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June 29 to July 2, 1999. The meeting is entitled, "***Cultural Diversity and European Integration***" and its goal is to provide a forum for issues in cross-cultural psychology with special emphasis on cultural diversity and European integration. Many Division 2 members will be on the academic program including David Bartram, Tom Oakland, Ype Poortinga, and Fons van de Vijver. Further information about this meeting can be obtained by contacting Norbert Tanzer at congress99.psychology@kfunigraz.ac.at.

The executive of Division 2 has been thinking about two items recently and would like to receive reactions from members of the IAAP. First, we are looking for topics and/or names of persons that could be included on the academic program for the 2002 meeting in Singapore. We are looking for ideas that will shape psychological measurement in the next century and speakers who have important messages for the field of psychology.

Send your suggestions to Ronald Hambleton, Division 2 President at rkh@educ.umass.edu

Also, the Division 2 executive is looking for suggestions for a project that Division 2 members might take on over the next three years. One possibility is the production of a book on major advances in psychometric methods with the book aimed at psychologists. Send any suggestions you have to Ronald Hambleton for consideration by the executive.

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DIVISION 4 ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Plans for the future. This is my first message to the members after having been elected President of the Division in San Francisco. I want to begin by thanking the former president, Gary W. Evans. His research in environmental psychology and his continuing dedication to the field are greatly beneficial to our division. His presidential address at the San Francisco congress - "***Coping with modern life: Psychological costs of adaptation***" - provided a broad-ranging and useful integration of stress and coping literature, a body of work to which he has contributed substantially. His address helped promote environmental psychology to the broader Congress audience.

I also want to thank the members who elected me at the division meeting in San Francisco. Their confidence in me is appreciated.

At the division meeting in San Francisco I proposed Terry Hartig (Uppsala University, Sweden) for the position of division secretary, a proposal that the members endorsed. Terry and I look forward to a productive collaboration in furthering the mission of our division during our four-year term. Acting in our respective capacities, our objectives for the next four years include the following:

* To facilitate communication among members, potential members, and the public

One measure we have already undertaken to facilitate communication is to create a homepage for the division (www.psy.gu.se/iaap/envpsych.htm). At this homepage we intend to post the news that is to be submitted to the IAAP Newsletter. The homepage is also a resource for those who would like to submit material, for posting at the homepage and/or submission to the Newsletter.

* To increase communication with related organizations. An important issue discussed at the division meeting in San Francisco concerned ways to increase communication with organizations whose interests and missions are related to those of the IAAP Environmental Psychology division. Among the more prominent organizations are the International Association of People-Environmental Studies (IAPS) in Europe, the Man-Environment Relations Association (MERA) in Japan, the People and Physical Environment Research Organization (PAPER) in Australia and New Zealand, and the Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) in North America. These are not organizations for environmental psychology per se, but have a broader membership, including professionals working in fields such as architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, geography, urban design and planning, and urban forestry. Division 34 of the American Psychological Association - Population and Environmental Psychology - also can be mentioned in this context. It represents the interests of environmental psychology, but must balance that representation with the particular concerns of population psychologists in ways that are not required of our division. Although I strongly feel that our division remains important in providing a "home" for the scientific core of environmental psychology, at the business meeting there was considerable consensus that these other organizations would benefit from a more active interest from division members. Terry and I will during my tenure keep these other organizations better informed about our existence and activities. Conversely, we will solicit similar information from them, and seek opportunities for cooperative efforts. In this regard, I can mention that I anticipate an invitation from the organizers of the next IAPS conferences (Paris, in 2000) to organize a state-of-the-art symposium on environmental psychology.

* To promote contributions of an explicitly environmental psychological character to Applied Psychology: An International Review. A cursory examination of publications in APIR over the years 1994-1998 reveals few articles that could be said to have a distinctively environmental psychological character. Certainly, there is the infrequent exception, such as Enric Pol's article on environmental psychology in Spain (1994, APIR, 2, 291-301). And there is of course much that environmental psychologists would find of interest. Yet our subdiscipline is clearly underrepresented. We want to improve the representation in APIR of research activity by our Division's members. Of course, the well-being of any division depends on the engagement of its members. To make that engagement manifest to members through the IAAP Newsletter and to promote its continuity beyond our term of office, we have come upon an idea which we call on you to help develop and realize. For each issue of the IAAP Newsletter we intend to write an editorial piece for the "News from Divisions" section. A draft will be posted in advance on our homepage. The idea with this is to solicit comments, a selection of which can then be included with the target editorial in the Newsletter. As a general theme for the discussion we propose the following: What relationship should environmental psychology have to psychological science?

This theme is topical for the reason alluded to above - the diffusion of activities across

different subdisciplines within psychology and applied

disciplines. The proposed theme is also topical because environmental psychology will be represented at the Congress of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS), to be held in Stockholm July 23-28, 2000. As a member of the Scientific Committee helping to organize the conference program, I will work to make environmental psychology more visible to the larger community of researchers in psychology as well as to psychologists all around the world. In line with this, the Scientific Committee has decided that there will be several invited symposia on environmental psychology. Members of IAAP's Division 4 are also encouraged to submit papers and posters. All the necessary information is available at www.icp2000.se Let me finish with the usual plea to recruit new members. Follow the advice of the IAAP recruitment group and ask your students and colleagues to join!

Bear in mind that people can be a member not only of our division, but also of other divisions, and so provide a base for bridge building to, for example, clinical, community, economic, organizational, and traffic and transportation psychology. Likewise, members of these divisions may want to also join the division of environmental psychology. Information about how to become a member is available on the homepage.

Remember to watch our homepage for news.

OBITUARY

Dr. Joost van AnDEL of Eindhoven Technical University (The Netherlands) died in a car accident in the San Francisco Bay area just after the conclusion of the International Congress of Applied Psychology. This tragic loss was deeply felt by many. Joost was a vital young man, abundantly endowed with intelligence, enthusiasm, and charm. With his colleagues in Eindhoven he had just hosted a successful meeting of the International Association of People-Environmental Studies (IAPS), and in San Francisco he chaired a well-attended symposium on "Neighborhood density and children's activities," a symposium that represented his abiding concern for the quality of environments available for children's play. At the division meeting in San Francisco, Joost was re-elected as the division treasurer, and we were pleased at the thought of working with him in serving the division's interests. Joost was, in other words, an energetic, committed, and well-liked member of our research community. We are sorrowed by his absence. Following with his colleagues at Eindhoven Technical University, the membership of IAPS, and the members of EDRA, in which Joost also was active, we wish to express to his family that we share their sense of loss and that we hope that they are faring well in the aftermath.

Tommy Gärling and Terry Hartig, on behalf of the Environmental Psychology Division Call for Contributions to a Monograph in Memory of Joost van AnDEL A symposium dedicated to the memory of Joost van AnDEL will be held at the

Symposium dedicated to the memory of Joost van Amber, will be held at the Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) in Orlando, Florida, June 6-9. The symposium will celebrate Joost's significant contributions to child environment research.

Friends and colleagues of Joost are invited to submit a one-page statement that discusses what he meant to their work and how his ideas can influence child and youth environment research and action. These statements will be assembled into a monograph along with some of Joost's writings, and will be made available at the EDRA session. The session will also allow for people to present brief statements on Joost's contributions and ways to extend his work.

