

CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE PSYCHOLOGIE

International Relations Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

The International Relations Committee (IRC) for 2012-2013 consisted of Janel Gauthier (Chair), John Berry (Secretary), Gira Bhatt, Anthony Dugbartey, Svetlana Gabidulina, Paul Greenman, Noels Kimberly, Gary Latham, Wolfgang Linden (CPA President-Elect and CPA Board Liaison), Pierre Ritchie, Michel Sabourin, Saba Sadfar, Peter Suedfeld, Randal Tonks, Jennifer Veitch (Chair of the Canadian National Committee for the International Union of Psychological Science), 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 2012-2013 was adopted by the Committee at its meeting in Halifax on June 16, 2012. In accordance with this plan, the following activities were completed.

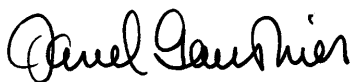
Preparation and Publication of Articles. Thanks to Gira Bhatt's effective co-ordination, four articles were prepared under the auspices of the Committee and published in *Psynopsis* to inform CPA members about various international activities in psychology. Topics included the 30th International Congress of Psychology held in Cape Town and the 21st International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology held in Stellenbosch (Janel Gauthier & John Berry, Fall 2012), the 22nd Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development (Kimberley Noels, Fall 2012), the role and meaning of memoranda of understanding in international relations (Janel Gauthier, Winter 2013), and reflections of an international student of psychology on the academic and cultural transitions from China to Canada (Biru Zhao, Spring 2013).

Representations for Hosting the 29th International Congress of Applied Psychology. In July 2012, the representations made earlier by the Committee to the CPA Board of Directors with regard to the hosting of the 29th International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP) resulted in the submission of an application to organise an ICAP in Montreal in 2018. The bid was approved in principle by the Board of Directors of the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) in July 2012. CPA and IAAP have yet to reach an agreement on the terms of a contract for hosting the event. The Committee has been following the negotiations closely ever since they began last Fall.

Representations on International Organizations. Other activities for 2012-2013 included representations on international organizations:

- **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 (President-Elect of IAAP), and Gary Latham (President-Elect 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>
- **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 Reims, France, immediately following the ICAP in Paris. For more information, see <http://www.iaccp2014.com>
- **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 Brasilia, Brazil, July 15-19, 2013). For more information, see <http://www.sip2013.org/eng/principal.html>
- **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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