

# CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE PSYCHOLOGIE

## *International Relations Committee*

### ANNUAL REPORT

The International Relations Committee (IRC) for 2013-2014 consisted of Janel Gauthier (Chair), Gira Bhatt (Secretary), Rehman Abdulrehman, John Berry, Anthony Dugbartey, Svetlana Gabidulina, Paul Greenman, Noels Kimberly, Gary Latham, Judi Malone (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 2013-2014 was adopted by the Committee at its meeting in Quebec on June 13, 2013. In accordance with this plan, the following activities were completed.

**Preparation and Publication of Articles.** Thanks to Gira Bhatt's effective co-ordination, five 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 challenges and opportunities in international teaching (by John Berry, Summer 2013, 53), international students in Canada (by Gira Bhatt, Fall 2013, 42), role and meaning of Canadian representation to the General Assembly of the International Union of Psychological Science (by Janel Gauthier & John Berry in collaboration with Jennifer Veitch, Winter 2014, 47), the North American Regional Congress of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology and the 8th Biennial Congress of the International Academy of Intercultural Research (by Saba Sadfar, Winter 2014, 48), and the First Eastern Africa Regional Conference of Psychology (by Janel Gauthier & Gary Latham, Spring 2014, in press)

**Assistance in Negotiations of an Agreement for Hosting the 29th International Congress of Applied Psychology in Montreal in 2018.** After long and arduous negotiations, the Canadian Psychological Association and the International Association of Applied Psychology reached an agreement on the terms of a contract for hosting the event. The Committee monitored the situation closely and provided comments and suggestions when deemed appropriate to help the process to move forward.

**Representations on International Organizations.** Other activities for 2013-2014 included representations on international organizations:

- **International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS):** See the report of the Canadian National Committee (CNC) 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](http://www.iupsys.org) for further details). The next International Congress of Psychology will be held in Yokohama, Japan, July 24-29, 2016. For more information, see <http://www.icp2016.jp>

- **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](http://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, July 8-13, 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](http://www.iaccp.org) for further details). Canada is represented on the IACCP Executive Council by Steven Heine who serves as Regional Representative for North America. The next IACCP international congress will be held in Reims, France, July 15-19, 2014. 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](http://www.sipsych.org) for further details). The next SIP congress will be held in Lima, Peru, July 12-16, 2015 (website to be confirmed).
- **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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