

CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE PSYCHOLOGIE

International Relations Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

The International Relations Committee (IRC) for 2017-2018 consisted of Janel Gauthier (Chair), Gira Bhatt (Secretary), John Berry, Cristina Busila, Keith Dobson (Chair of the Canadian National Committee for the International Union of Psychological Science), Paul Greenman, Noels Kimberly, Gary Latham, Saba Safdar, Peter Suedfeld, Randal Tonks, Jennifer Veitch, and Marta Young. Sam Mikail was the Liaison to the Committee for the CPA Board of Directors.

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

A work plan for 2018-2019 was adopted by the Committee at its meeting in Montreal on June 28, 2018. As planned, the Committee prepared or contributed to articles to be published in *Psynopsis* to inform CPA members about international activities in psychology. The main activities related to publications involve:

- a) Reviewing and contributing to an open letter entitled "Free Circulation of Scientists: Implications for international psychology conferences", which was published in the Fall issue of *Psynopsis* [2018, 40(4), 18-19]. The letter was written by John Berry, Member of the CPA's International Relations Committee. The purpose of the letter was to call on all members of CPA to share knowledge of the core principle of the Free Circulation of Scientists with their students, colleagues and professional associations in order to avoid problems when organizing international conferences or dealing with prospective international students and academic visitors. The final draft of the letter was formally endorsed by the Committee at the end of August 2018.
- b) Preparing an article entitled "An International Gathering of Cross-Cultural Psychologists in Guelph", which was submitted for publication in the Winter issue of *Psynopsis* [2019, 41(1)]. The article was written by Saba Safdar, Member of the CPA's International Relations Committee, and aimed to present a brief report on at the International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology held at the University of Guelph in Guelph, Canada (July 1-5, 2018). Saba Safdar was the chair the Congress Organizing Committee.

The Chair of the Committee received a letter from CPA President Sam Mikail in March 2019, in which he was informed that the Board of Directors had voted to combine the International Relations Committee and the Canadian National Committee for the International Union of Psychological Science (CNC/IUPsyS). IRC Chair Janel Gauthier had communications with CNC/IUPsyS Chair Keith Dobson regarding this matter to discuss some of the issues raised by this merging and how best to address them in a revised committee structure. An agreement was made to explore the possibility of developing a committee structure in which the CNC/IUPsyS would become a sub-committee of the IRC, and in which there would be a Vice-Chair or a Co-Chair who leads the CNC/IUPsyS as a sub-committee. Jennifer Veitch and John Berry have agreed to work with Janel Gauthier and Keith Dobson on the process of merging the two committees. Work on the Terms of Reference for the "restructured" IRC will begin after the IRC and the CNC/IUPsyS have reached an agreement on the committee structure.

Other activities for 2018-2019 included representations on international organizations:

- **International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS):** See the report of the Canadian National Committee for the International Union of Psychological Science (CNC/IUPsyS). The CNC/IUPsyS 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 Prague, Czech Republic, July 19-24, 2020. For more information, see <http://www.icp2020.com/>
- **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 <https://www.iaapsy.org> for further details). Canada is represented on the IAAP Board of Directors by (in alphabetical order) Janel Gauthier (Past President of IAAP), Peter Graf (President of Division 14 Applied Cognitive Psychology), Frédéric Guay (President of Division on Educational, Instructional, and School Psychology), Gary Latham (Past President of Division on Organizational and Work Psychology, and Chair of the Policy Advisory Committee), and Marie-Hélène Pelletier (Member of the Executive Committee and Chair of the Membership Committee). The next International Congress of Applied Psychology will be held in Beijing, China, July 25-29, 2018. For more information, see <http://www.icap2022.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 Saba Safdar who serves as Deputy Secretary-General, and Valery Chirkov who serves as Regional Representative (North America – Canada). The next IACCP international congress will be held in Olomouc, Czech Republic in 2020. Date and venue are yet to be confirmed.
- **InterAmerican Society of Psychology (ISP/SIP):** The SIP (the Spanish-language acronym) publishes the *Interamerican Journal of Psychology* and a newsletter (*Bulletin of SIP*), and organizes every two years an Interamerican Congress of Psychology and every two years a Regional Congress that alternates with the years of the Interamerican Congress. The next Interamerican Congress of Psychology (SIP) will be held in Havana, Cuba, July 15-19, 2019. For more information, see <http://events.caribbeanlacarte.com/cipcuba-2019.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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Chair