submitted to the 2010 Assembly. The Assembly also voted to enable that the final proposal may vary slightly from the target of seven categories depending on the profiles generated by the PDI. The Assembly deferred to 2010 consideration of number of Assembly delegates to which National Members are entitled.

Secretariat

Recent Annual Reports have described the growing administrative burden of the Union with a significant gap emerging between expectations and available resources. The Secretary-General had recommended that internal resources be an important consideration in strategic planning. On the recommendation of the EC and Officers, the Assembly approved allocation of a portion of the new revenues for the creation of a part-time Executive Officer position. It is anticipated that the Executive Officer will be recruited and selected by mid-2009.

Notwithstanding their earlier decision to conclude their service as Officers at the Berlin Assembly, the incumbent Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General agreed to continue for another two years to facilitate the preparations for and orientation of the Union's first Executive Officer.

There has been sustained progress on electronic communications for internal communications within the Executive Committee and the Assembly as well as externally with the more established international organizations. Nonetheless, this mode of communication continues to be difficult to access for a number of National Members. Due to other demands on the Secretariat, only modest progress occurred in the past year on work begun in 2006 on an electronic archive for communications and records that are received and retained electronically.

The work of the Secretary-General continues to be most ably complemented by the excellent work of Deputy-Secretary-General, Professor Merry Bullock who also continues to provide invaluable service as web master of the Union's web site <www.iupsys.org>.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING 2008

Scientific meetings

XXIX International Congress of Psychology

The XXIX International Congress of Psychology was held in Berlin, July 20-25, 2008. With more than 8,000 participants, it was the best attended Congress in the Union's history. In addition to Keynote Addresses, State of the Art presentations and Posters, the Congress also featured the innovation of controversial debates. The Assembly expressed its appreciation to Congress President, Professor Peter Frensch, Secretary-General, Dr. Barbara Schauenburg, and Scientific Program Chair, Professor Arthur Jacobs and their colleagues.

XXX International Congress of Psychology

The EC and Assembly received a progress report from on the XXX International Congress of Psychology to be held in Cape Town, South Africa in 2012 from Congress President, Dr. Saths Cooper and Congress Secretary-General, Dr. Ann Watts as well as from Union Liaison, Secretary-General P. Ritchie. All elements are in place for the preparations of the Union's first Congress in Africa. Under the auspices of His Excellency, the South African Ambassador to Germany, a signing ceremony for the contract between the Union and the Cape Town Congress was held at the South African Embassy during the Berlin Congress.

Regional Conferences:

Plans are evolving for the South-East European Regional Conference of Psychology to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria in 2009. It is expected that the 2011 Regional Conference will be held in the Caribbean.

Awards

Under the leadership of EC member Professor Rainer

Silbereisen, Chair of the Work Group on Awards, the EC previously approved the procedures and Jury members for selection of the initial recipient of the Mattei Dogan Foundation Prize in Psychological Science. It was established in 2006 by the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) under the generous auspices of the Mattei Dogan Foundation. The Prize is awarded in recognition of a contribution by a scholar or a team of scholars with a high international reputation that constitutes a major advance in psychology. The IUPsyS appointed an international jury, chaired by Union Past President, Professor Michel Denis. The Prize was awarded for the first time at the Berlin Congress.

The 2008 Mattei Dogan Prize was awarded to Prof. Michael I. Posner, from the University of Oregon. Prof. Posner's work connecting psychological science to neuroscience and the study of the human brain marked a significant breakthrough in the study of attention, consciousness, memory, and information processing. His research has combined behavioral experimental paradigms and their brain, genetic, and developmental bases, and has made major empirical, methodological, and theoretical contributions to the field of psychology.

Publications

The IUPsyS publications program is guided by the Standing Committee on Communications and Publications chaired until the Berlin Assembly by former Past-President M. Denis, and in the current quadrennium by current Past-President, B. Overmier.

The *International Journal of Psychology* (Professor Claudia Dalbert, Editor) remains the major regular scientific publication channel of IUPsyS. The International Platform Section of the Journal (Editors: Professors P. Ritchie and M. Bullock) 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 search for the next Editor has been initiated, with EC member Professor B. Tversky chairing the Work Group.

The ninth edition of the *Psychology Resource Files* (Co-Editors: M. Stevens and D. Wedding) was published in 2008. This initiative, the Union's first venture in publishing in CD-Rom format, continues to be well received. The ninth edition, as with other recent editions, allows users of the CD-Rom with concurrent access to the Internet to take advantage of this feature. However, such access is not required for the use of the databases. 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.