You do not need to attend the conference to submit a statement. The hope is for broad participation, drawing in Joost's many colleagues in Europe, Japan, and elsewhere. When responding, please do indicate if you are planning to attend the EDRA conference. All contributors will receive a copy of the final monograph.

Format: One page maximum; Deadline: May 1, 1999

Submit by e-mail to: mofrancis@ucdavis.edu, by fax to +1 (530) 752-1392 or by mail to Mark Francis, Department of Environmental Design, University of California, Davis, CA 95616 USA.

For information on the EDRA conference, see the EDRA link at the Division homepage. United Nations International Year of Older Persons

The most recent issue of Population and Environmental Psychology Bulletin (PEPB) was dedicated to the International Year of Older Persons (1999).

Included in the theme issue were articles by Peter R. Walker on the United Nations initiative promoting attention to the needs of the elderly; a statement of the United Nations Principles for Older Persons; environmental foci in efforts to facilitate active participation in society by older people, provided by M. Powell Lawton; and a personal narrative by Robert Sommer on caring for an elderly person.

PEPB is the newsletter of the American Psychological Association's Division

34 - Population and Environmental Psychology. For further information about Division 34, see the link at our homepage. For further information

on PEPB, contact the editor, Jennifer Veitch, at Jennifer.Veitch@nrc.ca

A Forensic Application of Environmental Psychology Dragnet is a geographical decision support package designed to help identify the area in which a serial offender resides. The system is based on the principles of environmental psychology that were successfully used by David Canter in assisting a criminal investigation. Further research has shown that it is possible to convert the approach used then into different mathematical models and to develop these to indicate the location of an offender's home base from knowledge of where his crimes are committed. In a recent study of 79 US serial killers an average of only 11% of the prioritised target area had to be searched before the offender's home base was identified. Eighty seven percent of

searched before the offender's home base was identified. Eighty seven percent of those offenders had their base located within the first 25% of the search, 50% within the first 5%. Indeed, for 15% of the offenders their residential location was found in the first 1% of the target area searched. Researchers and professionals interested in obtaining the software should contact Dragne, The Centre for Investigative Psychology, Department of Psychology, The University of Liverpool, Liverpool, United Kingdom. L69 7ZA. Phone: + 44 151 794 3910, Fax: + 44 151 794 3938, Email: dragnet@liverpool.ac.uk

Upcoming Conferences

* XXVII Interamerican Congress of Psychology, June 27 - July 2, 1999, Caracas, Venezuela

Among offerings of interest to environmental psychologists are the following keynote addresses:

* Miguel A. Aguilar (México - Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana) Espacio social y vida urbana: Un enfoque psicosocial Social space and urban life: A psychosocial approach

* Juan Ignacio Aragonés (España - Universidad Complutense de Madrid) El papel de la psicología en las estrategias nacionales de educación ambiental para el desarrollo sostenible The role of psychology in national strategies of environmental education for sustainable development

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* 3rd Annual International Public Policy and Social Science Conference, "The Environment: Risks and Opportunities," June 28-30, 1999, St Catherine's College, Oxford For information, contact: risk@mail.wolfson.ac.uk

* 16th Conference of the International Association for People-Environment Studies (IAPS) Metropolis 21ème siècle: Villes, Vie sociale et Développement durable Metropolis 21st century: Cities, Social life and Sustainability , July 4-8, 2000, Paris, France

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* The position of Treasurer is vacant.

Tommy Gärling, President

DIVISION 5: EDUCATIONAL, INSTRUCTIONAL AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

Our division is the third largest division with 178 members. ICAP in San Francisco, August 1998 - Highlights of Division 5

Paul Pintrich and Claire-Ellen Weinstein were Program Chairs for the Division. Overall 254 proposals were submitted to Division 5 Scientific Program Committee and 189 were accepted, yielding an overall rejection rate of 26%. All proposals were reviewed by a minimum of 2 reviewers (up to 4). The 50 reviewers were from all parts of the world. The table below summarises the distribution of presentations by geographic area (data based on first author presenters). For those members who could not attend the Congress we have listed below details about the Invited Keynote Addresses and Symposia. The Invited Keynote Address given by Yhang Houcan (China) was entitled

"Psychology as a Profession in China".

Claire Weinstein (USA), who received the Division Award at the 1994 ICAP in Madrid gave the Division Award Address on the topic of strategic learning for the 21st century. Since Claire was unable to attend the Madrid ICAP Congress, a special dinner was organised in San Francisco to celebrate Claire's Award. The Invited Speakers were: Alfonso Orantes (Venezuela) "Psychology and Education in Latin America: Issues, Trends and Perspectives "; Sandra Graham (USA), "Ethnicity, Gender and Achievement Values: Implications for Motivation Research"; Jacob Kok (South Africa), "Democracy and Personal Responsibility: A Problem for Technological and Non-Technological Society"; Monique Boekaerts (The Netherlands), "Self-regulation in a Classroom Context: From Theory to Practice". Franz Weinert (Germany), our 5th Invited Speaker, was unfortunately unable to come to the Congress due to serious health problems.

The Invited Symposia were as follows:

* "Transfer: Recent Findings and Future Perspectives" with De Corte, Belgium; Alexander, USA; Mandl, Germany; Mayer, USA; Simons, The Netherlands; Volet, Australia; Greeno, USA; Hatano, Japan.

* "Integrating cognitive and affective/motivational components in learning and development" with Boekaerts, The Netherlands; Pintrich, USA; Wigfield, USA; Eccles, USA; Niemivirta, Finland; Krapp, Germany; Turner, USA.

* Applying educational psychology to the improvement of schooling: The contextualisation of thinking and problem-solving in educational contexts" with Elliot, Australia, Thorne, Peru; Ashton, Australia; Hall, Great Britain; Bornholt, Australia; Hick, USA; Schaverien, Australia.

* "Learning environments to promote conceptual change in science" with Vosniadou, Greece; DiSessa, USA; Ionides, Greece; Cognition and Technology Group, USA; Scanlon & O'Shea, UK; Glaser, USA; Mandl, Germany.

* "Issues in strategic learning in higher education" with Weinstein, USA; Schutz, USA; Hofer, USA; Minnaert, Belgium; Castaneda, Mexico; Everson, USA.

* The last invited symposium on the theme of "Technology, Psychology and Education: New Promises, New Challenges" had to be cancelled since a number of contributors were unable to come to the Congress.

Division 5 Award

A major highlight of division 5 Business Meeting was the Award for ourstanding contribution. This is a mid-life career award for a scholar who has made significant impact on improvement of education, instruction and schooling and is of international standing and visibility. The winner for 1998 for distinguished contribution to educational psychology is Giyoo Hatano from Keio University in Tokyo, Japan. He accepted his award with a short speech.

Membership of Division 5 Committee

In San Francisco, Prof.dr. Erik de Corte went out of office as president of our division and became past president. A new steering committee was installed. It consists of:

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You are welcome to contact any of the persons listed above should you have any queries or suggestions regarding the Divisional activities, membership or the next Conference in Singapore.

Future Division 5 activities - some ideas - your suggestions welcome !

At their San Francisco meeting, Division 5 Committee members discussed how to improve the dissemination of information to Division 5 members, interactions between members as well as improving members retention.

* One suggestion is to develop a special homepage for the Division, linked to the overall IAAP homepage. The homepage could contain information about the role of the Division as well as a list of all Division members with areas of interest. Are there any members of the division who would be willing to help us with the installation and the maintenance of our homepage?

