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From the Editor

We have exciting news. Our newsletter has a new name! To those of you who sent in suggestions, we heartily thank you. In our own unbiased, scientific manner, we chose *Communique*: Bulletin of the International Association of Applied Psychology. And, the winner of the contest is our own Robert Morgan. The prize is yet to be determined.

Also, courtesy of Bob Morgan, *Communique* is sporting a new feature entitled, “Commentary” which consists of Bob’s unique perspectives on certain goings-on in the field of applied psychology. We are delighted that Bob has offered to make “Commentary” a regular feature. Since we are saving the best for last, you can find Bob’s “Commentary” at the very end of the *Communique*. If your style is to eat desert first, you can savor it right now by going to the end.

There are (at least) three conferences this summer which will not only be attended by many IAAP members, but should you decide you can’t miss them, you will have the opportunity to hear presentations given by a number of our IAAP members.

The first is the 10th European Congress of Psychology which will take place in Prague, Czech Republic, from July 3 to 6. The main theme is three dimensional. The first dimension is Topics of psychological disciplines and relevant associations: The state of knowledge and contributions of particular disciplines and relevant associations to society. The second dimension is Mapping main topics and specific problems of society, and the third is Development and application of particular psychological disciplines in different sectors of society. You can find more about this conference, including a list of the keynote speakers in the Conference Announcements section of this Bulletin. For all details of the scientific and social programme, the speakers, invited symposia, accommodation and registration, please visit http://www.ecp2007.com/.

The second conference is the 65th Annual International Council of Psychologists’ (ICP) Conference which will be held in San Diego, California, USA, from August 11 to 14. The conference theme is Peace, Hope, and Well-being Across the Cultures. IAAP has a close connection with ICP as we have a tandem agreement with ICP, and we have many members in common. Our IAAP president, Mike Knowles, will be a keynote speaker. My co-editor, Dennis Trent, is the past-president of ICP. For a full description of the conference, go to http://www.icpweb.org/conference.html.

The third is the 115th Annual Convention of the American
The President’s Corner

In my inaugural President’s Corner of July last year I mentioned that IAAP was a vigorous association which has many strengths. In reality, it is a highly complex organization centred around four principal dimensions.

The first is our major Congress which is held every four years and which most IAAP members have attended at least once and many have attended regularly.

The second strength is our flagship publication Applied Psychology: An International Review which under the editorship of Bob Wood has increased its standing with a continuous growth of downloadable online articles and a high renewal rate of institutional subscriptions. Its appeal generally can be gauged from the following email which I was recently sent from a delighted new member of IAAP. “Thank you so much. I have just received Volume 56 Issue 2 April 2007 of Applied Psychology: An International Review. I am wonderful to have such information and to know about IAAP. Furthermore, it was a good coincidence because April 30 is Psychology Day in Peru. It was a happy day for us. In addition I include IAAP in my heart. I like to wish you joy and a happy day ALSO”.

Our third major area of activity revolves around our Divisions and one of the highlights of the January Issue of the Newsletter was the articles from each of IAAP’s 16 Divisions. These gave good insight into the length, breadth and depth of our Association’s extensive activities in addition to the Congresses and the Journal.

The fourth primary strength of IAAP embraces our Committees and Task Forces which I briefly mentioned in an introductory way in the last issue of the Newsletter. Now you may wish to have more information about their roles and principal interests and thus increase your knowledge and understanding about these spheres of activity which are so important to the way IAAP functions.

Standing Committees are concerned with aspects and recurrent matters which affect the Association as a whole. These committees are similar to others in most associations. In brief they include the following: The Membership Committee, chaired by Ray Fowler, formulates IAAP’s membership policy and deals with all membership matters such as recruitment and retention as well as surveying members’ needs and interests. The Publications Committee, chaired by Miriam Erez, develops IAAP’s publications policy and oversees the publication and printing of Applied Psychology: An International Review and the Newsletter. The Finance Committee, chaired by Tuomo Tikkanen, devises IAAP’s policy regarding the management of its finances, monitors IAAP’s financial operations, and ensures its financial statements are fully audited. The Ethics Committee, chaired by Janel Gautier, supervises IAAP’s involvement in the development of the Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles. The International and Regional Associations, chaired by Ray Fowler, is concerned with maintaining and strengthening IAAP’s relationships with other international associations such as the International Union of Psychological Science, the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology, and the International Council of Psychologists, and regional associations such as the European Federation of Psychologists’ Associations, the Interamerican Society of Psychology (Sociedad Interamericana de Psicología), and the Asian Psychological Association.
Task Forces and Special Committees are more specific to our Association and deal with urgent but time-limited strategic issues in need of action by the Board of Directors or the Officers of IAP. They include the following.

The Divisional Governance Task Force, chaired by Terry Hartig, is working on clarifying the guidelines and procedures for the election of Division Officers. The Task Force includes members from most of the IAP’s 16 Divisions, including some of the current Divisional Presidents and Presidents-Elect. Initially, past and current Presidents of the Divisions and their respective Secretaries will be surveyed about the procedures for conducting elections, and this will be followed by an examination of issues such as the timing of elections, how the different Divisions have spelled out and communicated the responsibilities of officers to candidates, and how transitions occur following elections. Recommendations for revisions to the guidelines will be put forward by the Task Force for discussion at the BOD meeting held in conjunction with the International Congress of Psychology in Berlin in 2008.

