



## Committee Report

Date Submitted: 2023-06-09

Committee Name: International Relations Committee

Committee Chair: Jennifer A. Veitch, Ph.D.

Board Liaison (if different from Committee Chair): Shelley Goodwin, Ph.D.

### Committee's Mandate:

The goal of the Committee is to foster interactions between psychologists in Canada and their colleagues abroad, to promote an international perspective within Canadian psychology, and to actively encourage the use of psychological knowledge internationally.

The CPA is recognized by the National Research Council of Canada as the partner organization responsible for representing the discipline at the international level of scientific unions. This responsibility is enacted through a subgroup in the IRC, known as the Canadian National Panel for the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS), which is responsible for administering Canada's participation in IUPsyS. Dr. Saba Safar is the current Head of the CNP/IUPsyS.

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Regular/Annual Activities	Update	
1. Spring meeting	Held via Zoom, 2022-06-14	
2. Mid-year meeting	Held via Zoom, 2023-02-02	
3. IUPsyS General Assembly	Delegates attended on-line, July 2022	
2022-2023 Initiatives (if applicable)	Status	Comments
1. Special issue of <i>Canadian Psychology</i>	In progress	See: <a href="https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/cap/contributions-psychological-science-global-challenges">https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/cap/contributions-psychological-science-global-challenges</a> It would be nice to see this on the CPA page also.
2. Panel discussion at CPA Convention, Saturday (14:00 - 14:55)	In progress	Panel Discussion 95697 The what, why, and how of advancing psychology internationally for all. Speakers: Jennifer Veitch, John Berry, Josephine Tan, Gary Latham
3. IUPsyS article in <i>Psygnature</i>	Complete	Nov. 22, Vol. 1. Issue 1, p. 7 and full report here: <a href="https://cpa.ca/docs/File/IUPsyS/IUPsyS_General_Assembly_Report-Aug24-2022-EN.pdf">https://cpa.ca/docs/File/IUPsyS/IUPsyS_General_Assembly_Report-Aug24-2022-EN.pdf</a>
4. Article in <i>Psynopsis</i>	Complete	"International professional development and career opportunities for Canadian psychologists" by Shelley Goodwin, Lindsay McCunn, & Naomi Koerner; 2022, Issue 3, pp. 24-25.
5. Canadian National Panel for IUPsyS member recruitment	In progress	The CNP/IUPsyS has had some departures this year. We have advertised in <i>Psygnature</i> for replacements but will need to step up communications to members in order to fill the available slots.
6. Website updates	In progress	We have established criteria for posting announcements about international psychology to the IRC web page and delegated a committee member to oversee this. See <a href="https://cpa.ca/aboutcpa/committees/internationalrelations/news/">https://cpa.ca/aboutcpa/committees/internationalrelations/news/</a> .

**Motions to be passed at Board meeting as part of consent agenda:**

1. The IRC will contribute a commentary to Canadian Psychology as part of the special issue. We intend this to be a promotional item for the association and its many international contributions – including the special issue itself. In order to increase the readership of this commentary, which we expect will promote readership of the articles in the issue, we ask for the agreement of the Board to apply a ‘free to read’ period of **12 months** to the commentary.

Written as a motion:

That the CPA Board agrees to apply a ‘free to read’ period of 12 months to the commentary that the International Relations Committee will write as a contribution to the special issue of *Canadian Psychology* on “Contributions of psychological science to understanding and addressing global challenges”.

Motions for Board deliberation and decision (briefing note(s) provided separately):

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