

International Relations Committee

The Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles for Psychologists

JANEL GAUTHIER, Ph.D., Chair

Since 2002, I have had the honor and the privilege to lead an international ethics initiative under the auspices of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPSyS) and the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP).

The goal of the project was to develop a universal declaration of ethical principles for psychologists. Over the last six years, I have written about the project in *Psychopsis* and I have presented progress reports at symposia during CPA annual conventions.

Last April, the Ad Hoc Joint Committee for the Development of a Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles for Psychologists approved the release of the third draft of the *Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles for Psychologists*. This latest draft was then submitted to the sponsoring organizations of the project for review, and possible adoption.

As Chair of the Ad Hoc Joint Committee, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the third draft of the *Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles for Psychologists* was adopted by the General Assembly of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPSyS) on July 22, and, subsequently, by the Board of Directors of the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) on July 26 during their respective meetings in Berlin. In both instances, the vote on the motion to adopt the *Universal Declaration* was unanimous. One could not have hoped for stronger and more enthusiastic support from the international psychology community.

The IUPSyS is an organization composed of about 70 national psychology organizations, not more than one organization per country. In a way, the IUPSyS General Assembly is to psychology what the General Assembly of the United Nations is to the world. As to the IAAP Board of Directors, it has about 45 voting members representing all major regions of the world and sub-disciplines of applied psychology. It is the largest international psychology organization based on individual membership.

I would like to use this opportunity to also let you know that I will be presenting the *Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles for Psychologists* at the Annual DPI/NGO Conference that will be held at UNESCO in Paris from September 3-5, 2008. It will be the first time that the conference will take place outside of United Nations headquarters in New York City. The Conference is being organized to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the adoption of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. The

Conference is held in Paris because the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* was adopted in Paris in 1948. One could not have chosen a better time to present the *Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles for Psychologists* to the United Nations. This presentation will help to get it out there.

The development of a universal declaration of ethical principles for psychologists was an ambitious goal and a challenging process. As psychologists, all of us have every reason to be proud of what we have been able to achieve together. Such a level of success requires the contribution of many people from many regions of the world. First, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the members of the Ad Hoc Joint Committee who have so kindly shared their knowledge and expertise throughout the project. For your information, those members are (in alphabetical order): Rubén Ardila (Colombia), Lutz Eckensberger (Germany), Nasrin Jazani (Iran), Hassan Kassim Khan (Yemen), Catherine Love (New Zealand), Elizabeth Nair (Singapore), Kwadzi Nyanungo (Zimbabwe), Paul B. Pederson (United States), Tuomo Tikkanen (Finland), Ann Watts (South Africa), and Kan Zhang (China). In addition, I would like to recognize the contribution of all of those who have provided me and the members of my working group with feedback and encouragement to carry on this very unique and exciting project. I especially wish to highlight here the contribution of Dr. Jean Pettifor and Dr. Carole Sinclair who have been instrumental in helping me to bring this project to a successful completion. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of many psychology organizations that have supported the development of the *Universal Declaration* in various ways over the years. This includes not only the sponsoring organizations, but also other organizations such as the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA). I wish to use this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the presidential officers, the members of the Board of Directors, the members of the International Relations Committee, and the members of the Ethics Committee for encouraging me to pursue the goal of developing a universal declaration of ethical principles for psychologists.

The newly adopted *Universal Declaration* is the result of a six-

year process involving careful research, broad international consultation, numerous focus-group discussions, drafts and revisions. It is anticipated that the newly adopted *Universal Declaration* will have influence worldwide in psychology on the development and revisions of codes of ethical conduct, education and training in ethics, and thinking about ethics. The *Universal Declaration* as adopted in Berlin may be

accessed at <http://www.iupsys.org/ethics/univdecl2008.html> and <http://www.iaapsy.org>. Information regarding the development of the *Universal Declaration* (e.g., background papers, progress reports and discussions on important issues) will continue to be available at <http://www.iupsys.org/ethicsdoc.html>.

The significance of a document such as the *Universal Declaration* depends on its recogni-

tion and promotion by psychology organizations at local, national, regional and international levels. This is why I call upon each CPA Member to encourage all the psychology organizations in which they hold membership to adopt, endorse, or recognize the *Universal Declaration*.

Psychologists are citizens of the world. Adherence to ethical

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Accreditation Panel Update

PETER HENDERSON, Ph.D., Chair
ARCANGELO CAPUTO, Ph.D., Registrar

The fall season signals the beginning of another academic year and, with that, changes to the membership of the Accreditation Panel. CPA is pleased to welcome Drs. Laurene Wilson (Royal University Hospital) and Gaëtan Losier (Université de Moncton) and student member Anna Tirovolas (McGill University) to the Panel. The Chair of the Accreditation Panel for 2008-09 is Dr. Peter Henderson (The Ottawa Hospital Rehabilitation Centre).

Dr. Henderson looks forward to working closely with Panel members and the Accreditation Office in further developing accreditation in Canada and promoting its value and rigour.