The Task Force on Regional Development is composed of three sub-committees dealing with Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and these are chaired by Saths Cooper, Fanny Cheung and Regina Maluf, respectively. The role of these Committees is to coordinate IAP’s membership activities throughout Africa, Asia, and Latin America; facilitate the expansion of IAP’s involvement in Africa, Asia, and Latin America; help to affirm indigenous cultures throughout Africa, Asia, and Latin America; organize symposia and other meetings in these regions; enable colleagues to form regional organizations of psychologists in Africa, Asia, and Latin America; and be able to advise when asked by decision makers and policy makers about how applied psychology can contribute to national and societal development in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

The International Well-being Committee is chaired by Michael Frese (University of Giessen, Germany) and includes David Chan (Singapore Management University, Singapore); Andrew Clark (PSE, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France); Ed Diener (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA); Daniel Kahneman (Princeton University, Princeton, USA); Eunkook M. Suh (Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea). The Committee has three principal aims. These are to suggest an economically usable measure of well-being to international policy bodies (particularly the United Nations), suggest a scale which has already been used and where numbers are already available for many countries, and suggest a scale with known validity and reliability. The intention is to develop an initial methodology which would be refined so as to improve the measurement of well-being. Such a measure could then be used to indicate whether policy interventions produce positive or negative effects on human beings and countries.

The Task Force on Terrorism, chaired by Salito Sarwono, has been constituted to coordinate IAP’s knowledge and expertise in the area, to organize symposia and other meetings, and be able to advise when asked by decision makers and policy makers about terrorism and terrorists. The Task Force is working as a team via internet systems to share information and publications; plan seminars, symposia and join research projects; and develop networks with members who have research expertise or experience as consultants on terrorism. The Task Force was formed as a result of the 1st Convention of the Asian Psychological Association which was held in Bali, Indonesia in 2006 which featured a day and a half symposium on terrorism. Its importance could be attributed to the incidence of terrorism, its prevalence in some regions of the world, its potential threat to many other parts of the globe, and above all the pervasive lack of knowledge and understanding about the nature and causes of terrorism and how contemporary society can go about handling the problem of terrorism.
The aim of the Visibility and Impact Task Force, chaired by Mike Knowles, is to increase public awareness not only of the major achievements of applied psychology in its wide range of different fields but also the relevance of applied psychology in everyday life. Realising this aim will be approached as a four-step process. The first phase will be concerned with collating and documenting research-based evidence of how and why applied psychology has contributed so much to date in each of IAAP's 16 Divisions. The second phase will involve formulating principles or courses of action which can be communicated to policy makers in government, leaders in business, school principals, community leaders, parents, and others of their like. The third phase will deal with communicating these principles through IAAP's Divisional websites and other avenues of publicity. The fourth phase of the project will be concerned with enacting these principles through lobbying and other means of political influence.

The United Nations Task Force has three centres of activity, New York, Geneva and Vienna, where our designated UN Representatives are, respectively, Walter Reichman, Judy Kuriansky, Mary O'Neill Berry and Laura Barbanel; Raymond Saner and Lichia Yiu Saner; and Wolfgang Beiglböck. Since the guiding principle of this Task Force is that the UN would benefit from the research, theories and experiences of the applied psychologists in IAAP, its mission is to serve IAAP by representing the issues of applied psychology to world concerns, and to serve our members by making their work known to the relevant UN bodies. Because most of these bodies have little knowledge or understanding of applied psychology and how it can be useful to world affairs and the mission of the UN, the Task Force plans to work through IAAP Divisions and thus provide a valuable means of promulgating the results of the Visibility and Impact Task Force at the level of the UN. As the Ambassador to the UN from Norway recently said, "decision makers need decision shapers." We as an Association believe that we can become leading decision shapers at the UN and that our discipline can contribute to bringing the UN closer to fulfilling its goals of world peace and a better life for all.

I hope the above gives some idea of the vigour and vitality of IAAP and the enthusiasm and dedication not only of the people who chair these Task Forces and Special Committees but also of the many who are additional members of them.

Some Domestic Matters

How do members notify a change of address?

In today's mobile society people change address frequently, in which case it is important to notify Blackwell accordingly. Please remember that this can be done by visiting the Blackwell website at http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/cservices/address.asp?site=1 and updating the changes.

How do members indicate which Divisions they wish to join?

With regards to the new members for 2007 who joined at Athens, the Welcome Letter I wrote last year requested that if you wish to join a Division please contact Blackwell on membershipservices@blackwellpublishing.com or telephone +44 (0)1865 778171. Blackwell has indicated that they have been receiving a good response so far which is very encouraging.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Mike Knowles

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Psychological Association which will be held in my home town, San Francisco, California, USA. The theme of the convention is Exploring Social Injustice: How stereotyping, profiling, social inequity and other such phenomena affect psychological and physical health. You can find convention details by following the links on http://www.apa.org/. Division 52’s (The International Division) program schedule can be found at: http://webpage.pace.edu/relayo/Div52’07DraftProgram5-23-07.doc. You must scroll down as the second page contains the schedule. You will see that several IAAP members are giving presentations. Also, please note that Division 52’s hospitality suite will be on Friday, August 17, at 5 pm, at a place to be determined.

For those of you interested in the inner workings of IAAP, please take note of The President’s Corner. There, our president, Mike Knowles describes the work of IAAP’s standing committees, special committees, and task forces. If you have a special interest in any of the tasks described, take this opportunity to contact the chair. I’m sure that sh/e would be happy to have your help.

Welcome to summer! I look forward to seeing you at a summer conference.

Valerie Hearn, Ed.

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CALLING ALL DIVISION PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS

PROJECT MONEY!

Objective

- To empower and engage Divisions in outreach projects for membership communication and recruitment purposes. The projects should have the capacity to make a substantive impact, for example, through the improvement of an existing web-site, or other worthwhile project
- Division Presidents are invited to submit recommended project proposals to the IAAP Treasurer, Elizabeth Nair, for review for funding support. Please send your proposals as e-mail PDF attachments to elizabethnair@gmail.com
- Apart from project specifications and description, each proposal should indicate:
  (i) Time-frame for implementation
  (ii) Who would execute the project
  (iii) Measurable outcomes envisaged
  (iv) Targets and objectives set to be achieved
  (v) How the project would be executed.
- A Final Report of the project highlighting especially the outcomes and objectives achieved is to be submitted within one year of project completion to the IAAP Treasurer. The project report could thereafter be circulated to IAAP membership as a Newsletter article.