The IUPsyS Website (www.iupsys.org), under the direction of the Deputy Secretary-General, Dr. M. Bullock, continues to be enhanced. It is a rich source of current information on the Union and activities of international significance.

The Union's newsletter under the direction of Deputy Secretary-General, M. Bullock with assistance from EC member, Professor Jim Georgas, facilitates communication with National Members.

International Council for Science

The Union continues to maintain strong relations with the International Council for Science (ICSU). Past-President Denis served on the ICSU Executive Board; Secretary-General Ritchie served on the Committee for Scientific Planning and Research; and EC member 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. At the ICSU General Assembly, Past-President B. Overmier was elected to the ICSU Executive Board.

International Social Science Council

IUPsyS, together with other ISSC members, participated in a special consultation in early 2008 prior to the ISSC General Assembly later in the year. The renewal of ISSC continues. The Union will participate at the ISSC sponsored World Social Science Forum to be held in 2009 as well as contributing to the World Social Science Report being prepared by ISSC under UNESCO auspices. Union Treasurer, Professor Michel Sabourin was elected to the ISSC Executive Committee.

Special Projects

The Advanced Research Training Seminars (ARTS) The annual reports for this quadrennium highlighted the implications of the Union's strategically oriented planning and concomitant changes to the way it conducts its business. Capacity-building emerged as a central priority, not only for this quadrennium, but as part of the core vision of the Union. Historically,

continues to be a centerpiece of the Union's capacity-building program. ARTS are held every even-numbered year, in conjunction with the major international congresses of the Union and of IAAP. For the 2008 ARTS, the Co-Coordinator were Professors I. Lunt and Heidi Keller. A strong ARTS programme was again developed, with three offerings: Structural Equation Modeling (Professor P. Bentler, University of California, Los Angeles); Large-Scale International Data Sets Relevant for Research in Educational and Developmental Psychology (Professors J. Torney-Purta, University of Maryland, College Park and R. Lehman, Humboldt University of Berlin); Qualitative and Mixed-Method Research in Cross-Cultural psychology (Professor T. Weiner, University of California, Los Angeles).

The IUPsyS Work Group on HealthNet and Health Psychology, which incorporated HealthNet, was coordinated by former EC member Professor J.J. Sanchez Sosa. It will continue its renewal and expansion under the coordination of new EC member, Dr. Ann Watts. This Network also provides collaboration and assistance to Union and to the World Health Organization (WHO) in implementing the IUPsyS-WHO Work Plan.

Official Relations between the Union and the World Health Organization (WHO) were established in 2002. In 2006, WHO and the Union renewed their Official Relations. Secretary-General, Professor Pierre Ritchie, serves as the Union's Main Representative to WHO. The Union 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 Geoff Reed (Spain) as Senior Project Officer for the revision of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse chapter of the ICD. The Union has appointed EC member Dr. Watts (USA) as its member of the International Advisory Committee for this activity in WHO.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PLANS

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 new Strategic Plan reaffirms the Union's commitment to this area. Furthermore, the choice of

Cape Town, South Africa well illustrates the Union's intent to devote resources to supporting the development of psychology in Africa.

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

The 2004 Assembly mandated that the Union function on the basis of a Strategic Plan. This was re-affirmed at the 2006 Assembly and again at the Berlin Assembly. While the process of strategic planning is now a fundamental principle for the Union's governance and management, the Union is still learning how to function strategically. The Executive Committee and Officers have embraced this process. The Union is developing a well crafted approach to strategic planning. A challenge for the new quadrennium remains will be the refinement of this process.

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 small part-time secretariat receives demands well beyond the limits of its resources. For example, the volume of communications as well as the expectation of rapid responses has been an ever-increasing challenge relative to available administrative resources. The decision to create a part-time Executive Officer position is an important first step to enable the Union to function more effectively. It will also be essential to have realistic expectations of the Executive Officer. One part-time person, however capable, will not be able to do everything that merits attention. The Officers in particular will be 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.

In the quadrennium just concluded, 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 implemented the orderly renewal begun in the previous quadrennium. A strategic vision and key priorities are in place for the new quadrennium just begun. Nonetheless, sustained leadership and active participation of the Union's constituents remain necessary ingredients to ensure future success.

Compared to the past decade, moderately enhanced additional resources will make further achievements possible. The new quadrennium begins with recognition of the achievements attained in recent years and the prospect of further substantial progress in the coming four years.