CPA sincerely thanks Dr. Jeff Derevensky, past-Chair of the Accreditation Panel, and Darlene Walker, past-student member of the Accreditation Panel, for their commitment and significant contributions to accreditation over the past year. Special thanks and appreciation to Dr. Teréz Rétfalvi whose term on the Panel will "finally" end at the conclusion of the fall 2008 Panel meeting. Dr. Rétfalvi has proven so invaluable to the Accreditation Panel that she twice graciously agreed to extend her term of membership on the Panel, contributing more than five years of dedicated service. Thank you, Teréz.

The Accreditation Panel would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those professionals and academics who volunteered their valuable time and expertise in serving as site visitors for the Panel in the 2007-08 academic year. The accreditation process is dependent to a great extent on your expertise, volunteerism, and identification with the profession of psychology. Many thanks to Drs.:

Vincent Adesso	Sylvie Belleville
Maryka Biaggio	Harvey Brooker
Robert Brown	David Clark
Janice Cohen	Jennifer Connolly
Pam Cooper	Kenneth Craig
Anna Beth Doyle	Henry Edwards
Monica Gemeinhardt	Doris Hanigan
Alan King	Jane Ledingham
Robert McLlwraith	Samuel Mikail
Kerry Mothersill	John Pearce
Irwin Pencer	William Ray
Don Saklofske	Alex Schwartzman
Dale Stack	David Stein
Josephine Tan	Carl von Baeyer
Richard Young	

Newly accredited programmes in 2007-08 included the Clinical Psychology internship programme at Hamilton Health Sciences and the Clinical Neuropsychology internship programme at Hamilton Health Sciences. Congratulations! The CPA now accredits a total of 55 doctoral and internship programmes in professional psychology in Canada.

The Accreditation Panel would like to extend an invitation to interested CPA members across

Canada to serve as a **site visitor** for the Accreditation Panel. Site visits are an essential and integral part of the accreditation and re-accreditation process and, to this end, the CPA is dependent upon the volunteerism of professionals and academics to serve as site visitors. Past and current site visitors often note that they enjoy the collegiality in conducting site visits and their participation helps them to remain current with the training standards for professional psychology.

The Accreditation Office plans to hold a site visitor training workshop on Friday, November 14, 2008 at CPA's head office in Ottawa, Ontario. The workshop will take place at 141 Laurier Avenue West, Suite 702, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. (lunch provided). There is no registration fee for the workshop and continuing education credits will be given to participants who complete the entire workshop. Registration is limited to 12 participants. The workshop is intended for psychologists and psychology professors who are CPA members and interested in serving as a site visitor for the Accreditation Panel. If you are interested in attending, please contact Ann Marie Plante, Accreditation Assistant, at aplante@cpa.ca (613-237-2144 ext. 328; 1-888-472-0657 ext. 328) and confirm your attendance no later than October 31, 2008. We are always in need of new site visitors to replenish our roster and so we urge you to consider attending this workshop and undertake this important role. Information on registering for the workshop can also be found on our website (<http://www.cpa.ca/accreditation/upcomingsitevisitortrainingworkshops/>).

Likewise, should you have an interest in serving as a **Panel member**, we welcome your application for membership. We request a three-year commitment, beginning in the 2009-10 academic year, and the Panel meets twice yearly in Ottawa. More information about the roles and responsibilities of Panel members can be found in the Accreditation Standards and Procedures manual available in pdf format on our website (<http://www.cpa.ca/accreditation/>). To express an interest in applying for Panel membership, please mail, fax, or e-mail a letter of interest, along with a current curriculum vitae, to the attention of Dr. Angelo Caputo (Registrar) at the CPA office. For more information, please contact Dr. Caputo at accreditation@cpa.ca

All the best for the new academic year!

NEWS

International Congresses in Germany in July: Overview

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In July 2008, there were a number of international congresses held in Germany. These included: the main International Congress of Psychology (ICP) (held under the auspices of the International Union of Psychological Sciences) in Berlin from July 20 to 25; the International Congress of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP), in Bremen from July 27 to 31; and the International Congress of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD), in Würzburg from July 13 to 17.

The ICP was the largest world psychology congress of all time, with more than 8,400 delegates from all over the world, 2,673 papers presented at symposia, 2,040 at paper sessions, and 4,285 at poster sessions. Invited contributions included approximately 100 invited addresses and approximately 200 invited symposia. Three Canadian psychologists presented an invited address. They were Bob Vallerand "On a psychology of passion"; Anthony Marley "The best-worst method for the study of preferences: Theory and applications"; and

Michel Sabourin "Credibility and ethnicity: Theoretical and empirical perspectives". Ten Canadian psychologists chaired an invited symposium. They were (in alphabetical order): Xinyin Chen, Janel Gauthier, Pierre Gosselin, John Hunsley, Pierre Jolicoeur, Raymond Klein, Bärbel Knäuper, Michael Masson, Pierre Ritchie, and Michael Ungar. In addition, there were 24 pre-congress workshops. One of them was presented by Barbara M. Byrne and was entitled "Beginner's guide to applied structural equation modeling." Finally, there were five

controversial debates, a new presentation format that was introduced in Berlin to stimulate discussion during the congress. The debated questions were: "Functional neuroimaging has already told us a lot about cognition: Yes or No?"; "Managing diversity at school: Should students be grouped by their ability?"; "Do evidence-based psychotherapy and education require randomized trials?"; Should psychologists adopt the experimental practices of economics?"; and "Do chimpanzees have culture?";

