

CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE PSYCHOLOGIE

International Relations Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

The International Relations Committee (IRC) for 2010-2011 consisted of Janel Gauthier (Chair), John Berry (Secretary), John Adair, Gira Bhatt, Anthony Dugbartey, Svetlana Gabidulina, Gary Latham, Arnold Muller, Kimberly Noels, Pierre Ritchie, Michel Sabourin, Saba Sadfar, Aimée Surprenant (CPA Board Representative), Peter Suedfeld, Randal Tonks, Jennifer Veitch (Chair of the Canadian National Committee for IUPsyS) 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 2010-2011 was adopted by the Committee at its meeting in Winnipeg on June 5, 2010. 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 international activities in psychology. Topics included the 27th International Congress of Applied Psychology and the 20th International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology in Melbourne in July 2010, and Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with other national psychological associations.

Another important activity has involved making representations to the CPA Board of Directors to reconsider a decision made earlier about not submitting a proposal to the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) to organize the 29th International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP) in 2018. As a result, the Chair of the International Relations Committee was invited to meet with the Board of Directors at its post-convention Board Meeting last June to answer questions in relation with IAAP and ICAP. The meeting was successful in that the Board adopted a motion to pursue discussions with IAAP regarding the possibility of submitting a bid to host ICAP2018. In November 2010, IAAP President Ray Fowler met with the CPA Board of Directors at its regular fall meeting in Ottawa. The financial implications of organizing such an event were discussed, as were various ways of addressing those issues in a contract that would offer protection to an ICAP host against financial losses. While CPA has demonstrated a new interest in hosting an ICAP, it has not decided yet to submit a bid.

Other activities for 2010-2011 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), and Gary Latham (President of Division on Organizational Psychology). The next International Congress of Applied Psychology will be held in Paris, France in 2014. For more information, see <http://www.icap2014.com/about-the-IAAP-congress.html>

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). Steven Heine serves on the IACCP Executive Council as Regional Representative for North America. The next IACCP international congress will be held in Stellenbosch, South Africa, July 17-21, 2012. For more information, see <http://www.iaccp.org>

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). For more information, see <http://www.sip2011.org>

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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