This invitation is good till the end of 2007.

Elizabeth Nair, PhD
IAAP Treasurer
The last two decades have seen a steadily growing interest among psychologists and other behavioural scientists in the use of psychological tests within both the clinical and I/O fields. Various reasons account for this growth. Following a substantial decline in interest in assessments and clinical diagnostics during the 1970s and 1980s, Swedish psychologists, to a large degree, have resumed their central position as diagnosticians and recognize the value of test use to support their other services. The supply of psychological tests also has increased in line with the increase in demand for and interest in tests. The supply of psychological tests in Sweden is relatively good, relying somewhat heavily on Swedish versions of American and British tests. Very few tests developed by Swedish researchers achieve significant application. This is especially true for clinical tests.

Since the mid-1990s, a large number of clinical tests have been adapted for use in Sweden, including the Wechsler scales, neuropsychological tests (e.g., Wisconsin Card Sorting Test, the Rey Complex Figure Test, the Delis-Kaplan Executive Functions Systems Test and NEPSY, personality tests (e.g., NEO PI-R and MMPI-2), as well as the classic Beck scales for depression.

Psychological tests intended for clinical use are reserved exclusively for psychologists. However, there are no official regulations governing access to tests or who may use tests in their professional capacity. Instead, access is controlled partly through the providers’ sales regulations and partly through the successful efforts of the Swedish Psychological Association and psychologists to limit their use to their own group, arguing that they alone hold unique abilities within the field of psychological assessment.

Approximately 8,000 professionally active psychologists serve Sweden, among whom approximately 3,500 work in various clinical settings with children and adults, 900 work in schools/preschools, 400 work within the employment service, and 500 are within higher education. Approximately 600 work as privately practising psychotherapists and 500 as I/O consultants.

Although the number of psychologists in Sweden is somewhat large, the market for test use remains relatively small. Thus, the economic base for test development in Sweden is relatively weak and the development of psychological tests for clinical application is not a high priority of the State or universities. These economic realities have influenced both the range and level of development work.

Today a single commercial player, Harcourt Assessment, established in Sweden since autumn 2006, carries out most clinical test development activities. The presence of Harcourt Assessment in Sweden can have a long-term positive impact, enabling Scandinavia as a whole to obtain faster access to updated and modern instruments, including collaborative
efforts between the Scandinavian countries that will give rise to valuable synergy effects leading to large and comprehensive test development projects. From this point of view, the future of clinical test development in Sweden seems very promising. The implications of the impending sale of Harcourt Assessment to Pearson are unknown.

Tom Oakland, President-elect, Division 2

Division 4 – Environmental Psychology

Global Census of Environmental Psychologists
Robert Gifford’s initiative to create a global census of environmental psychologists has been very successful, attracting over 600 respondents. To register or view the census, please visit:

http://web.uvic.ca/psyc/EPCCensus/page1.html

Upcoming Conferences
The 12th International Conference on Social Dilemmas will be held in Seattle, Washington, USA from July 8-12, 2007. More information about the conference can be obtained by visiting the conference website.

http://www.wsu.edu/~joireman/dilemmas%20conference%20main%20page.htm

Special Issues
A special issue of the Journal of Social Issues (2007, no. 1) dealing with human behavior and environmental sustainability has been recently published. The issue was edited by Charles Vlek and Linda Steg of the University of Groningen. A complete listing of the table of contents can be found at:

http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/toc/josi/63/1

New Books

Threats from car traffic to the quality of urban life: Problems, causes, and solutions edited by Tommy Gärting and Linda Steg (2007). Published by Elsevier.

Land Public Transport continues to gain greater attention in transport policy and economics, given its importance in assisting social cohesion and its contribution to reducing congestion and emissions. The chapters in this book are a refereed selection of the best papers initially presented at the 9th International Conference of Competition and Ownership of Land Passenger Transport (The Thredbo Series) in Lisbon in 2005. This was the ninth in a series of Thredbo conferences on the same general topic, gathering some of the world’s best specialists in the field, from academia and from practice from all continents.


Published by Lawrence Erlbaum/Psychology Press/Taylor and Francis

This book is designed to focus on three major families of theories: those that emphasize biological systems in guiding the direction of growth; those that emphasize environmental factors in guiding the direction of growth; and those that emphasize a dynamic interaction between biological, environmental, and self-directed forces in guiding the shape and direction of development. Within each family, three specific theories are presented to
illustrate perspectives that have a long and productive history in human development and that continue to evolve because of new insights from contemporary scholarly work.

Don Hine, Newsletter Editor, Division 4

Division 7 - Applied Gerontology

We are pleased to let our members know that our Past-President, Professor Dr. Rocio Fernandez-Ballesteros from the Faculty of Psychology and Health Psychology at the Autonomous University of Madrid is chairing an IAAP Task force on Active Aging and is working on a paper which aims to synthesize the importance of Psychology for Active Aging. Feel free to contact her by email at rfballesteros@uam.es with any questions you may have.

I am also pleased to note that Fred Leong, of IAAP’s Division 16 (Counseling Psychology) and Professor at Michigan State University and I will be co-chairing an invited symposium at the 2007 European Congress of Psychology in Prague, Czech Republic, this coming July. The symposium is titled Globalization Challenges to Ethical Standards for Psychologists. Participants include Janel Gauthier, Secretary General of IAAP from Laval University in Quebec, Canada; David Foster, CEO of Kryterion, and Mike Knowles, President of IAAP from Monash University in Australia. In addition I will be presenting a separate paper on diminished capacity in older adults.

