To: Michael Frese  
From: Judy Kuriansky  
Re: Summary of IAAP UN participation for ECOSOC application  
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I. Participation in the 57th DPI/NGO Conference, “Millennium Development Goals: Civil Society Takes Action” September 8-10, 2004 at UN Headquarters. Co-sponsored, organized, and participation in two workshops:

1. "Winning Ways: Media Approaches that Work." This workshop was also chaired by the UN DPI/NGO rep for IAAP, Dr. Judy Kuriansky. The description was "Discover the methods that communications experts use and put their techniques to work to promote your organization and the UN Millennium Development Goals." This workshop was held on September 8, 2004 to a full audience in Conference Room 1, signaling that it was very well attended. IAAP was a co-sponsor of this workshop, along with the Media Subcommittee of the 57th Annual DPI/NGO Conference Planning Committee, of which Kuriansky, the UN IAPP DPI/NGO rep is a member.

2. Workshop with IAAP panel participants on Millennium goal number 8, namely, "Develop a global partnership for development" September 8, at 1:15 - 2:45 PM in Conference room D. Held in conjunction with Ghanaian presenters. Included presentation on "Cultural imperatives of Democracy." (MICHAEL TO FILL IN ANYTHING ELSE NECESSARY HERE)

II. Presentation of the UN activities at meetings of IAAP and at other professional meetings, by the UN DPI/NGO reps. This includes recent meetings in Athens, planning for the IAAP meeting in Greece in 2006, and at meetings held at the ICP in Beijing, August 2004.

III. Active participation in the Committee on Mental Health, and attendance at the various meetings, throughout the year. Participation in various Working Groups in this committee, and at meetings, for example:

1. The Human rights and Mental Health committee meeting, discussing the

IV. Attendance at briefings at the UN, and International Day of Peace
V. Attendance and active participation in meetings at the UN. These include:

   a. International Women’s Day commemorated by the UN
   b. Caucusing with women from different nations about collaborative research, e.g. research on the aftereffects of the BAM earthquake with the delegation from Iran, research on the aftereffects of the tsunami with women from Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Australia; discussions with women from Sub-Sahara Africa bout education and HIV prevention programs.
   c. Discussions at the church center and UNFPA that focused on the recovery from the tsunami, efforts relevant also to relief work by IAAP rep and to planned regional workshops hosted by IAAP.
   d. Discussions with delegates to the Youth Caucus, about gender issues and the UN activities

2. The meeting on “The Trauma of Terrorism” at UN headquarters, hosted by the United Nations Department of Political Affairs, to launch the new book on “The Trauma of Terrorism” edited by Yael Danieli, Danny Brom and Joe Sills (former UN speechwriter) . This meeting was sponsored by 11 missions.

3. Meetings on the tsunami on January 13, 2004: "Southeast Asia Tsunami: Response, Relief, and Recovery“ and The NGO Committee on Mental Health, convened by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (CONGO): „Trauma and the Asian Tsunami Disaster“


5. Conference on anti-semitism


7. Meetings of the UN media committee throughout the year

VI. Presentations at the meetings of psychologists actively participating in the United Nations.
1. “Psychologists at the United Nations.” Presentation at a symposium hosted by Pace University, April 1, 2004. Twenty-two psychologists from 8 organizations discussed their group efforts and activities at the United Nations. Discussed role of IAAP at the United Nations, including what issues of human well-being are on the agenda of the United Nations today, and how to apply psychological science/practice to timely issues.

2. Cooperation with Division 52, the International Division of the American Psychological Association, and the NY regional group.

3. Presentation at the 12th Annual Pace University Student conference, on behalf of IAAP and reporting on activities at the UN as well as Collaboration in Mental Health issues with China, May 8, 2004.

VII. Attendance at the orientations about NGOs working with the United Nations.