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The International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) is the oldest international psychological association. Established in 1920, it now has individual members in more than 80 countries, and holds an international Congress every four years in different cities of the world.

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EDITORIAL

A new year, a fresh beginning again. We have withstood the much awaited millennium, lived through several wars of terrorism, grieved for friends, and still continue to work and look for how and where we can apply our expertise in research and skills to help in answering the many questions that face us. Perhaps even more importantly, we want also to sound out loud what questions should be asked.

This first issue of the IAAP Newsletter for 2004 begins with a picture of the joyful faces of President Michael Frese and Treasurer Ray Fowler on the occasion of the acceptance of IAAP as a NGO (non governmental organization) with the United Nations. The President Speaks column exhorts persuasively that psychologists can individually and as members of IAAP contribute with initiatives and actions directed towards achieving the goals of the United Nations, especially with our forte with regard to the human factor.

With the kind permission of the American Psychological Association, Edwin A. Fleishman's 1999 address in Boston entitled Applied Psychology: An International Journey is reprinted in its entirety in the print copy of this Newsletter, while the abstract alone appears in the electronic copy. Ed Fleishman was President of IAAP from 1974 to 1982. The article makes for a fascinating journey indeed, traversing the globe, and introducing various icons in applied psychology who have featured prominently in IAAP.

Environmental Psychology, Division 4, reports on the 5th Biennial Meeting of the Environmental Psychology Division of the German Psychological Association held from 31 Aug to 3 Sep 2003. It was the first time the Congress was presented in English, and attracted participants from several European countries. It is planned that the 6th Biennial Meeting in 2005 will also be held in English.

Dr. Raphael D. Huguenin, President of Division 13, Traffic and Transportation Psychology updates us on new regional representative appointments in his committee, and upcoming conferences. Health Psychology, Division 8, reported on participation by members at the annual European Health Psychology Conference held in Kos, Greece in Sep 2003.

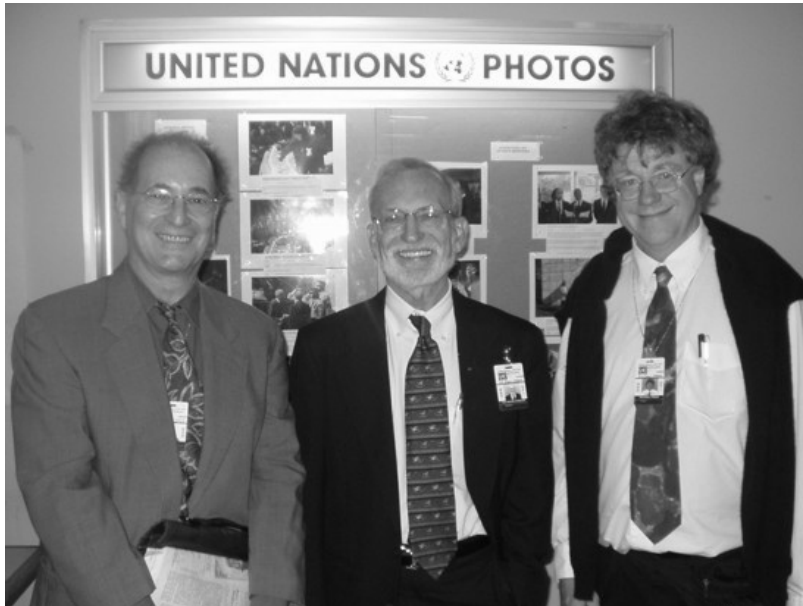
The ARTS 2004 announcement is presented once again by Ingrid Lunt and John Adair, as the last call for the workshops in Xian and Beijing in August 2004.

Elizabeth Nair
Editor

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Michael Frese, President of IAAP

Dear members,



Editor's Note: Ray Fowler (centre), Michael Frese on right (curly hair)

As you probably have heard, IAAP has been chosen to be registered as a non-governmental organization (NGO) with the Department of Public Information (DPI) of the United Nations (compare our happy faces in the picture when Ray Fowler and I were at the United Nations together with Harold Cook – an APA-representative). As you know, it was not easy to achieve this status with the United Nations and we are very happy about this achievement (at the moment, the UN is actually reducing the number of registered NGOs rather than increasing them). Moreover, there was a high degree of enthusiasm on the side of those people within the UN I have talked to, about IAAP and its broad knowledge base throughout 73 countries. Psychological knowledge is extremely important for many of the goals of the United Nations, although as far as we can see, psychological knowledge is as yet underutilized by the United Nations. Therefore, it is important that our association is working together with other psychological associations to

increase the use of psychological knowledge to pursue important societal goals worldwide. Let me just repeat some of the goals that the 189 United Nations member states have pledged to achieve by 2015:

