

CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE PSYCHOLOGIE

International Relations Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

The International Relations Committee (IRC) for 2014-2015 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), Marie-Hélène Pelletier, 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 2014-2015 was adopted by the Committee at its meeting in Vancouver on June 7, 2014. In accordance with this plan, the following activities were completed:

- Two articles were prepared under the auspices of the Committee and published in *Psynopsis* to inform CPA members about international activities in psychology. The title of the first article was "Paris and Reims: Hosts of Two International Psychology Conferences" (by Janel Gauthier, John Berry and Saba Safdar, Fall 2014, p. 38-39); it provided an overview of the International Congress of Applied Psychology and the International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology. The title of the second one was "International Knowledge Exchange: Reflection of a Canadian Psychologist" (by Peter Suedfeld, Winter 2014, p. 47); it provided an overview of his recent scholarly exchanges at two international venues: China and The Czech Republic.
- On behalf of the IRC and in collaboration with the CPA Section on International and Cross-Cultural Psychology, John Berry and Saba Safdar submitted a proposal to the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology considering Canada as a venue for hosting their international congress in Canada as a satellite conference to the International Congress of Applied Psychology to be held in Montreal at the end of June 2018.
- The IRC submitted a nomination for the CPA Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology.
- The IRC, jointly with the Canadian National Committee/International Union of Psychological Science, submitted a proposal to the CPA President for inviting the President of the Organizing Committee for the 2016th International Congress of Psychology, Prof. Kazuo Shigemasu, to give a keynote address at the 2015 CPA Convention.
- A proposal was submitted by the IRC to the CPA Convention Committee to invite Janel Gauthier to present a keynote speech at the 2015 CPA Convention. In July 2014, he became the first Canadian psychologist to assume the office of President of the International Association of Applied Psychology, which was created in 1920.
- The IRC worked on the planning of a meeting between the CPA International Relations Committee and the APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology (CIRP) to be held during the APA convention in Toronto this August. The purpose of the meeting will be to explore areas of possible collaboration and discussion between the two committees

Other activities for 2014-2015 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 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 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 of IAAP), Frédéric Guay (President-Elect of Division on Educational, Instructional, and School Psychology), Gary Latham (President of Division on Organizational Psychology), and Marie-Hélène Pelletier (Chair of the Membership Committee). The next International Congress of Applied Psychology will be held in Montreal, June 26-30, 2018. For more information, see <http://www.icap2018.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). 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 Nagoya, Japan, July 30 – August 3, 2016. For more information, see www.iaccp2016.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). The next SIP congress will be held in Lima, Peru, July 12-16, 2015. For more information, see <http://sip2015.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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