* Regarding retention of members, a number of suggestions were made, such as (a) welcoming in a personal way all new members (e.g.) in the Newsletter and/or each at the beginning of a Congress, (b) organising a Division dinner at the Congress, setting up a system of mentoring for new junior members. The Committee would welcome any other suggestions. Please do not hesitate to contact us via email.

DIVISION 6 CLINICAL AND COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY

With the beginning of the new year, the successful 1998 meeting of Division 6 at the International Congress of the IAAP in San Francisco began to fade into memory. The meeting of the IAAP in 2002 in Singapore seems to be rather far in the future, and it is too early to be making many specific plans about it. The involvement of the members is apt to flag, as would be expected in any organization that meets only once every 4 years. It was to counteract this trend that Division 6 formed an affiliate organization, the International Society of Clinical Psychology (ISCP), that was to meet each year and keep up the global communication in between IAAP meetings. As I mentioned to you in the last newsletter, ISCP had its inaugural meeting on August 12 in San Francisco, elected officers pro-tem, and made plans to get out a newsletter, set up a web page and a listserv on the Internet, plan a 1999 meeting, have some bylaws written, and arrange for election of officers for 2000.

I am pleased to report to you that most of these tasks have now been accomplished. The first newsletter of ISCP, the International Clinical Psychologist, came out in the fall of 1998, edited by Susan M. Frauenglass (susana@niu.edu). It included an interesting article about clinical psychology in Mexico by Juan-Jose Sanchez-Sosa and one about clinical psychology in Malaysia by N. Kumaraswamy. A second issue of the newsletter will appear in March, 1999. A website was set up for ISCP by William G. Masten (william_masten@tamu-commerce.edu): Its address is: <http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/orgs/iscp/website.html> Masten also set up listserves for both the board and the membership of ISCP. Ivan Kos (ikosipa@aol.com) has been appointed Program Chair of ISCP for 1999. The ISCP will meet Friday evening and Saturday, August 13-14, 1999 at the Sheraton Ferncroft Resort, Danvers, MA 01923 (USA), right before the meeting of the International Council of Psychologists. Members may reserve rooms at the conference rate of US\$135 by calling 978-777-2500, ext. 7950. Reservations need to be made by July 23, 1999.

Bylaws for the ISCP were drafted by Gloria Gottsegen (gottsegg@pb.seflin.org) and were published in its 1998 newsletter. These bylaws were unanimously approved by its membership as of December 31, 1998.

Arthur Wiens (wienza@ohsu.edu), the secretary of ISCP, is chair of its nominations committee and has placed a call for nominations in its forthcoming newsletter. Nominations are needed for seven offices (president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and three member-at-large positions). Thus, during the coming weeks, the elections will be held as specified in the bylaws.

The treasurer of ISCP is Frances Culbertson (jmculbert@facstaff.wisc.edu). She is now sending out notices for 1999 dues of \$20 to each member. There were about 20 members who joined at the original meeting of the Society on August 12, 1999. At this time, Culbertson reports that there are 50 members, from countries all over the world.

In addition to activities it had already planned, the ISCP was also able to negotiate an arrangement with John Wiley and Sons, publishers of the Journal of Clinical

Psychology. As of July, 1999, the ISCP will be listed as an official sponsor of this journal and will have one page per issue to use in communicating with its members.

Juan-Josa Sanchez-Sosa will represent ISCP as its delegate on the journal's editorial board. ISCP members will have the option of subscribing to this journal at discount rates.

Donald K. Routh

University of Miami

DIVISION 7 APPLIED GERONTOLOGY

Frances M. Culbertson, President The United Nations' opening of the International Year of Older Persons (IYOP) occurred on October 1, 1998, at the United Nations in New York City. At this meeting, governments around the world were encouraged to incorporate into their national programs eighteen principles for the benefit of ageing persons. The areas of focus and principles are summarised below:

1. Independence: Nations are encouraged to provide independence for ageing persons through:

- a) access to food, clothing, shelter, health care, and other means that can allow for development of independence;
- b) access to work and/or other income generating opportunities;
- c) access and input into decisions regarding leaving the working world;
- d) access, when desired, to appropriate educational and opportunities;
- e) access to environments that are safe and adaptable to personal needs and wishes.

2. Participation: Nations are encouraged to provide avenues for participation in the daily personal and societal life of individuals.

3. Care and Protection: Nations are encouraged to provide care and protection in accordance with each society's system of cultural values so that older persons have:

- a) access to health care, as well as appropriate protective care in institutional environments that are humane and appropriate;

b) access to social and legal services for their protection, care and autonomy;

c) access to protection and enhancement of human rights and human dignity in whatever setting they reside.

4. Opportunities: Nations are encouraged

a) to provide opportunities for self-fulfilment such as access to educational, cultural, spiritual and recreational resources of their respective societies.

5. Dignity and Security: Nations are encouraged to provide and assure older persons a life of dignity and security, so that there is:

a) access to living conditions that are free of harassment, exploitation, and mental or physical abuse;

b) recognition that regardless of age, gender, racial or ethnic backgrounds, disabilities, or any other status, they will be valued and treated fairly.

These principles are being celebrated and planned for throughout the world at all levels of society, local, state, national, and involve governmental and non-governmental groups. In response to the UN IYOP, The American Psychological Association initiated programs focusing on the development of information about older adults. They are currently disseminating two publications. The first one is "What Practitioners should know about working with older adults," and the second one is "Adults' Health and Age-Related Changes: Reality versus Myth." In addition, a pamphlet about elder abuse and neglect is in the offing. APA has established a governance group, the Committee on Ageing (CONA), to assure that the American Psychological Association will give appropriate considerations in their activities to older adults and minorities; and to impact on public issue policies, educational issues, and practice/applied issues and needs of ageing persons.

Other APA involvements for the IYOP are planned around the issues of physical and mental health, health care, health insurance, public awareness programs, and other relevant issues and needs. For further information regarding APA's involvements in the IYOP, the APA address is 750 First Street, Washington DC, 20002-4242, attention:

Committee on Ageing.

For further information from the UN IYOP, contact the World-wide web at:

<http://www.org/esa/spcdev/ageing.htm>

(and/or)

<http://www.org.un/esa/socdev/iyop.htm>

(for info in the USA)

<http://www.aoa.dhhs.gov/international>

As a Division of Applied Gerontology, we are no doubt engaged in many of the activities relevant to the UN IYOP. The Executive Committee would like to collect information on the activities of our members to disseminate to the UN IYOP. If your psychological association has planned activities for IYOP; if you are presently engaged in research, theory, or applied activities in this area, please send a short report to me, President, Division 7, so that we can submit a summary report of our Division's contributions to the UN IYOP. Your report should be short, typed, and either mailed, faxed or e-mailed. My address is at the back of this Newsletter. I can also be reached by Fax: 608 256 4449, or e-mail:

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To reach other members of the Executive Committee, contact addresses are as follows:

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At this time, the Executive Board of Applied Gerontology, Division 7, would also like to familiarise you with the members of the Board, so that you may contact any one of them when and if you wish to do so. The listings and descriptions of Executive Board members are as follows:

President: Frances M. Culbertson, PhD., ABPP

Dr Culbertson received her PhD in Social Psychology at the University of Michigan in 1955. In 1957, she engaged in post-doctoral training in Clinical Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which was completed in 1959. She served as Chairperson of Psychology Section of Child Psychiatry, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and then Director of School Psychology for the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, where she developed and active international School Psychology Program. She was secretary and president of the International Council of Psychologists, awarded the Honorary President of Clinical Psychology, Brazil; Executive Board Member, IAAP, and one of the founders and treasurer of the International Society of Clinical Psychology. She is one of the founders of the APA Division of International Psychology. In 1994, she received the APA Award for Distinguished Contribution to the International Advancement of Psychology. She is presently in private practice with a focus on the development of resilient behaviours of

ageing persons in community, hospital, and nursing home settings. Her research foci are assessment of depression in women internationally; stresses, strains and coping strategies of professional women, internationally; and theory and treatment strategies for the development of resilience of ageing persons, particularly the aged, seventy years and older.