In other news, at the last meeting of our Division, it was decided to change the name of our Division from Applied Gerontology to Clinical Geropsychology. Finally, I have been informed that I have been appointed to another four year term on the Geriatric and Gerontology Advisory Committee to the Secretary of the Veteran’s Administration. This committee is important in advising on issues of aging and related policies and evaluates geriatric education and education centers in the United States.

If there is other news our members want to report, feel free to contact me at abeles@msu.edu

Norman Abeles, President, Division 7

Division 12 - Sport Psychology

Please, send your news to Division 12 Newsletter Editor, Montse Ruiz (monruiz@yahoo.com). The submission deadline for the next issue is August 13, 2007.

Member activities


Dr. Gloria Balagú was an invited speaker (“Adding Psychological Training into your Plan”) at the Training Design Symposium for Elite/Emerging Elite Coaches organized by the USOC in Colorado Springs, USA, April 4-6, 2007.

University of Jyväskylä, Finland held The International Multidisciplinary Conference on Motor Behaviour, May 3-5, 2007. Invited speakers included Yuri Hanin, Jarmo Liukkonen,
Division 12 joined IAAP’s project to serve as representatives to the UN. Professor Andy Lane will be our divisional representative.

Forthcoming Congresses, Meetings and Workshops


Our divisional website (www.iaapdiv12.net.tl) has been redesigned and updated although some pages are still under construction. Any suggestions to improve its content or format are most welcome. Thank you.

Monsra Ruiz, Newsletter Editor, Division 12

Division 16 - Counselling Psychology

Members of Division 16 of IAAP cannot be but proud and encouraged by the special issue of Applied Psychology: An International Journal (vol. 56 (1), January 2007) on international perspectives on counselling psychology edited by Fred Leong and Mark Savickas. If you haven’t had an opportunity to read it yet, I hope you will do so. The authors have presented differentiated but hopeful views of counselling psychology in a number of countries where it is either an established or emerging discipline and professional practice area. Mark Savickas, in commenting on these articles in the final paper of this issue, suggested two directions for Division 16. One is to define what counselling psychology is from an international perspective – a definition that would be “consensual and convergent [to] ease the emergence and foster the development of counselling psychology in countries where it is a fledging discipline” (p. 184). Savickas also suggested that the Division consider
establishing a task force to examine how counselling psychologists can explain their unique roles and additive knowledge and practice compared to social workers and clinical psychologists.

As President of the Division, I will bring these suggestions to the Executive Committee for discussion and action. In the meantime, I invite your comments on these or any other ideas that arose for you in the Special Issue.

Other news:
The first edition of the Division’s Newsletter under the editorship of Prof. Maria Malikiosi-Loizos is available and can be seen at http://www.iaapsy.org/, scroll down to Divisions, then Division 16, and finally Newsletter archive.

The Executive Committee would like to announce its expanded membership and welcome the following members: Prof. Maria Eduarda Duarte as Treasurer, Prof. Jean Guichard and Prof. Alvin Leung as members-at-large.

There are several up coming conferences that members should be aware of. First, a number of Division 16 members are presenting at the 10th European Congress of Psychology that will be held in Prague in July 2007.

Division 16 members will want to know about the 2008 International Counseling Psychology Conference, March 5-9 in Chicago, IL being sponsored March 2008 by Division 17 (The Society of Counselling Psychology) of the American Psychological Association, and chaired by Dr. Linda Forest.

Also in 2008 is the XXIX International Congress of Psychology (July 20-24, Berlin) where Division 16 hopes to have a good representation on the program.

Richard Young, President, Division 16

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The ARTS Programme

Advanced Research and Training Seminars

The Advanced Research Training Seminars (ARTS) program aims to provide intensive training in research methodologies and new directions in psychological science to early career scholars from low income countries. ARTS seminars have been held every two years since 1992 in conjunction with and near the location of major international congresses of psychology (the International Congress of Psychology, the International Congress of Applied Psychology and the International Congress of Cross-cultural Psychology). Since 1992, over 150 scholars from a very wide range of countries have been supported to participate in ARTS workshops. The program is co-sponsored by the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP), International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) and the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP).

The ARTS program has three main objectives:

(i) to enhance the research skills and knowledge of scholars (normally early career) from low income countries through advanced research training

(ii) to bring to international congresses scholars from low-income countries who might otherwise
be financially unable to attend

(ii) to provide a space where researchers from different countries may learn from each other, develop collaborative networks, and develop a more international understanding. In addition the ARTS program enriches international psychology in a number of ways. It provides an important but rare opportunity for interaction and shared experiences among colleagues from low-income and other countries, it helps ensure the representation of psychology from all countries at international congresses and it contributes to a broader perspective on theory and method by allowing different perspectives on psychology to be shared among scholars from different regions of the world.

**ARTS seminars, Athens 2006**

There were three ARTS workshops offered last year in Athens, linked with the ICAP and the IACCP Congress.

1. Design and methods in cross-cultural psychology. Convener: Professor Fons van de Vijver, PhD, Tilburg University, Netherlands and North-West University, South Africa.
2. Stress, health and well-being in the face of major trauma. Convener: Professor Stevan E. Hobfoll, PhD, Distinguished Professor, Kent State University, Ohio and Summa Health System.
3. Universal and ethnocentric couple patterns from evolution to culture and from theory to research. Convener: Professor Rolando Diaz-Loving, Faculty of Psychology, National Autonomous University of Mexico.

