

**Minutes
Incoming Executive Committee Meeting
July 25 2008
Berlin, Germany**

In attendance: R. Silbereisen (President), M. Bullock, H. Carpintero, P. Frensch, J. Georgas, P. Maras , B.Overmier, J. Pandey, P. Ritchie, M. Sabourin, G. Soygut, B.Tversky, A.Watts, K. Zhang. Absent: M. Larsson,

The meeting began with EC member introductions.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Adopted

2. Report of the President

2.1 Perspectives and Vision

Silbereisen provided an overview of his vision for the Union, which includes increased inclusion of psychology in all parts of the world in the Union's activities and purview, increased action and visibility to all National Members, and a more constant level of EC participation in the work of the Union. He urged EC members to focus on specific tasks within the larger vision, and to leverage support within their own institution; He applauded the tremendous progress in securing financial resources and expressed the hope that the new publishing arrangements would provide high industry standards for publishing.

Silbereisen noted that although substantial, the absolute size of the new financial resources is still insufficient to achieve the Union's goals and the Union needs a steady flow of outside funding, including an endowment and grants and contracts from foundations or others.

Silbereisen called on the EC to further the Union roles of representing psychology to the world and offering psychological expertise on pressing social problems. He urged the EC to develop a "product mode" and to team up with foundations, publishing companies and others to produce capacity building, teaching, reference materials, for the world.

While acknowledging that the International Congress of Psychology is one of the premier products of the Union and is an important showcase for psychology, Silbereisen urged the Union to focus on regional conferences and smaller events, including side events to the larger Congress. He also urged the Union to capitalize on the visibility offered by recognition through awards. The Dogan award is an example of an activity that produces important outcomes in terms of visibility and recognition to the Union.

Just as the Union needs to be all-encompassing in terms of inclusion of psychologists, it needs to be all encompassing in terms of representation of content areas. It is important to be include all types of science – basic, applied and translation science.

Silbereisen summarized his vision as giving priorities to that which we can achieve, being inclusive, and improving both the financial situation and recognition to the Union.

The EC was appreciative of the comments of the President.

The President pledged to assure that every member of the EC is asked to accomplish tasks that are appreciated and that are matched to his/her background

3. Report of the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General

The Secretary-General provided a general orientation to the EC, including the Standing Committees (as defined in the statutes) and the ad hoc Working Groups. He followed with logistical details concerning EC meeting schedules, locations and places of upcoming EC meetings:

2009 South Africa, site visit for the 2012 Congress

2010 Melbourne, Australia in the venue of the IAAP congress

2011 EC in any location! (often in conjunction with a continental congress but not necessarily)
2012 Capetown, South Africa

In addition to regular EC meetings, Union Officers meet at least once annually, usually in the late winter or early spring and sometimes more frequently as opportunities arise for subsets of the officers to get together

3.1.1 Terms of Reference for Committees and Work Groups

The President made assignments to EC structures and tasks as follows:

Standing Committee on Strategic Planning (an oversight committee for strategic planning. The major tasks for the next quadrennium are to (1) Operationalize the present strategic plan; develop strategies for implementing tasks; and (3) prepare a strategic plan for the next quadrennium. The President is Chair.

WG on Awards and Recognition. Chair: Zhang

WG on Funding. Chair: Peter Frensch

WG on Membership. Chair: Helio Carpintero

WG on Policy Development & Policy Statements Chair: Maria Larsson

WG on Communication with National Members. Chair: Jim Georgas

Standing Committee on Communications and Publications. Chair: Bruce Overmier

Editor Search (immediate task of looking for a new editor). Chair: Barbara Tversky

Standing Committee on Capacity Building (task to help develop a vision of activities and coordination). Chair: Laura Hernandez

WG on ARTS (joint undertaking by three societies). Chair: Gonca Soygüt

WG on Education for Psychologists. Chair: Janak Pandey

WG on HealthNet and Health Psychology. Chair: Ann Watts

WG on National Capacity Building. Chair: Pam Maras

WG on Implementation of Quality Enhancement / Evaluation Criteria: Tversky

The Officers will send letters to each Committee and WG chair indicating the terms of reference for each group.

5. Report of the treasurer

The EC unanimously adopted the preliminary 2009 budget as presented by the treasurer.

6. ICP 2016

The EC was reminded that there were no bids presented at the 2008 Assembly. The officers will continue pursuing additional / renewed bids to be presented to the Assembly in 2010. The EC was reminded that there is no "inside track" on the bid and any countries that are interested in making a bid are welcome to do so.

Items 7, 8, 9 subsumed under Item 3.1.1

10. Regional Conferences

10.1 Regional Conference 2009 -

Bruce Overmier was appointed Liaison to the Regional Conference to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria

10.2 Regional Conference 2011

The EC endorsed developing a regional conference in the English Speaking Caribbean region. Bullock was appointed as liaison.

11. ICSU

11.1 Appointment of GA delegates.

Overmier, Silbereisen and Ritchie were appointed as delegates to the General Assembly that will be held in Maputo, Mozambique in October 2008.

11.2 EB nomination

The EC endorsed the nomination of Overmier for Executive Board in ICSU for the 2008 elections.

11.3 GA Poster session

There is an opportunity to present a poster at the time of the General Assembly. The Officers will consult with the Capacity Building chair and will develop a poster.

11.4 Grants program

ICSU has brought back a modest grants program. The officers will consult with EC members about possible projects.

12. ISSC

The appointment of the General Assembly delegates and IUPsyS nominations to the Executive Committee was delegated to the officers

12.3 World Social Science Forum

The World Social Science Forum will take place in Bergen Norway in the spring of 2009. The officers will pursue IUPsyS input into the program

12.4 World Social Science Report

It was noted that Hernandez-Guzman has been appointed to the editorial committee for the World Social Science Report

13 WHO

13.1 Appointment of Main Representative

Pierre Ritchie was reappointed as the Main Representative to WHO.

13.2 ICD Advisory Committee

The EC was asked for suggestions for liaison from IUPsyS to the ICD advisory committee. The current liaison, Geoffrey Reed, is now seconded at WHO request to be part of the central revision team at WHO

14. EC 2009

14.1 Date/Location

The 2009 EC will be held in conjunction with the PsySSA congress in Cape Town South Africa. The present working dates: (note 9-day commitment for the officers and 7 day commitment for the EC)

Officers meeting August 12

EC August 13- August 17

Officers meeting August 18

Wednesday August 12 will be available for regular EC members to make a contribution to the PsySSA Congress Program; If officers make substantive contribution it must be on other days

EC discussed the length of the meeting and decided that it was appropriate to combine meeting time and some touristic activities as part of the site visit for a combined commitment of 7 days.

14.3 Briefing on Travel Arrangements

The Secretariat will send a memo with travel parameters. EC members are encouraged to work to obtain low cost, advance fare tickets.

15. The President and the EC congratulated the Past President for his service to the Union and for his accomplishments in the past quadrennium.

16. The EC adjourned.