President-Elect: Margaret M Hastings, PhD

Margaret Hastings currently teaches at Dominican University and the University of Illinois, and is engaged in research in the areas of ageing, health policy and long-term care. She serves as Chair of Long-Term Care Faculty Forum of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration. She also serves as Chair of the Ageing Interests Group for the American Psychological Association's Division 27 (Community Psychology) and 52 (International Psychology). In the Fall of 1998, Dr Hastings completed a six-year term as Chief Executive Officer for the Institute of Medicine of Chicago, a research and educational organisation devoted to the study of health care issues. Earlier in her career, Dr Hastings served in state government (1976-85) as the Director of the Illinois Commission on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. She received her doctorate from North western University and her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

Past President: Bruce Avolio, PhD

Bruce J Avolio is Professor and Director of the Centre for Leadership Studies, for the State University of New York, Binghamton. We received his PhD from the University of Akron in 1982 in industrial/organisation and life-span psychology. He has published over 70 articles, numerous book chapters, and two books on topics related to individual, team and organisational leadership. He is considered an international expert in the area of transformational leadership. He has conducted training workshops in numerous countries around the world. In the last three years, Dr Avolio has worked with a wide range of colleagues in setting up a world-wide network of Centres for Leadership Studies. To date Leadership Centre Studies have been established in Israel, South Africa and South Korea, with plans for inaugurating additional centres in Italy, China, Australia, Venezuela, New Zealand and Spain. He is on the Executive Board of IAAP.

Secretary: Selma G Sapir, EdD

Selma Sapir is a Graduate Faculty Professor, Bank Street College, New York City. Her doctorate is in applied clinical psychology from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City. She was a Fulbright professor at the Universidad Anahuac, Mexico City, Mexico. She has lectured and conducted workshops in Taiwan, Belgium, Italy, Australia, Israel, Canada, Mexico and Denmark. She is the author of four books, ten chapters in books and hundreds of articles across the age spectrum. She is an international psychologist and personifies the positive role of a senior citizen in today's world. She is a Past-president of the International Council of Psychologists. She is presently co-ordinator of the United Nation Affairs for the International Committee on Ageing at the United Nations and will be involved in many of the meetings planned for the IYOP. She is a permanent member of the support system for the Crime Prevention Unit of the United Nations which meets in

Courmayeur, Italy every year. If you are in the New York area and would enjoy attending a UN meeting, you may contact her by e-mail or Fax and she will try to arrange such an event.

Board Member: Harvey L Sterns, PhD

Harvey Sterns received his PhD in Life-Span Developmental Psychology from West Virginia University in 1971. He is a Professor of Psychology and a Director of the Institute for Life-Span Development and Gerontology at the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio. He is also a Research Professor of Gerontology and Co-Director of the Western Reserve Geriatric Education Centre, Northeastern Ohio Universities' College of Medicine. He is Chair of the Doctoral Specialisation in Industrial Gerontological Psychology and is a member of the Applied Cognitive Ageing graduate program faculty. Dr Sterns research areas include: ageing and work, career development and training of middle age and older adult workers, ageing and driving, cognitive intervention and ageing and mental retardation. He is also involved in the PI Akron Site Rehabilitation Research and Training Centre on Ageing and Mental Retardation. Dr Sterns is Past-president of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education and Sigma Phi Omega, Honorary Society in Gerontology. He is currently the Editor of the American Psychological Association, Division 20 (Adult Development and Ageing) Newsletter.

Other members of the Board will be introduced to you in our next newsletter. They are Dr Robert Morgan, USA (North America), Dr Seisoh Sukemune, Japan (Asia), and Dr Elisa Margaona, Mexico (South America). We would like a West European and East European member for the Board. Any volunteers? We all look forward to working with IAAP members on international issues of our "ageing planet" and the planning of the 2002 meetings in Singapore. We look forward to hearing from you about our Applied Gerontology Division and what we can do to make it more meaningful and participatory for you.

DIVISION 8 HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

President's Message:

Should an International Association of Health Psychologists Differ from a National Association?

Stevan E. Hobfoll

Given that there is no major news for the Division of Health Psychology, I thought I would open a dialogue concerning whether an international association of psychologists such as ours should have different priorities than a national organization. This question is fundamental to why we would participate in an internationally-based association such as IAAP and to our particular role as health psychologists. Interestingly, the conclusion I come to for psychology in general and for health psychology are quite divergent.

Psychologists, in general, share an interest in psychological theory and the promotion of the science of psychology. For a clinical psychologist interested, for example, in

treating depression, cognitive theories of depression might drive research. Moving to international levels makes the question of the transferability of cognitive theory across international borders and divergent cultures relevant, but depression remains the central focus of work. Health Psychology shares this value. That is, whether we meet in our home towns, at national meetings, or internationally, there are some theories that we wish to examine. At international levels of work, culture again becomes more important, but it is the theory that is the focal point of interest. This can be readily seen in work on self-efficacy by Ralf Schwarzer which is currently being studied in many different countries and the seminal work of Charles Spielberger on anxiety and anger.

By examining the transportability of psychological theories we increase our confidence that we are speaking about broad psychological phenomena and not culturally-constrained concepts. Health Psychology on an international level, however, has an additional mission as I see it. Specifically, the health problems confronting different parts of the world and the resources available to intervene to solve these problems are disparate. Most economically advanced nations have solved public health concerns related to water, disinfectants (soap), and sewage. Western Europe, Japan, Australia, and North America do not have major concerns with refugee health. Where wealthier nations are absorbing refugees they often screen for the most healthy and have rich resources for dealing with others who need major health intervention. In contrast, natural causes, economic challenge, and man made forces such as war and ethnic strife have led to major health concerns in the former Yugoslavia, parts of Africa, and parts of Central and South America. AIDS is a worldwide threat. However, the challenge of AIDS to the United States, as profound a problem as it is, is relatively contained when compared to some nations in Africa where over 10% and more of the population may be infected or expected to be infected.

Related to international differences in health problems is a generally opposite trend regarding knowledge of health psychology. That is, there is a tendency for the strongholds of health psychology to be in the countries that have the most resources in general and the least health problems. This paradox poses both a problem and mission for our Division. Specifically, I believe that a major thrust of our efforts should be in the area of applying resources gained in countries that have made significant health advances due to their rich resources to countries who have more profound health problems and risk. Japan, Canada, the United States, and most of Western Europe have much to contribute to more economically and health challenged parts of the world. Our organization can facilitate this mission, especially in the areas of health psychology prevention work.