In 2006 there was a total of over 60 applicants to ARTS, with an age spread from under 30 to over 50; 45 were accepted. The geographical distribution was broad. Applicants came from: Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Mozambique, Lesotho, Oman, Phillipines, India, Cameroon, Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei, Iran, Romania, Armenia, Mauritius, Malaysia, Russia, Mexico, Brazil, and Chile.

**ARTS support for Participants**

Each participant is supported for the seminar (tuition, course materials, seminar room), and receives accommodation for three nights, meals for three days, airport transfers and a travel grant for partial reimbursement of travel expenses. In addition, each participant is expected to raise at least a small proportion of the required travel and participation funds themselves. We strongly hope that all ARTS participants are able to attend the International Congress that year, and efforts are made to facilitate this. However, the ARTS program depends in large measure on volunteer efforts of the ARTS co-ordinators and conveners, and also on fund-raising carried out by the Co-ordinators. In 2006, funds were received from IUPsyS, IAAP, IACCP, AFPT, Royal Society UK and psychology associations from Norway, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, and UK, and from UNESCO, whose support is gratefully acknowledged.

*Ingrid Lunt, University of Oxford, UK, ARTS Coordinator*

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**Say Again?**

"Like all parents, my husband and I just do the best we can, and hold our breath, and hope we've set aside enough money to pay for our kids' therapy."

—Michelle Pfeiffer
ATHENS CONGRESS EVALUATION SURVEY

A report on the results of the survey was submitted to the Board of Directors in February 2007. The orientation of the report was to extract the lessons that can be derived from the Athens experience so as to increase the likelihood of even more successful Congresses in the future. The results showed that the scientific programme and the location of the Congress were very well received. The features (e.g., aspects of the social programme and the ‘split’ sites) receiving criticism were highlighted so that the Melbourne organizers would take them into account in their deliberations. The report also made a series of recommendations for enhancing the value of future electronic surveys; the principal one being that the survey should be incorporated into the planning process so that it could be triggered within four weeks of the Congress.

The task force would like to acknowledge the excellent support provided by the Melbourne Organizing Committee in helping to design the questionnaire, and in carrying out the technical aspects of its administration.

Allan Williams (Chair), Dave Bartram and Peter Smith.

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY IN INDIA

The first one-day seminar on recent perspectives in Positive Psychology was held on February 9, 2007, in the Department of Psychology, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India. Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao, Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, Dr. Peter Alexander Linley, Director, Centre of Applied Positive Psychology, UK, and Professor Jitendra Mohan, President, Indian Academy of Applied Psychology, were the keynote speakers. Professor Meena Sehgal had organized a multidiscipline symposium on Positive Psychology and a training workshop for the students of applied psychology.

The 11th International and 42nd National Conference of the Indian Academy of Applied Psychology was held at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India from the 15th to the 17th of February, 2007. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mushir-ul-Hasan was the patron and Dr. M.G. Husain was the director of the conference. Professor Jitendra Mohan, the President of the Indian Academy of Applied Psychology, lauded the great effort involving eight keynote speeches, two symposia, and 180 paper presentations by senior academicians and young psychologists. The conference theme was "Applied Psychology for a Peaceful World." Mr. H.D. Singh, former Minister of External Affairs, inaugurated, and Dr. M.K. Mandal presided over the closing ceremony. The conference participants resolved to work for establishment of an Indian Council of Psychological Research.

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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 26th – 29th, 2007
The Fourteenth International Conference on Learning, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. Full details of the conference, including an online call for papers form, are to be found at www.LearningConference.com

June 28-30, 2007
7th International Congress on Traumatic Stress
Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA
URL: www.psicotrauma.org.ar

June 28-July 1, 2007
7th Industrial and Organizational Psychology Conference/1st Asia Pacific Congress on Work and Organizational Psychology
Adelaide, AUSTRALIA
URL: www.iopconference.com.au

June 28-July 4, 2007
Summer School on Crime, Law and Psychology
Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC
URL: http://clp.cvp.cz

July 1-5, 2007
13th International Reversal Theory Conference
Gregynog, Powys, Wales, UK
URL: www.reversaltheory.org

July 1-5, 2007
XXXI Inter American Congress of Psychology
SIP2007
Mexico City, MEXICO
URL: www.sipmexico2007.org.mx

July 1-6, 2007
International Conference on Perception and Action (ICPA 14 Japan 2007)
Yokohama City, Kanagawa, JAPAN
URL: www.trincoll.edu/depts/ecopsy/isep/index.html

July 3-6, 2007
Xth European Congress of Psychology
Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC
Contact: Congress Secretariat
URL: www.ecp2007.com

July 3-8, 2007
3rd International Congress of Psychology and Law
Adelaide, South Australia, AUSTRALIA
URL: http://www.sapmea.asn.au

July 6-9, 2007
China-U.S. Conference on Youth At Risk
Beijing, CHINA
URL: www.globalinteractions.org

July 6-9, 2007
4th Latin American Regional Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology
Mexico City, MEXICO
Contact: Rolando Diaz-Loving

July 9-12, 2007
6th Inter-Disciplinary Global Conference on Making Sense of Health, Illness, and Disease
Oxford, UK
URL: www.inter-disciplinary.net/mso/hid/hid.htm

July 9-13, 2007
5th Biennial Conference of the International Academy for Intercultural Research
Groningen, THE NETHERLANDS
URL: www.interculturalacademy.org/groningen_2007.html

July 9-13, 2007
Eighth Annual Conference, International Stress Management Association
Montreal, CANADA
URL: www.isma-usa.org

July 9-28, 2007
14th International Summer School in Cognitive Science
Sofia, BULGARIA
URL: www.nbu.bg/cogs/events/ss2007.html

July 11-13, 2007
International Attachment Conference 2007
Braga, PORTUGAL
URL: www.aiep.uminho.pt/ac2007
July 11-15, 2007
2007 Conference of International Society for Research on Emotions (ISRE)
Brisbane, Queensland, AUSTRALIA

