

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN:

National Research Council of Canada (NRC)

A Departmental Corporation created
By Act of Parliament, R.S.C. 1985, c. N-15

AND

Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) In support of Canada's
affiliation with the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS)

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS the NRC, through its Grants to International Affiliations Program (IA), maintains memberships in international science and technology (S&T) organizations on behalf of Canada's scientific, engineering and industrial innovation communities, to enable these communities access to international meetings, networking and knowledge exchange.

WHEREAS the NRC maintains affiliations with the International Science Council (ISC), a non-governmental organization with a global membership of national scientific bodies and its international scientific unions, as well as other international bodies on behalf of Canada.

WHEREAS the NRC shares the responsibility for these international affiliations with Canadian scientific, engineering and industrial innovation organizations, as per sections 1 and 2 of this MoU, and other documents such as this one.

WHEREAS each Canadian scientific, engineering and industrial innovation organization creates and maintains its own Canadian National Committee (CNC), composed of leading Canadian researchers, to support Canada's affiliation with relevant international scientific, engineering and industrial innovation bodies.

WHEREAS the NRC and the CPA recognise the importance of giving the Canadian scientific, social sciences, engineering and industrial innovation communities a voice and presence on the

international stage to help strengthen the conditions for research and development excellence in Canada.

THE PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Responsibilities of NRC

- a) NRC will continue to be the national adhering member with the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) on behalf of Canada, and will continue, within its allocated grant budget for international affiliations, to award and issue the annual grant to the IUPsyS. NRC will consult with CPA, and the related CNC regarding the appropriate level of membership with IUPsyS. Should a decision be made by NRC to change the level of membership or not to renew the membership, the CPA will be offered the opportunity to maintain the membership.
- b) The NRC and its advisors will provide advice and overall guidance to CPA on the creation and management of the CNC, according to the CNC Terms of References included in Annex A.
- c) Subject to the availability of grant funding, NRC may also award a grant, in the form of a travel allowance to supplement the travel costs, for a non-governmental Canadian delegate to attend related meetings hosted by the IUPsyS as long as the IUPsyS membership has been maintained by NRC. The travel allowance considers eligible and reasonable travel expenditures, within various travel destinations, by a non-governmental Canadian delegate attending an event associated with the respective internationally affiliated organization. The NRC grant represents only a portion of the eligible travel expenditures, and is to be paid directly to the Canadian non-governmental delegate.

2. Responsibilities of CPA

The CPA, as the representative of the Canadian community working in the field of psychology research, will be responsible for creating and maintaining a CNC for the IUPsyS (hereafter referred to as the “CNC- IUPsyS”). It is expected that the membership of the CNC- IUPsyS will be representative of researchers, and disciplines within its community – regardless of race, citizenship, language, political stance, or gender. In order to evaluate the relevance and effectiveness of the IA Program, and the CNC activities/contributions to the IA Program, the NRC will occasionally seek information from the CNCs in the form of a performance review. Specifically:

- a) The CPA will act as a liaison between the CNC- IUPsyS and the NRC and will make efforts to ensure that the CNC- IUPsyS completes and submits annual performance reviews, as requested by the NRC, at a frequency of no more than once annually to provide an update on the composition of its CNC, the relevance of the International Affiliation within a Canadian context, and the capacity of its CNC to generate beneficial results and outcomes for Canadians. Failure of the CNC- IUPsyS to submit an annual performance review within reasonable timelines to be set by the NRC may result in NRC reassessing the suitability/aptness of the CPA in the role of the CNC- IUPsyS and of the continued Canadian participation in the related international affiliation. The CPA will also make itself available to participate in the periodic evaluation of the broader IA Program.
- b) The CPA, through the CNC- IUPsyS, will nominate the Canadian delegate(s) attending each General Assembly/Council Meeting of the IUPsyS and forward their names and addresses to NRC. NRC will then submit the nominations to the IA to formalize their official appointments. The number of Canadian delegates will be in agreement with the Constitution of the IUPsyS and with any policies on Canadian representation when applicable. The CPA is responsible for ensuring that the Canadian delegate(s) represents broad Canadian interests and obligations within this forum. The CPA will advise as appropriate on issues relating to finances, Constitution and By-Laws, and any other issues discussed at the meetings/general assemblies, as deemed necessary to ensure that all obligations are met, and Canadian interests are well represented.
- c) Following the funded participation in an official IUPsyS Council Meeting/General Assembly, the CPA will make efforts to ensure that the official Canadian delegate(s) provide a written report to the NRC within one month of their return to Canada. This report will outline the discussions and decisions of the IUPsyS Council.
- d) The CPA will be financially responsible for operating and managing the CNC- IUPsyS and, when applicable, related communications with the Canadian community.
- e) The CPA, through the CNC- IUPsyS, will engage with the Canadian scientific, engineering and industrial innovation communities they represent (hereinafter referred to as their “stakeholder community”) to promote the following goals:
 - i. facilitating international scientific activity around global challenges for the benefit of Canadians and the global community;
 - ii. enhancing Canada’s position and reputation in matters of science, engineering and industrial innovation;

- iii. collecting, reconciling and representing the views of their stakeholder community on relevant issues;
- iv. ensuring the promotion of Canadian contributions to international decision-making;
- v. encouraging and supporting their stakeholder community to take advantage of emerging international networking opportunities;
- vi. encouraging and supporting their stakeholder community to take advantage of opportunities to showcase Canadian achievements, technologies, and capacity;
- vii. encouraging their stakeholder community to take active roles in international conferences, symposia, and workshops; and disseminating relevant information obtained about developments in the wider International community to Canadian stakeholders.

3. Duration of the MoU

This MoU shall come into effect upon the date of the last signature and will remain in effect until 31 March 2026, conditional upon successful annual performance review(s) by an expert panel convened through the IA governing body; and conditional upon the availability of funds for the payment of the IUPsyS membership under NRC’s Grants to International Affiliations Program. This MoU can be terminated upon mutual agreement of both participants or with the notice of one party at any time.

AND THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT ON THE __ day of _____ 2021.

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Per
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For the Canadian Psychology Association



Per Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker, Deputy Chief Executive Officer