In transferring and translating health psychology to problem solving in countries and regions that are more economically challenged, we also have to avoid intellectual colonialism. Although many economically challenged nations may not have researchers who have published prominently in Western academic journals, that does not mean that knowledge has not been gleaned or that successful programs have not been implemented. National efforts to halt the AIDS epidemic in Thailand have, for example, been among the most comprehensive, creative, and impactful in the world. Moreover, knowledge gained in resource rich countries will not translate in tact to different cultures and different economies. Instead, collaborative efforts between health psychologists from different countries and cross-fertilization of knowledge and

ideas will be fundamental to successful, sustained efforts. Again, this represents a special challenge and opportunity for our Division of Health Psychology because I believe that there is a fundamental understanding among our membership that intellectual colonialism is doomed to failure and that what is called for is an open sharing of resources East to West, rich to poor, stable nation to instable nation. Moreover, we must remember that many significant health problems do plague some of the richest nations among their poor and economically disenfranchised citizens.

I will end by saying that one of the central contributions of such collaboration will be the enriching of theory in health psychology from its current developmental form which is almost certainly too narrow and too steeped in Western, Judeo-Christian culture, to a more culturally-advised state of knowledge. Thus, what I believe will develop from such collaborations will not only be better efforts at addressing health risks in more economically disadvantaged countries and regions, but also development of theories that more accurately reflect the psychology of the diverse people of the world.

I am pleased to announce that the Division of Health Psychology now has a web page attached to IAAP's webpage. Thanks to Ralf Schwarzer of Freie Universitat, Berlin for putting the webpage together. It can be reached at: <http://www.iaapsy.org> From there you will find a link to our webpage.

DIVISION 10 : PSYCHOLOGY AND LAW

1. The Committee

At the 24th International Congress of Applied Psychology held in San Francisco in August the results of elections to the Division's Executive Committee were announced by the retiring Divisional President,

Roy Malpass. These were:-

President: Professor **Ray H.C. Bull**

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Fortunately for these new officers Roy Malpass remains a member of the committee as Past President. The officers are in the process of determining regional representatives and committee chairs.

2. Thanks to the Past President Roy Malpass was the founding President of the Division. His energy and commitment has seen the Division making an increasing impact both on the I.A.A.P. and on the world at large. He is internationally very highly regarded as a psychologist working at the interface of psychology with investigative and legal processes, and with the law. His will be a hard act to follow. I have been asked by many members of the Division to express their thanks to him as a charming, bright, supportive and enthusiastic colleague. (Sections 4 and 5 of this report have been written by Roy).

3. Dublin meeting (July 1999)

In July of this year is to be held the Annual Conference of the European Association of Psychology and Law in Dublin. This will be the first joint meeting with the American Psychology-Law Society. A very full programme will take place. One symposium will be presented by our I.A.A.P Psychology and Law Division in which the speakers will be your Past President (Roy Malpass), the President Elect (Günter Köhnken), the Australia Representative (Don Thomson), and myself with my co-presenter Beth Paterson. One aim of this symposium is to heighten awareness among Psychology-Law scholars of the Division's existence.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend this Dublin meeting and to publicise the Division. If you are aware of people who may like to become members of the Division, please let me have their names and addresses (e-mail ray.bull@port.ac.uk) Also, please contact me on any other Divisional issues you would like to raise. I hope to be a worthy president.

Ray Bull

4. The Psychology and Law Program at I.A.A.P. Meetings. The Psychology and Law Program for the San Francisco meeting contained 25 hours of invited talks, symposia and discussions, plus many poster presentations. Brian Cutler was the major force behind the Division's program and received due acclaim and praise at the Division's business meeting. We were restricted to 25 hours of oral presentation by the rule that the number of program hours would be proportional to the size of divisional membership. Our decision was that the 25 hours allotted would be entirely an invited program and that the contributed program would be entirely poster presentations.

The IAAP/APA Program Committee for this conference attempted to raise the status of poster presentations, and the quality of the experience. Responses to that experience from members are welcome, and will be forwarded to the organizers of the 2002 conference in Singapore.

The role of Divisions in IAAP appears to be increasing. Division Presidents are now full voting members of the IAAP Executive Committee, and divisional contributions to both recruiting new members and to providing attractive conference programs are increasingly important. There are now more opportunities than before to reach members of the psychology and law community in places outside of Europe and North America, through regional meetings. Regional meetings are co-sponsored by IAAP, IUPsyS and IACCP. The next regional meeting is scheduled for Durban, South Africa, in July 1999.

Planning for the IAAP meetings in 2002 in Singapore are already under way.

If you have an idea for the Psychology and Law Program in Singapore please communicate that to one of the members of the Division Executive Committee and we will be sure that the Program Committee receives it.

Finally, it is important that we are able to turn participation in the San Francisco program into memberships for the Division. This is really the only way for us to obtain a greater portion of the program in future conferences, and thus reach even more people in this important area of applied psychology.

5. On a personal note I've been in the role of President of the IAAP Division of Psychology and Law since the approval of our proposal for Division Status at the EC meeting in Sydney in 1988. It has been one of the most warmly rewarding experiences I've had in connection with professional organizations, and I have made many new friendships as a result. With Ray Bull and Günter Köhnken in the leadership roles for the foreseeable future I am confident that the Division is in excellent hands. Brian Cutler has established a new standard for the Division's future scientific programs, and I am happy to become Past-President as the Division has achieved success in attracting membership and program contributions from a broad range of the discipline and areas of the world.

Rov Malnass

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DIVISION 12 SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY

1. Starting a new term as President : Dr. Gloria Balague

As the president of the Division of Sport and Exercise Psychology, I would like to accomplish two main things: First, to increase the size and the visibility of our Division, recruiting new members and connecting with the Sport Psychology organizations of other countries. For example, we would like to be present at the European Congress of Sport Psychology, next July in Prague. Second, I would like for our Division to coordinate with some of the other divisions. Health Psychology, for example, seems like a natural one, where we can jointly look at the role of exercise and physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle. Educational Psychology also seems as an area where the contacts between divisions hold some promise (see below). We would like to hear from other divisions and we would also like to encourage our members to inform about their area of research in the Newsletter, to increase the possibility of international collaboration in sport psychology projects. Please send your comments and ideas to myself or to Dr. Yuri Hanin.

2. Business meeting in San Francisco, 13th of August 1998.

Present from the executive committee were: Glyn C Roberts, president, Howard Hall, nomination committee, Yuri Hanin, Newsletter committee and Marit Sørensen, secretary/treasurer. The president elect, Gloria Balague apologized for not being able to attend due to surgery. Other division 12 members were present.

President's welcome:

The president, Glyn C. Roberts, opened the meeting and wished everyone welcome. Only the position of president was up for election. There were three candidates: Jitendra Mohan from India, Yuri Hanin from Finland and Marit Sørensen from Norway. Mohan withdrew his candidature. There was also a candidate for secretary/treasurer: Howard Hall (England). However, two representatives wished to resign: the representative from North America for health reasons, and the European representative for reasons related to a change in the work situation, so two new representatives had to be elected. There were two candidates for the European representative: Philip Brunel (France) and Alex Garcia Mas (Spain), and one candidate for the North American representative: Britton Brewer (USA).