The IACCP Congress was more intimate, but still had over 600 participants from over 40 countries. There were over 700 presentations, including 10 keynote addresses, 9 state-of-the-art lectures, 153 poster presentations, and papers in symposia and thematic paper sessions. There were 31 participants from Canada. One symposium (organised by John Berry and Walt Lonner) presented an overview of the history of the Association as part of the IACCP Archives project. Another symposium focused on the *Universal Declaration of Eth-*

ical Principles for Psychologists, organised by Janel Gauthier. Other symposia included discussions of acculturation, early childhood development in Africa, culture and cognition, environmental issues, indigenous psychologies, intercultural relations, and the value of children.

At the ISSBD Congress, there were about 1,200 participants from 55 countries who made about 1,400 presentations in 150 sessions, including 4 keynote speakers, 13 invited speakers, with over 100 symposia, and over 800 individual posters. Of 190 Canadian developmental scientists who were presenters or co-presenters on 62 posters and 33 papers, and discussants for 13 symposia, about 60 attended the meeting in Würzburg. Bill Bukowski (Canada) was graciously acknowledged for concluding his outstanding tenure as Editor of society's journal, *International Journal of Behavioural Development*. Canadian scientists

organized and chaired several of these, on such topics as "Moral Emotions and Positive Youth Development", "Early Adversity and Social-emotional Development in Post-Institutionalized Internationally Adopted Children", "Play in the Perspective of Cultural-Historical Psychology", "Action Understanding and Action Control in Infancy", and "Developmental and Contextual Mechanisms Associated with Bullying and Victimization".

In all these congresses, Canadian psychologists and perspectives were well-represented and well-received. We encourage all members of CPA to continue, and even extend their participation in these international exchanges. They are extremely worthwhile and provide a needed basis for the development of a universal psychological science and practice.

Practice

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tled *Psychology Works* because it does.

Issues of knowledge translation, access, and advocacy can go hand in hand. The best form of advocacy is to make sure that accurate knowledge is available. We need to ensure that the CPA Fact Sheets remain up to date,

complete, and scientifically sound. In the years to come, Fact Sheets and other knowledge dissemination tools will further increase in their relevance for psychology practice, and we will want to be guided by the research coming forth on effective knowledge translation. Delivering information in forms like our *Psychology Works* web-based Fact Sheets will itself become a science.

Pratique

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Les feuillets d'information de la SCP étaient intitulés à bon escient *La psychologie peut vous aider...*

Les questions de traduction des connaissances, d'accès et de représentation peuvent aller de pair. La meilleure forme de représentation est de s'assurer que des connaissances exactes sont disponibles. Nous devons nous assurer que les feuillets d'information de la SCP restent à jour,

complets et fondés sur des données scientifiques saines. Dans les années à venir, les feuillets d'information et d'autres outils de diffusion des connaissances accroîtront davantage leur pertinence dans la pratique de la psychologie et nous voudrions être guidés par la recherche provenant d'une traduction des connaissances efficace. La livraison de l'information dans des formes comme celle de nos feuillets d'information sur le Web *La psychologie peut vous aider* deviendront en elles-mêmes une science.

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CPA Site Visitor Training Workshop

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Atelier à l'intention des membres visiteurs des installations

Le **Jury d'agrément** de la Société canadienne de psychologie (SCP) a le plaisir de vous annoncer qu'un **atelier à l'intention des membres visiteurs des installations** aura lieu en anglais le vendredi 14 novembre 2008 au bureau de la SCP à Ottawa, Ontario (141, avenue Laurier Ouest, bureau 702), de 9 h à 16 h (repas compris). Il n'y a pas de frais d'inscription à l'atelier et des crédits d'éducation permanente seront attribués aux personnes qui suivent l'atelier au complet. Veuillez noter que le nombre maximum de participants est de 12. L'atelier s'adresse aux psychologues et professeurs de psychologie qui sont membres de la SCP et intéressés à devenir des visiteurs d'installation pour le Jury d'agrément.

Si la participation à cet atelier vous intéresse, nous vous prions de communiquer avec **Ann Marie Plante, Adjointe à l'agrément**, à l'adresse électronique aplante@cpa.ca, ou par téléphone au (613) 237-2144, poste 328 ou au numéro sans frais 1-888-472-0657, poste 328 et confirmer votre présence au plus tard le 31 octobre 2008.

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principles in the context of our work contributes to a stable society that enhances the quality of life for all human beings. Together, by participating in the promotion of the *Universal Declaration*, we can make a significant contribution to the building of a global society based on respect and caring for persons and peoples.