July 13-15, 2007
International Conference on the Teaching of Psychology
Vancouver, CANADA
Submission Deadline: March 15th
URL: www.kwantlen.ca/ictp

July 18-21, 2007
5th Biennial Conference of the International Society of Critical Health Psychology
Boston, Massachusetts, USA
URL: www.ischp2007.org

July 19-22, 2007
28th Stress and Anxiety Research Society Conference
Punta Cana, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
URL: www.star2007.org

July 24-28, 2007
International School Psychology Association Annual Colloquium
Tampere, FINLAND
URL: www.ispawb.org/16.html

July 26-28, 2007
International Conference on Psychology in Mental Health—Journey of a Profession: Prospects and Challenges
Bangalore, Kamataka, INDIA
URL: www.tciconferences.com/icpmh

August 1-4, 2007
Nashville, Tennessee, USA
http://csep.psyc.memphis.edu/cogsci07/

August 2-5, 2007
50th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association
Halifax, NOVA SCOTIA
URL: http://www.parapsych.org/PA_2007_info.html

August 11-14, 2007
International Council of Psychologists (ICP)
Location: San Diego, California USA
URL: www.icpweb.org

August 15-18, 2007
Interdisciplinary Conference on Human Characteristics: Human Mind, Human Kind
Aarhus, DENMARK
URL: www.psyau.dk/humankind

August 15-18 2007
21st Annual Conference European Health Psychology Society (EHPS)
Maastricht, The NETHERLANDS
URL: www.ehps2007.com
URL: www.apa.org/convention

August 15-18, 2007
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August 15-18 2007
21st Annual Conference European Health Psychology Society (EHPS)
Maastricht, The NETHERLANDS
URL: www.ehps2007.com

August 17-19, 2007
8th International Mental Health Conference
Gold Coast, Queensland, AUSTRALIA
URL: gcimh.com.au

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August 17-20, 2007
115th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association (APA)
Location: San Francisco, California, USA
URL: www.apa.org/convention

August 19-21, 2007
3rd Conference of the International Behavioral and Biomedical Society (IBMBS)
Budapest, HUNGARY
URL: www.ibmbs.com
August 19-23, 2007
2007 World Mental Health Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health
Hong Kong, SAR, CHINA
URL: www.wmhc2007.com

August 21-25, 2007
13th European Conference on Developmental Psychology (ECDP)
Jena, GERMANY
URL: www.esdp2007.de

August 25-29, 2007
International Congress: Bridging the Gaps—Integrating Perspectives on Child and Adolescent Mental Health
Florence, ITALY
URL: www.escap-net.org

September 9-12, 2007
The 7th Biennial Conference on Environmental Psychology of the Environmental Psychology Division of the German Association of Psychology (DGPs) takes place in Bayreuth, Germany.
Papers from Environmental Psychology, Sociology, Conservation Psychology, Architectural, Investigative, & Media Psychology, Virtual Reality, Persuasive Technology, & Human Factors are welcome. Conference language will be English. Information regarding deadlines, fees, presentations, and keynotes will be published on http://www.bayceer.uni-bayreuth.de/EP2007. Alternatively, you may also contact the organizer Franz Bogner at EP2007@bayceer.uni-bayreuth.de

September 9-12, 2007
International Association for Research in Economic Psychology (IAREP) Annual Conference
Ljubljana, SLOVENIA
URL: http://psy.ff.uni-lj.si/IAREP

September 13-14, 2007
10th Conference of the Swiss Psychological Society (SGP/SSP): "Differences, Diversity and Change"
Zurich, SWITZERLAND
URL: www.ssp-sgp2007.ch

September 13-15, 2007
First European Conference on Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Competence and Difficulties in Children and Young Persons
MALTA
URL: www.educ.um.edu.mt/sebco

September 20-23, 2007
International Conference on Applied Psychology
Iasi, ROMANIA
URL: www.psih.uaic/~npafiasi07

September 25-29, 2007
42nd Annual Conference of the Australian Psychological Society Brisbane, AUSTRALIA
URL: www.apsconference.com.au

September 27-30, 2007
International Conference on Interdisciplinary Analyses of Aggression and Terrorism
Miraflores de la Sierra, SPAIN
URL: www.societyforterrorismresearch.org

September 28-30, 2007
Young Psychologists: Ideas—Possibilities—Future
Blagevgrad, BULGARIA

September 28-30, 2007
Self-management and Self-improvement Conference
Belgrade, SERBIA
URL: www.integratworld.org

October 4-5, 2007
International Conference on Multiculturalism, Pluralism and Globalization
La Crosse, Wisconsin, USA
URL: www.uwsp.edu/history/WIPCS/conference.html

October 6-10, 2007
30th National Conference of the Australian Association for Cognitive and Behavior Therapy
Gold Coast, Queensland, AUSTRALIA
URL: www.aacbtqld.org.au

October 7-9, 2007
3rd International Conference on e-Social Science
Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
URL: http://esssi.umich.edu
October 14-16, 2007
2007 Neuropsychoeconomics Conference
Vienna, AUSTRIA
URL: www.neuropsychoeconomics.org/english.html

October 17-21, 2007
Society for Physiology Research, 47th Annual Meeting
Savannah, Georgia, USA
URL: www.sprweb.org

October 24-26, 2007
VII International Educational Psychology Conference: "Education and Diversity"
Pucon, CHILE
URL: http://www2.ufro.cl/jornadaspsicologia2007

October 25-28, 2007
The Male Survivor 2007 International Conference
New York, New York, USA
URL: www.malesurvivor.org

October 25-28, 2007
Engaging the Other: The Power of Compassion
Dearborn, Michigan, USA
URL: www.cbiworld.org

October 26-27, 2007
Leading Edge Consortium
Enabling Innovation in Organizations
Organized by the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology (American Psychological Association)
InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza
SIOP's third Leading Edge Consortium will focus on innovation this year. The consortium is unique in its approach by bringing together leading edge thinkers-practitioners, researchers and business executives to examine issues in an intimate setting that fosters stimulating dialogue among colleagues.