REPORTS:

President's report:

The president stated that the main activity for the division was to organise a good program in the IAAP congress. He was impressed by the IAAP congress, the

presentations and the performance in general. He pointed out the uniqueness of the IAAP organisation with all the different disciplines represented, and the high calibre of the participants, and pointed out that this would make IAAP more important in the future. The journal of IAAP is a very highly cited journal, particularly the lead articles, and has considerable impact in the field of psychology. Members were encouraged to submit there. However, due to the economic situation in some parts of the world, attendance was lower than expected this year. Also students are relatively few, they seem to go more to National conventions, which represent more of a job market for them. We are the smallest division, and some thoughts were given to how to stimulate membership. The president thanked Howard Hall for doing an excellent job with the nomination committee, and for organising the elections in a very good manner. Greetings were passed on from Gloria Balague, and wishing her a speedy recovery, Glyn Roberts passed the responsibility for division 12 over to her as a new president.

Treasurer's report.

Sørensen presented the report. As all membership fees and other financial business is handled by IAAP centrally, no money had been in the hands of the treasurer. Shortly before the congress we were informed that based on the number of members, 180 US dollars was at the disposal of division 12. An idea was to host a social event during this congress, but it costed ten times this amount, so it was decided to leave it for the next congress.

Report from the nomination committee. Hall reported that a letter was sent out in order to stimulate nominations. He pointed out that normally the elections were held by mail ballot, so that all members could participate. However, the nominations came relatively late, and the best solution seemed to be to hold the elections at the business meeting. It is preferable to do this by mail ballot in future.

ELECTIONS. The Business meeting confirmed the results of the elections for an executive committee for the 1998 -2002 term as follows:

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Past-President - Professor Glyn Roberts, Sports University, Oslo, Norway
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President-elect - Dr. Marit Sørensen, Sports University, Oslo, Norway
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Representative for Asia - Dr. Jin Yoo (Korea)

Representative for Australia - Dr. Jeff Summers (Australia):

Representative for Africa - Dr. A. Grundlingh (South Africa):

Representative for Central & South America - Rocia Hernanedz.Pozo (Mexico):

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3. Division members' past/current activities

Dr. Gloria Balaguer was an invited speaker at the Closing of the Masters in High Performance organized by Dr. Isabel Balaguer at the University of Valencia December 19 1998.

Professor Yuri L.Hanin was a visiting professor for a Spring semester (March 1998) at the University of Salzburg, Austria. Yuri also presented on 'Sport Psychology research and consultancy with elite Athletes and coaches' (Science in Elite Sport International symposium, Innsbruck, Austria) He also conducted a two-day workshop for Winter Olympic Sports Austrian coaches.

As a recipient of the 1998 visiting Scholar Award, Professor Yuri L. Hanin gave lectures and workshops at 10 leading Australian Universities (September-October, 1998). In May, 1999 Professor Hanin has been invited to join international staff conducting the II Master of Sport Psychology in Lisbon, Portugal.

Professor Glyn Roberts has moved to the Norwegian University of Sport Science, P.O. Box 4014, Ullevaal Stadion, 0806 Oslo, Norway. telephone: 47 22 18 5768; fax: 47 22 18 5718 Home phone: 47 22 42 4624. E-mail: Glynr@brage.idrettshs.no

4. Contacts with other divisions

Professor Juhani Kirionen provides a brief summary of his research project that has a direct relevance for expert performance in sport. The starting point of the research programme is the ongoing radical change of working life and the need to link its future with educational practices. The main object is to analyse the process of becoming an expert and the progress of expertise in terms of learning processes taking place in educational and working life environments. Thus, the project aims to examine the nature and development of expertise in some professional fields such as teaching, human resource development, information systems design, and social work, where current radical changes involve professionals in especially formidable challenges; and to analyse and evaluate different instructional methods and learning environments from the viewpoint of the acquisition of expert knowledge.

Programme is carried out as several sub-projects, each of which focuses on a specific topic. The integrative elements are considering expertise as a continuous learning and developmental process and examining this process from the constructivist perspective with the focus on learners' experience.

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4. Forthcoming Congresses and Meetings

April 26-27. 1999 Jyväskylä, Finland. The 2nd Working Meeting of Sport Psychologists from four Nordic Countries. Contact: Yuri Hanin July 6-11.1999 - 10th FEPSAC Congress - Prague, Czechia July 12-18.1999 - 4th ECSS (European College of Sport Science) Congress Rome.

14th Annual AAASP Conference, - September 22-28, 1999 Banff, Canada July 23-28, 2000, Stockholm, Sweden 27th International Congress of Psychology Three invited symposia are planned:

- 1) Emotional and Motivational Concomitants of Optimal Athletic Performance (Hanin Y.L. , Vanden Auwelle Y., Robazza C., Bortoli L., Hassemen, P.),
- 2) Performance and Anxiety in Elite Sport (Hassmen, P., Raglin, J., & Hanin, Y.L.)
- 3) Moral functioning of children in sport: An achievement goal perspective. (Roberts, G., Ommundsen, Y., Lemyre N., Stormes T.)

Yuri Hanin, Newsletter Editor

DIVISION 13 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION PSYCHOLOGY

The Division has arranged for IAAP members to have preferential rates in two forthcoming international conferences - members of the Executive Committee (Denis Huegenin- President Elect, Talib Rothengatter - Past President, John Groeger- President) are also serving on the Scientific Committees of these conferences. Vision in Vehicles, co-sponsored by the Traffic & Transportation Division of IAAP, the Applied Vision Association and the Ergonomics Society, is an interdisciplinary conference focusing on the visual aspects of transportation tasks, including ergonomics and human performance. It will take place in Boston, US from 22-25th August 1999. Full details of the conference arrangements and conference programme will appear on the VIV web site at <http://www.ibs.derby.ac.uk/viv/>

Denis Huguenin is the Chairman of the for the International Conference on Traffic and Transport Psychology (Berne, Switzerland, 4-7th September 2000). This major international conference has issued a CALL FOR PAPERS, and members are encouraged to submit proposals for papers, posters and symposia by 1st November 1999. Further details are available at <http://www.icctp2000.ch>.

Development of the Division's web site has been hampered by starting changes at the host site, but the re-vamped site should be available by May 1999. Check it out at http://www.surrey.ac.uk/Psychology/Traffic_Psychology/

John A. Groeger

DIVISION 14: APPLIED COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY

The division of Applied Cognitive Psychology is the 14th and youngest on the list of IAAP divisions. At the same time cognitive research has a long and rich tradition within the association, as several of its most famous members, like Henry Piéron, Frederick Bartlett or Alexander Luria, had the focus of their research in the field of applied cognitive psychology. On the eve of San Francisco Congress, the idea of a new, cognitive division was supported by a number of internationally known psychologists who would, themselves, be eager to be members of this new division. This enthusiasm was based on the fact that the IAAP should, in their judgment, reflect in its organizational structure the important developments in cognitive research over the last decades. Indeed, many psychology departments and programs across the world regard themselves as fundamentally focused on cognitive studies. Moreover, it is important to stress that applied psychology has numerous connections with cognitive studies nowadays -- as in the cases of cognitive ergonomics, psychophysics, cognitive neuropsychology, engineering psychology, human factors engineering, cognitive engineering, teleworking and computer supported cooperative work (CSCW), cyberspaces and virtual life research, neuroergonomics, natural language processing (speech competence, reading, writing), decision making, conflict resolution as well as creativity research, knowledge management and training.

