CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE PSYCHOLOGIE

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

<u>REPORT</u>

Submitted to the Board of Directors March, 2012

The International Relations Committee (IRC) submitted its last report to the Board of Directors in November 2011. The most important activities of the IRC over the last three or four months have involved the following:

- a) Preparing an article entitled "The International Society of Political Psychology: Connecting Psychology and Politics", which was published on behalf of the Committee in the last issue of *Psynopsis* (Winter 2012, p. 55). The article was written by Peter Suedfeld, a member of the International Relations Committee who is also a former Vice-President and a member of the Governing Council of the International Society of Political Psychology. The purpose of the article was to inform CPA Members about some of the important questions addressed by political psychologists around the world, and tell them about the activities of the International Society of Political Psychology, including the 2011 annual conference held in Istanbul in 2011 and the 2012 annual meeting to be held in Chicago (for further details, see (http://www.cpa.ca/docs/File/Psynopsis/winter2012/index.html).
- b) Preparing an article entitled "Caribbean Regional Conference of Psychology", which was submitted on behalf of the Committee by John Berry and Janel Gauthier for publication in the 2012 Spring issue of *Psynopsis*. The purpose of the article was to provide news and information concerning the Conference and the movement toward a regional psychology organization in the Caribbean. It was also to highlight the Canadian presence at the Conference, which included John Berry and Janel Gauthier as invited speakers. The Conference was held in in the Bahamas in November 15-18, 2011. It was hosted by the Bahamas Psychological Association under the auspices of the International Union of Psychological Science, in collaboration with the International Association of Applied Psychology and the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology.
- c) Responding to requests for information from the CPA Head Office to complete the CPA application to host the 29th International Congress of Applied Psychology in 2018.
- d) Collaborating with the Canadian National Committee to promote the 30th International Congress of Psychology to be held in Cape Town, South Africa, July 22-27, 2012.

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