

CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE PSYCHOLOGIE
International Relations Committee

Annual Report of the Chair to the CPA Board of Directors

2021-05-07

2020-2021 Membership: Jennifer Veitch (Chair), John Berry, Gira Bhatt (Secretary), Cristina Busila, Janel Gauthier, Naomi Koerner, Gary Latham, David Nussbaum, Saba Safdar (Head of CNP/IUPsyS), Don Saklofske, Ada Sinacore (Board Liaison), Peter Suedfeld, Randal Tonks

In the program year 2020-2021, the committee has accomplished all of its immediate goals towards raising awareness among CPA members about psychology representation, news, and events outside Canada.

1. Psynopsis articles

Three articles from the International Relations Committee have been published since June 2020, and one more has been submitted.

Veitch, J. A. (2020, Summer). The global voice for science, including psychology: The International Science Council. *Psynopsis*, 42(3), pp. 36-37. <https://cpa.ca/docs/File/Psynopsis/2020-Vol42-3/index.html#p=36>.

Safdar, S. (2021, Winter). The International Union of Psychological Science: Role, functions, and current activities. *Psynopsis*, 43(1), p. 32. <https://cpa.ca/docs/File/Psynopsis/2021-Vol43-1/index.html#p=32>

Koerner, N. (2021, Spring). Virtual conferences of the Interamerican Society of Psychology and the Puerto Rico Psychology Association. *Psynopsis*, 43(2), p. 32. <https://cpa.ca/docs/File/Psynopsis/2021-Vol43-2/index.html#p=31>

Koerner, N., & Tan, J. (submitted). Human rights, dignity, and justice: 78th Annual Conference of the International Council of Psychologists *Psynopsis*, submitted.

2. International Psychology at the CPA 2021 Virtual Convention

Events that had been submitted for the CPA 2020 convention by Dr. John Berry and Dr. Saba Safdar will be presented at the CPA 2021 Virtual Convention. These are under the aegis of the Section on International and Cross-Cultural Psychology. Of note, Dr. Safdar will chair a discussion session titled *Honouring Professor Marta Young, Past Chair of International and Cross-Cultural Section of the CPA*. Prof. Young had, of course, also been a member of the International Relations Committee and was one of the Canadian delegates to the International Union of Psychological Science at the time of her death.

On behalf of the International Relations Committee itself, Drs. Veitch and Koerner will co-moderate a panel discussion “Inspiring psychologists to respond to global issues” (June 15, 2021, 13:00 EDT). The

invited panellists, all selected because they are leaders of organizations active in the Global Psychology Alliance, will be Dr. Jennifer Kelly (APA), Prof. Daryl O'Connor (BPS), Dr. Carlos Zalaquett (SIP), and Dr. Josephine Tan (ICP).

3. Canadian National Panel for the International Union of Psychological Science (CNP/IUPsyS)

Dr. Saba Safdar, Head of the CNP/IUPsyS, has completed the inaugural membership of the CNP/IUPsyS and its has held its first meeting. The members are:

CNP/IUPsyS Head: Saba Safdar

Chair of the CPA International Relations Committee: Jennifer Veitch

Chair of the CPA Scientific Affairs Committee: Jean Saint-Aubin

Two CPA Canadian delegates to the IUPsyS General Assembly: John Berry & Saba Safdar

Three members-at-large: Lindsay McCunn (Environmental Section), Thomas Teo (History Section), Stryker Calvez (Indigenous People's Psychology)

Student Rep: Christopher Hinbest (MA student, Ontario Tech University)

The CPA Chief Executive Officer (CEO, observer): Karen R. Cohen

The IUPsyS has announced that its General Assembly, previously scheduled for July 2020, will take place in July 2021 as a hybrid event: in-person in Prague, with an online option. Drs. Safdar and Berry will attend as Canadian delegates, although whether in-person or online is yet unclear.

4. Keeping CPA Members informed

With the help of the CPA Webmaster, the IRC page has been updated with the new Terms of Reference documents for the CPA-IRC and the CPA-IRC-CNP-IUPsyS:

<https://cpa.ca/aboutcpa/committees/internationalrelations/>, and we also have provided links to our *Psynopsis* articles: <https://cpa.ca/aboutcpa/committees/internationalrelations/psynopsis>.

Virtual psychology conferences are now listed on the CPA website for the IRC

(<https://cpa.ca/aboutcpa/committees/internationalrelations/news/>).

A task force of the International Relations Committee has developed proposals for revisions to the committee page on the CPA website. These will be reviewed and discussed at the annual meeting of the committee on May 17, 2021.

5. IRC meetings

The IRC met virtually in December 2020 to review and update the work plan. This was effective, as it led to the convention submission and to a useful revision of our plans for *Psynopsis* submissions. In future the committee will continue to meet twice annually, once in the spring (usually in-person, at the CPA Convention), and once in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer A. Veitch, Ph.D.