It was imperative that the IAAP take account of this proliferation in application of cognitive studies by establishing the division of Applied Cognitive Psychology. This finally happened at the end of 1998. The first president of the division became Prof. Boris Velichkovsky from Dresden University of Technology, Germany (email velich@psy1.psych.tu-dresden.de),

secretary and treasurer - Dr. Fred Zijlstra (Tilburg University, The Netherlands, email f.r.h.zijlstra@kub.nl). The task of the recent future is to integrate the new division into the structures of the IAAP, so that it will at least be possible to become formally affiliated with this domain of applied psychology. The Webpage of the division can be found under URL <http://rcswwww.urz.tu-dresden.de/~cogsci/iaap-acp/iaap-acp.html>

To structure the broad domain of applied cognitive research it was further decided to organize several subdivisions with the goal of preparation of corresponding events (symposia and workshops) at the next IAAP Congress in Singapore. Several other projects are currently under discussion. The preliminary list of subdivisions and their chairpersons (who are also officers of the division 14) is given below.

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SHORT ARTICLE FEATURING BEST PRACTICES OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Balancing between research and action

Susan Pick

Faculty of Psychology, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) and Instituto Mexicano de Investigacion de Familia y Poblacion (IMIFAP) It is not easy to balance between research and action. On the other hand it is also hard to experience how applied research does not get applied or to see how programmes fail because they are not based on real needs and expectations. I am very grateful to Ingrid Lunt who invited me to share with you some of our experience in Latin America in developing and implementing educational programmes in sexual and reproductive health. The National Demographic Survey of 1980 in Mexico showed that 19% of all live births were to girls under 18 years of age (note that this percentage does not

nive births were to girls under 16 years of age (note that this percentage does not include abortions or miscarriages, both of which are high in Latin America in this age group and therefore seriously underrepresents the problem (because of the taboo associated with premarital sex and the illegal status of abortion reliable statistics are not available). In the early 1980's a group of mexican researchers funded by the Panamerican Health Organization and the Population Council developed a series of studies on the determinants of the sexual, contraceptive and reproductive practices of female adolescents (only female because the high level health official in charge of approving the funds for the project said : "boys have nothing to do with that we will only give our approval if you limit it to girls).

The results showed that in order to have adolescents take precautionary measures not to get pregnant, they needed communication and planning skills and needed to be motivated. Simply to be provided with knowledge about contraception and /or menstruation as had been happening until that time in our schools was not enough. We set off very idealistically to several schools and clinics explaining our results and their implications only to find that no one was interested in developing a programme based on them. What to do?

We invited a group of programme development specialists, several high level policy makers both in the educational and the health fields and began to develop a life skills and sexuality education programme for adolescents. We did process evaluations (collecting qualitative data) as well as evaluations using quasi experimental designs. After many meetings with policy makers, and having trained many thousands of adolescents, parents, and teachers we felt we had a programme that worked. The next question was how do we get it institutionalized at the national level. One of the episodes that I personally remember was the following: A member of our board convinced me that the way to get things going was by talking to the Minister of Education. As it turned out, the only way to get an appointment was by sitting outside the Minister's office until I got one. After several unsuccessful attempts for getting an appointment through his secretary, who always said: "Oh, I am so sorry, he is very busy and cannot give you an appointment", I simply responded "I understand , but I will wait until he has a few minutes available. I sat down on a wooden bench with a book, and continued to sit on that long hard bench through the afternoon and evening and through the morning, afternoon and evening of the next three weeks. I simply moved my office to the bench. Finally the secretary said "The Minister will now see you".

"I DID IT" I thought. Little did I know that that was only the beginning of many, many, many meetings with many, many , many different groups and individuals. On this first occasion the Minister said after only about ten minutes that I should go and see the undersecretary. I thanked him, left the room, and walked over to the undersecretary's office. The undersecretary recognized the need for this kind of programmes and law reforms associated with them, explained that it would imply a long process of negotiations, trainings and development of materials and wanted to know if IMIFAP would be willing to go through this process. After several consultations we agreed to do so. A lot has happenend since then. Through the Ministry of Education we have trained multipliers from all 32 states of Mexico, have negotiated extensively with different groups, after several NGO's from different countries had worked closely together with their governments a national sexuality education law has been passed in four Latin American countries we have developed

education has been passed in four Latin American countries, we have developed research and programmes based on its results for children and adolescents (of both sexes we have since convinced authorities that boys do have something to do with "it") from preschool through ninth grade, as well as for parents and health personnel. The life skills programmes have reached over 4 million users, 22,000 teachers have been trained in nine countries and we have extended our research to action strategy to the fields of HIV/AIDS prevention, emergency contraception, violence against women, maternal and child health and training of health personnel. We have learned several lessons for applying our research results. I wish to share some of the most important ones with you.

1. When carrying out applied research, or should I say research that we would like to see applied, involve the policy makers from the very beginning, be able to adapt to their needs and their political agenda.
2. If the subject matter is a controversial one use opinion polls to understand the attitudes of the population and disseminate the results at all levels from the top political level to the general public.
3. Have a clear negotiating strategy eg deal with opposition groups, on a one to one basis vs. in group, provide the information in stages vs. all at once, have clear in advance how far you are willing to give in.
4. Not always will there be well-grounded theory to develop your interventions. Many times the best theory will be developed from the best application (What would Kurt Lewin say?).
5. Evaluate, evaluate, evaluate: before-after, the process, use long term followups, compare with other programmes, use different types of control groups.
6. Disseminate, disseminate, disseminate. The media is always looking for a good story, the policy makers want to hear about good programmes, the public wants to improve their quality of life.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Edwin A. Fleishman, past-president of IAAP, has been selected as the recipient of the 1998/1999 Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology from the American Psychological Association (APA). The award was presented "in recognition of his sustained and enduring contributions to international cooperation and advancement of knowledge in psychology."

Previously, in 1980, he had received APA's Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award for the Applications of Psychology. Ed Fleishman was president of IAAP from 1974-1982, was an officer of the Association for eight years, and still serves as an ex officio member of the Executive Committee. Most recently he has served on the Scientific and Organizing Committees of the recent IAAP Congress in San Francisco

PROJECT OF DUANGDUEN BHANTHUMNAVIN

At our recent San Francisco convention, Professor Duangduen Bhathumnavin reported on an ambitious major psychology project designed to do no less than change the quality of life of Thailand's population of 62 million people. The scope of her project, supported by Thailand's government, rivals anything psychologists have ever undertaken before and deserves special notice. Dr. Bhanthumnavin has expressed her willingness to collaborate with others in the field and to share data with IAAP members who have interests in her areas of research.

Dr. Bhanthumnavin, who received her directs an interdisciplinary action research team of 120 psychologists and behavioral scientists, health workers, teachers, and health service professionals in such fields as nursing, medicine, and dental hygiene. Her program now has 26 studies underway and 20 in the stage of preparation. Each of the controlled experiments uses at least 240 subjects; correlational studies involve at least 1000 subjects. Current projects include police officers, parents, teachers, and various student groups. The program was started in 1976, and continued during the years 1986-1996. It is expected to run until 2003. The projects focus on seven important behavioral areas, namely, work, morality, health, family, democratic beliefs, natural resource conservation, and good citizenship. The principal research project has four major aims. These are (a) policy formulation for individual and national development, development and evaluation of (b) psychological indicators for diagnostic purposes, (c) training modules for psychological and behavioral problems; (d) a body of knowledge for public policy decisions related to health and work habits in Thailand.

