

CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE PSYCHOLOGIE

International Relations Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

The International Relations Committee (IRC) for 2009-2010 consisted of Janel Gauthier (Chair), John Berry (Secretary), John Adair, Ozge Akcali, Gira Bhatt, Anthony Dugbartey, Svetlana Gabidulina, Catherine Lee (CPA Board Representative), Gary Latham, Arnold Muller, Kimberly Noels, Pierre Ritchie, Michel Sabourin, Saba Sadfar, Sonia Singh, Peter Suedfeld, Randal Tonks and Marta Young.

The Committee oversees and makes recommendations on matters pertaining to CPA's international representation and activities in psychology.

A work plan for 2009-2010 was adopted by the Committee at its meeting in Montreal on June 12, 2009. Some of the activities focused on the dissemination of information about international psychology. Thanks to Gira Bhatt's effective co-ordination, several articles were drafted under the auspices of the Committee and published in *Psynopsis* to inform CPA members about various activities in psychology. Topics included the 32nd Interamerican Congress of Psychology in Guatemala in June-July 2009 and doing psychology internationally while on sabbatical abroad. Contributors to the articles were (in alphabetical order): John Berry, Janel Gauthier, and Randal G. Tonks.

Another important activity has involved the preparation of a letter of intent, which was sent on behalf of CPA by Karen Cohen to Prof. Michael Knowles, President of the IAAP, at the end of last December. The purpose of the letter was to declare that the Canadian Psychological Association intended to submit a proposal to organize the 29th International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP) in 2018. As it was a merely a letter of intent, the letter had no financial implications whatsoever for CPA. However, it made it possible for CPA and a host city of its choice to submit a bid in due time in 2010. Several members of the International Relations Committee have also expressed support for the idea of submitting an application to organize the 2018 ICAP. At least three Canadian convention centres have demonstrated an interest in submitting a bid for hosting the 29th ICAP. The Board of Directors has considered the financial implications of organizing such an event and, so far, has decided to abstain.

Other activities for 2009-2010 included representations on international associations:

International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS): See the report of the Canadian National Committee (CNC) of the National Research Council for the International Union of Psychological Science. The CNC is the body responsible for Canada's membership and representation within the IUPsyS (see www.iupsys.org for further details).

International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP): The objectives of the IAAP are to promote the advancement of applied psychology around the world, chiefly through its quadrennial International Congresses of Applied Psychology and its publications, which include two journals (*Applied Psychology: An International Review* and *Applied Psychology: Health and Well-Being*) and a newsletter (*IAAP Bulletin*) (see www.iaapsy.org for further details). The IAAP

has only individual members. Canada is represented on the IAAP Board of Directors by (in alphabetical order) John Berry (Member-at-Large), Janel Gauthier (Secretary-General), Robert Gifford (President of Division on Environmental Psychology), Esther Greenglass (President of Division on Health Psychology), and Richard Young (President of Division on Counselling Psychology). The IAAP Board of Directors will meet in Melbourne, Australia on July 10 and 11, 2010. The next International Congresses of Applied Psychology will be held in Melbourne, Australia (July 11-16, 2010) and Paris, France (2014).

International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP): The IACCP promotes research and communication within cross-cultural psychology through its biennial congresses and its publications: *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, the *Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin*, and biennial congress proceedings volumes (see www.iaccp.org for further details). Kimberly Noels serves on the IACCP Executive Council as Regional Representative for North America. The next IACCP international congress will be staged as a satellite congress to the International Congress of Applied Psychology in Melbourne, Australia (July 7-10, 2010).

InterAmerican Society of Psychology (ISP/SIP): The membership of SIP (the Spanish-language acronym) is made up of individual psychologists. The organization coordinates activities on behalf of psychology in the Americas, publishes the *Interamerican Journal of Psychology*, and organizes Interamerican congresses every two years (see www.sipsych.org for further details). Janel Gauthier represents Canada on the SIP Board of Directors. The next SIP congress will be held in Medellin, Colombia, June 26-30, 2011).

Other International Psychology Organizations. CPA Members/Fellows are encouraged to bring to the attention of the Committee their involvement in other international societies and associations.

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Chair