The conference will examine organizational structures, leadership styles, management practices, cultures, processes, and individual characteristics that help innovation flourish and get implemented.

Leaeta Hough, president of the Dunnette Group, is the general chair for the consortium. Michael Frese, chair of work and organizational psychology at Giessen University, Germany, is the science chair and William Mobley, professor of the China Europe International Business School, Shanghai, is the practice chair. Doug Reynolds, vice president of assessment technology for DDI, is assisting the co-chairs in his role as chair of SIOP's Visibility Committee.

Ed Lawler, director of the Center for Effective Organizations and Distinguished Professor of Business at the University of Southern California, will open the consortium as keynote speaker.

Please check the Leading Edge Consortium Web site http://www.siop.org/lec/default.aspx for the latest on the program, including a listing of speakers, titles and abstracts.

November 1-3, 2007
International Mind, Brain and Education Society Inaugural Conference.
Fort Worth, Texas, USA
URL: www.imbes.org/conference/conf07.html

November 4-7, 2007
Theory in Cognitive Neuroscience - Cognitive Science and Neuroscience from Conceptual and Theoretical Perspectives
Wildbad Kreuth, Bavaria, GERMANY
URL: www.upd.unibe.ch/research/symposien/HA14.html

November 7-10, 2007
Evaluation 2007: Evaluation and Learning
Baltimore, Maryland, USA
URL: www.eval.org/eval2007

November 15-18, 2007
Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting
Houston, Texas, USA
URL: www.psychonomic.org/meet.htm

November 15-19, 2007
3rd International Conference of the Social Capital Foundation
Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA
URL: www.socialcapital-foundation.org/conferences/synopsis.htm

December 3-5, 2007
International Conference on Ergonomics 2007 (ICE2007)
Penang, MALAYSIA
URL: http://www.ice2007.unm.edu.my
December 6-9, 2007
Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS)
San Diego, California, USA
URL: www.isqols.org

January 7-9, 2008
34th National Annual Conference of Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists (NACACP)
Calcutta, INDIA

January 27-30, 2008
3rd Biennial Conference of the International Society for Bipolar Disorders – ISBD
New Delhi, INDIA
URL: www.kenes.com/isbd

February, 2008
2nd Congress ASEAN Regional Union of Psychological Societies
THAILAND

February 6-9, 2008
International Neuropsychological Society (INS) Annual Conference
Waikoloa, Hawaii, USA
URL: http://www.the-ins.org/meetings

February 20-23, 2008
Society for Cross-Cultural Research, and Society for Anthropological Sciences Joint Annual Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
URL: http://meeting.sccr.org

March 5-9, 2008
2008 International Counseling Psychology Conference
Chicago, Illinois, USA
URL: Under construction

March 26 - 29, 2008
International Conference on Infant Studies
Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA
URL: www.isisweb.org

Summer, 2008
International Council of Psychologists (ICP)
St. Petersburg, RUSSIA
URL: www.icpweb.org

June, 2008
Second Annual Convention, Asian Psychological Association (APsA)
Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA
URL: www.apsa.org

June 27-29, 2008
Second Annual Convention, Asian Psychological Association (APsA)
Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA
URL: www.apsa.org

July 5-8, 2008
International Association for Research in Economic Psychology (IAREP) Annual Conference
Paris, FRANCE
URL: http://team.univ-paris1.fr/iarep-sabe2006

July 5-8, 2008
Second International Congress on Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection
Crete, GREECE
URL: www.isiparweb.org

July 11-13, 2008
Inaugural 2008 Asia Pacific Rim International Counselling Conference
HONG KONG
URL: www.theaca.net.au

July 12-16, 2008
3rd International Conference on Teaching Psychology (ICTP-2008)
St. Petersburg, RUSSIA
URL: www.ictp-2008.spb.ru

July, 14-16, 2008
6th International Conference, International Test Commission: The Public Face of Testing
Liverpool, UK
URL: www.intestcom.org

July 16-20, 2008
14th European Conference on Personality (ECP14)
University of Tartu, ESTONIA
URL: www.ecp14.ee

July 20-25, 2008
XXIX International Congress of Psychology
Berlin, GERMANY
URL: http://www.icp2008.de
4th Latin American Regional Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology
Mexico City, MEXICO

19th Congress of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology
Bremen, GERMANY
URL: www.iu-bremen.de/iaaccp2008/

August 14 - 17, 2008
116th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association
Boston, Massachusetts, USA
URL: www.apa.org/convention

Summer, 2008
International Council of Psychologists (ICP)
Location: St. Petersburg, RUSSIA
URL: http://icpsych.tripod.com/

August 31 - September 4, 2008
The 4th International Congress on Traffic and Transport Psychology will be held in Washington, DC. For further details contact: Bryan E. Porter, Ph.D., Associate Professor & Assistant Chair, Department of Psychology, Mills Godwin Building, Room 250, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23529-0267, Phone: (757) 683-4458, Fax: (757) 683-5087, Email: bporter@odu.edu

September 9-10, 2008
22nd Annual Conference European Health Psychology Society (EHPS)
Bath, UK
URL: www.ehps.net

February 11-14, 2009
International Neuropsychological Society (INS)
Annual Conference
Atlanta, Georgia, USA
URL: http://www.the-ins.org/meetings