Professor Bhanthumnavin, received her BA at the University of California, Berkeley, her MA at the University of Illinois, and her Ph D at the University of Maryland. She has expressed her willingness to collaborate and share data with qualified researchers from other countries who have compatible interests. If any of our members wish to collaborate with her and her research group, they should contact her by e-mail vhutti@mozart.inet.co.th or FAX 662/319-6875.

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PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY GROUP MEETS AT SAN FRANCISCO CONGRESS

The use of psychotropic medications by psychologists in treatment of their patients was the focus of a meeting of the 1998 International Congress of Applied Psychology in San Francisco. Dr. Patrick DeLeon, recently elected President of the of the American Psychological Association (APA) welcomed the international representatives and spoke about the initiatives to secure prescriptive authority in the United States. Major Debra Dunivin, a psychologist trained by the US Department of Defense to prescribe in the military described her experience as a prescribing psychologist.

Dr. Jack Wiggins, a former president of APA, chaired the session and presented the results of two surveys involving 23 different countries. The first survey was of psychological associations in 12 countries regarding diagnostic authority, treatment authority and prescriptive authority. Respondents were Australia, Brazil, England, Germany, Japan, Korea, Namibia, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, Uganda and Yemen. All countries reporting, with the excepting of Japan, indicated they were authorized to treat most forms of mental conditions. Japan stated they were authorized to test upon recommendation of a physician. Several countries reported psychologists used psychotropic medications in the treatment of their patients where medicinals can be obtained from a pharmacy without a prescription although none reported psychologists as dispensing medications.

The second survey of Health Ministries of South American countries in association with the Pan American Health Organization was more focused on treatment authority with respect to affective disorders, chronic mental illness and epilepsy. Questions regarding the use and prescription of medication were also asked. All 11 of the countries responding of the 19 countries surveyed indicated psychologists diagnosed and treated mental and emotional conditions. Argentina, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic reported psychologists had training in psychotropic medications and use of these medications under certain conditions.

Dr. Martin Gittelman, a psychologist and Executive Director of the Mental Health Workers Without Borders, presented his organization's establishment of therapeutic communities which use and manage psychotropic medications for the seriously mentally ill in China, Pakistan and the Philippines.

Dr. Wiggins reported a study of 8000 psychologists treating nearly one million mental health episodes involving the use of psychotropic medications without untoward incidence. Of the 1.6 million people presenting for treatment, 68% were already taking a psychotropic medication from their family physician. Once the person was in active psychological treatment the use of medication dropped to 22%. At discharge only 13% continued on a maintenance dose of medication. (This study by Wiggins, J.G. and Cummins, N.A. appears in the February 1999 issue of the *Professional Psychologist*, Vol. 29 549-552.)

Representatives of Brazil, Canada, Kenya, Yemen and the United States discussed the de facto status of the use of medications in the treatment of mental and emotional conditions in their countries. All felt that the use of psychotropic medications for the

treatment of mental conditions had become an accepted practice in their country. Psychologists in the USA were the leaders in seeking prescriptive authority among those present.

Psychologists have legislation in the state of Indiana and the US Territory of Guam to prescribe under certain conditions. Several other states are introducing legislation for prescriptive authority for psychologists. There was a lively discussion and it was questioned why there was no group in the IAAP devoted to dealing with the psychological and psychopharmacological treatment of the seriously mentally ill. The group requested that the IAAP to form a Committee on psychopharmacology practice to study psychologists' authority to use psychotropic medications in their treatment of mental and emotional problems. This committee could assemble and disseminate information about how psychologists can rehabilitate the mentally ill populations of the world using psychological interventions and where indicated, psychotropic medications.

Jack G. Wiggins



FORTHCOMING CONGRESSES

June 27-July 2, 27th InterAmerican Congress of Psychology, 1999, Caracas, Venezuela Contact SIP-99, Apdo. 47018 Los Chaguaramos, Caracas, 1041-A, Venezuela, phone: 58 2 959 12 05; fax 58 2 959 79 21, email: event@eldish.net

June 29-July 2, 1999, University of Graz, Austria, Joint ITC and IACCP Regional Conference on Cultural Diversity and European Integration The conference will cover topics relating to cultural diversity and integration as well as validation of methods and instruments used for cross-cultural research. Deadline for submitting paper abstracts is December 1. Further details from conference chair, Norbert Tanzer, University of Graz, phone +43 316 380 5131, fax +43 316 380 99808. email norbert.tanzer@kfunigraz.ac.at

July 4-9, 1999 6th European Congress on Psychology, Rome Italy. Congress organised under the auspices of the European Federation of Professional Psychologists Associations. Contact: EuroCong, c/o INPPA, via Arenula 16, 00186 Rome, Italy

18 - 23 July, 1999, Durban, South Africa, Psychological Society of South Africa Regional Congress organised in co-operation with IUPsyS, IAAP, IACCP contact: tel +2712 807 1740; fax +2712 807 1776; email: psysa@cis.co.za

15 August - 19 August, 1999, Salem, Massachusetts, USA 57th Annual Convention of the International Council of Psychologists (ICP) Contact: Joan C. Chrisler, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, Connecticut College, New London, CT 06320 USA. Phone: 860-439-2336; Fax: 860-439-5300; E-mail: jcchr@conncoll.edu

25-29 August, 1999, 5th Conference of the European Association of Psychological Assessment, Patras, Greece. Contact Demetrios S. Alexopoulos, 5th ECPA, Department of Education, Section of Psychology, Panepistemiopolis, Illissia, 157 84 Athens, Greece. tel. +30 1 72587529; fax +30 1 7287534; email: eurocdp9@dp.uoa.gr

1-5 September, 1999, IXth European Conference on Developmental Psychology, Spetse Greece Contact Erasmus Horizon Ltd., 99 Dinokratous str. 115 21 Athens, Greece

23-28 July, 2000, 27th International Congress of Psychology, Stockholm, Sweden Contact: 27th International Congress of Psychology, Box 3287, S-103 65, Stockholm, Sweden. Fax (46) 8 24 78 55, email: psych.congress.2000@psykologforbundet.se URL: <http://www.icp20000.se>

30 July-4 August 2000, 4th International Ergonomics Association (IEA) Congress, San Diego, USA This will probably be the largest ergonomics congress ever held, with an anticipated 430 technical sessions, and 2500 participants. The IEA 2000 Website is www.IEA2000.HFES.org. The secretariat is headed by Lynn Strother, HFES, PO Box 1369, Santa Monica, CA 90406-1369, USA, fax +1 310 394 2410, email Lynn_Strother@compuserve.com

1-6 July, 2001, VIIth European Congress of Psychology, London, UK Contact: Seventh European Congress of Psychology, PO Box 864, Leicester LE1 7YP. Phone (44) 116 252 9577, fax: (44) 116 255 7123, email: eurocon@bps.org.uk

7-12 July, 2002, 25th International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP), Suntec City, Singapore Details: XXV ICAP Secretariat, CEMS Pte Ltd, 1 Maritime Square, #09-43 World Trade Centre, Singapore 099253.; email: cemssvs@singnet.singnet.com.sg



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