

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), Rehman Abdulrehman, John Berry, Cristina Busila, Keith Dobson (Chair of the Canadian National Committee for the International Union of Psychological Science), Anthony Dugbartey, Svetlana Gabidulina, Paul Greenman, Noels Kimberly, Gary Latham, Marie-Hélène Pelletier, Michel Sabourin, Saba Safdar, Peter Suedfeld, Randy Tonks, Jennifer Veitch, and Marta Young. David Dozois 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 2017-2018 was adopted by the Committee at its meeting in Toronto on June 10, 2017. In accordance with this plan, three articles were prepared under the auspices of the Committee and published in *Psynopsis* to inform CPA members about international activities in psychology:

- 1) The title of the first article was "Report on the Third Conference of the Caribbean Alliance of National Psychological Associations, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, November 7 to 11, 2016" (by John Berry, Spring 2017, p. 30) and its purpose was to provide a sample of some of the key issues discussed at the conference. The theme of the 2016 conference was "Promoting Caribbean Health with Multiculturalism and Multilingualism: Challenges and Opportunities". It sought to highlight the importance of promoting health in the Caribbean region while understanding and appreciating the multicultural and multilingual nature of the region.
- 2) The title of the second article was "Research in a Celtic Nation" (by Maxine Crawford – a psychology student at the University of British Columbia, Summer, pp. 32-33) and its purpose was to encourage those who aspire to conduct research overseas to pursue their aspiration. The article described the hurdles to be anticipated in planning a research trip overseas (such as ethics applications, paperwork, finding a lab space) and how to deal with them.
- 3) The title of the third article was "The First Southeast Asia Regional Conference of Psychology: Human Well-Being and Sustainable Development" (by John Berry and Janel Gauthier, Winter 2018, pp. 26-27) and its purpose was to highlight the various ways this regional conference had made history. There were 491 scientists and practitioners from 35 countries (including 9 countries in Southeast Asia). It was the second largest regional conference of psychology ever held since the first one in Guanzhou, China in 1995. The presentations covered virtually all areas of psychology, including those with a theoretical, empirical and applied focus.

Other activities for 2017-2018 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 Prague, Czech Republic, July 19-24, 2020. For more information, see <https://www.facebook.com/ICP-2020-International-Congress-of-Psychology-900425396728578/>

- **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). Canada is represented on the IAAP Board of Directors by (in alphabetical order) David Dozois (Co-President of the 2018 ICAP), Janel Gauthier (President of IAAP), Peter Graf (Co-President of the 2018 ICAP), Frédéric Guay (President-Elect of Division on Educational, Instructional, and School Psychology), Gary Latham (President of Division on Organizational and Work Psychology, and Chair of the Policy Advisory Committee), and Marie-Hélène Pelletier (Chair of the Membership Committee). The next International Congress of Applied Psychology will be held in Montreal, Quebec, 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 Saba Safdar who serves as Deputy Secretary-General. The next IACCP international congress will be held in Guelph, Ontario, July 1-5, 2018. For more information, see <http://iaccp.org/node/627>
- **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 Regional Congress of SIP congress will be held in Managua, Nicaragua, July 26-28, 2018. The next Interamerican Congress of Psychology (SIP) will be held in Havana, Cuba.
- **World Health Organization (WHO) – Global Clinical Practice Network (GCPN):** Established by the WHO's Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the GCPN is an international and multilingual internet-based network of mental health and primary care professionals who review materials, offer feedback about ideas or concepts that WHO is developing. Marie-Hélène Pelletier is a registered participant in the GCPN. For more information, see <https://www.globalclinicalpractice.net/en/>
- **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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