April 1-5, 2009
Society for Research in Child Development
Biennial Meeting
Denver, Colorado, USA
URL: http://www.srcd.org/biennial.html

July 7 - 10, 2009
11th European Congress of Psychology
Oslo, NORWAY
URL: www.ecp2009.no

Summer, 2009
23rd Annual Conference European Health Psychology Society (EHPS)
Pisa, ITALY
URL: www.ehps.net

July 7-10, 2009
11th European Congress of Psychology
Oslo, NORWAY
URL: www.ecp2009.no

August 13 - 16, 2009
117th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association
Toronto, Ontario, CANADA

July 11-16, 2010
International Congress of Applied Psychology
Melbourne, AUSTRALIA
URL: www.icap2010.com

September 11-15, 2010
17th International Congress of Neuropathology
Salzburg, AUSTRIA
URL: www.icn2010.org

Summer, 2012
International Congress of Psychology
Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

Did You Know?
Walt Disney’s first cartoon character was called Oswald the Rabbit.
Although identified with Scotland, bagpipes are actually a very ancient instrument, introduced into the British Isles by the Romans.
Bananas have no fat, cholesterol or sodium.
The world’s largest alphabet is Cambodian, with 74 letters.
Natural gas has no odor. The smell is added artificially so that leaks can be detected.
This conference is realized under the auspices of the European Federation of Psychologists' Association (EFPA). The EFPA was founded in 1981 to promote cooperation within European psychology and to increase the influence of psychologists in Europe. Today, EFPA consists of the Psychological Associations of 32 European countries, with about 200,000 individual members. The Congress is co-sponsored by the World Psychology Organizations (IAAP, International Association of Applied Psychology) and IUPsyS (International Union of Psychological Science).

An important aspect of the Congress will be linking science with profession. Unlike many other professions, psychology is a profession that has grown out of science. It emerged from science and continues to develop side by side with it. The success and credibility of psychology as a profession relies greatly on the close link between scientific research and practical application. I am convinced that the 18th European Congress in Prague will provide a discussion platform where psychological theory and application, research and practice can meet and be in dialogue with each other.

Tuomo Tikkanen
President, EFPA, Member of IAAP Board of Directors

Keynote speakers:

John Berry (Queen's University, Canada) - Review of concepts and empirical findings from a number of countries that address the issue of mutual change (both cultural and psychological) in culturally plural societies that now have to deal with diversity following immigration to those countries.

Michèle Carlier (University of Provence, France) - Genetics and cognition. The impact for psychologists

Michael W. Eysenck (Royal Holloway University of London, UK) - Anxiety and cognitive performance

James Georgas (University of Athens, Greece) - How similar and how different are families: A psychological study in 30 cultures

Kenneth Hugdahl (University of Bergen, Norway) - Hemispheric asymmetry in neuropsychology - experimental and clinical perspectives

Larsson M. (Stockholm University) - Smell your way back to childhood: Autobiographical odor memory(Holland) - Return of the authoritarian personality

Petr Macek (Masaryk University, Czech Republic) - The process, content, and context of self-definition in Czech adolescents: Comparison of two generations and European perspective

Ian Parker (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK) - Critical psychology and psychological culture

Andrei Podolskij (Moscow State University, Russia) - Developmental Psychology and Its Educational Applications: Russian Post-Vygotskian Approaches

Lea Pulkkinnen (University of Jyväskylä, Finland) - Temperance as a Human Strength and Its Consequences for the Quality of Life in a Life-Span Perspective

Robert A. Roe (University of Maastricht, Holland) - Return of the authoritarian personality
YOU CAN TELL A POACHER BY HOW HE ORDERS HIS EGGS: PSYCHIATRY FROM ANOTHER ROOM

Recently, a Hawaiian psychiatrist claimed to cure locked ward patients at the state hospital from a distance. He sits in his office with their files, never meeting them, and practices existential extremism: he assumes their pathology stems from him, apologizes, and wishes them love. He reports that his patients get better while the rest get worse. This got a lot of play in the media.

Well, if this marvelous effect can be validated, it could mean more than a psychiatrist finding ways to avoid patients and collect a paycheck, interesting in its own right. It would assume a certain existential narcissism: he is the cause and cure of others.

Of course, it might also be that the normal treatment of psychiatric patients in a locked ward is iatrogenic and that by withholding treatment, no ECT or psychiatric drugs or interpersonal intervention, and staying in his office he is demonstrating the power of placebo, moral treatment, or just leaving people alone (Morgan, 2005).

On the other hand, if all the current problems of our human community truly come from him, he needs to start apologizing and send global love without delay.

ENTERING THE ROOM: A GEROPSYCHOLOGY APPLICATION

In a more useful approach by psychologists Alice Dawson and Warren Baller at the University of Omaha, it was found that an 18 week oil painting course affected the longevity of the students, all of whom were over the age of 65. The 30 people who had enrolled in the course were twice as likely to be alive, when followed up 12 years later, than the 21 others who were in a control group. The median age at the time of the course was 70, all were retired.

Twelve years later one third of the art students had died while two thirds of the controls were no longer living. 65% of the surviving students were in excellent health while only 12% of the controls could be so rated. The 18 weeks of oil painting had been focused on developing creative expression as a means of relating to others.

While most participants did not keep up their hobby, the initial experience nevertheless seemed to have helped them develop a post-retirement purpose for living and, perhaps, establish a social network of peers with a similar purpose (Morgan & Wilson, 2005).

Clearly a strong benefit of participating in the creative art of international psychology can be a longer and healthier life. Let's spread the word.

Robert F. Morgan, PhD. USA
(Note: Robert Morgan, then in Canada, was the Founding President of IAAP's Division 7. Applied Gerontology, serving on the IAAP Executive Committee/Board from 1986-2006.)

References