- 1) Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger (reduce by half the number of people living on less than a dollar a day; reduce by half the proportion of people who suffer from hunger).
- 2) Achieve universal primary education.
- 3) Promote gender equality and empower women.
- 4) Reduce child mortality by two thirds among children under five.
- 5) Improve maternal health (reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio).
- 6) Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases.
- 7) Ensure environmental sustainability (integrate principles of sustainable development into country policies, reverse loss of environmental resources; reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water; achieve significant improvements in lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020).
- 8) Develop a global partnership for development. This implies to develop an open trading and financial system, address the least developed countries' special needs; address the special needs of landlocked countries and small islands; deal comprehensively with developing countries and their problems; cooperate with developing countries to develop decent and productive work for youth; cooperate with pharmaceutical companies to provide access to affordable essential drugs; and to make available the benefits of new technologies.

I think that most of these goals imply some use of psychological knowledge and that we should work within the United Nations system to achieve this. There are several psychological associations that we cooperate with to achieve our goals as an international psychological association: The International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS), The International Council of Psychologists, The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (part of APA), and the American Psychological Association (APA). All of them are NGOs that immediately come to mind as potential cooperation partners.

Ray Fowler and I were at a meeting in which those APA members (Harold Cook, Florence Denmark, Corann Okorodudu, Neal Rubin, Harold Takooshian) who are active at the United Nations described their work. Their work is highly interesting and important (cf. Psychological Monitor Sept 2003 issue for an article on their work). For example, in one initiative the issue was to produce a research section for the document on children and on conflicts. Another one was to lobby with government representatives, to include psychologically relevant issues in a document

“On a world fit for children” or a research notion on psychological well-being that is distributed in the UN commission on social development. Other issues that APA and its divisions pursued were on educational matters and, very importantly, issues of aging and women. Other issues are related to peace-keeping operations and to issues of information society.

As you can see, these and other areas require psychological knowledge and require psychological approaches and we would like to participate in making it happen that those psychological issues are not forgotten. Our association brings additional skills and knowledge into this discussion. Thus, there are many issues related to applied psychology at work and applied psychology in psychological assessment, in political psychology, etc. where we can help.

Unfortunately, the United Nations system is not a system that immediately says “Oh yes, we want psychological knowledge and psychological ideas in all of our areas”. While people are generally open, knowledge about psychology is relatively low. The United Nations system is a complicated and sometimes bureaucratic apparatus and so is the structure in which the NGO’s participate within the United Nations. Thus, it takes time and effort to include psychological language in documents and, of course, it then takes time and effort to have those documents distributed to the various nations and then, of course, it takes additional time and effort to have various countries agree or be influenced by those documents. Thus, there is no easy and automatic access. It all depends on how much we as an NGO and individuals within IAAP will make things happen.

We certainly would welcome any kind of suggestions and any kind of initiatives that our members will take, both within the United Nations as well as with ILO as well as with the special sub-organizations of the United Nations (e.g. UNICEF).

I think it is of particular importance that IAAP becomes a clearinghouse of international achievements in making psychological knowledge usable for the economic development and for the reduction of poverty, mortality, and injustice. I would therefore very much appreciate if you would send samples of your work (it can be newspaper clippings in any language, or short summaries) to our IAAP Newsletter, so that we have a clearinghouse of what our members do and that other members don’t have to start out from scratch but can learn from members’ experiences when they want to do something in their country.

Thus, we are entering a new chapter in making psychology useful in the world and for developing countries. Our broad knowledge base of the

human factor can help in achieving the lofty goals that the United Nations has developed. All of this will help to make us psychologists more policy-oriented. I think, this is an important goal in and of itself, that psychologists think about the policy implications in every research area more (and thereby have increase our influence similar to other professions, such as economists, the medical profession, and sociologists). So I hope that we take the chance of being an NGO with the United Nations and start developing initiatives, ideas, and a higher degree of how we can make our knowledge useful for governments, corporations, associations, other non-governmental organizations, international organizations, etc.

Let me just finish this letter by thanking again those people who have made it possible to achieve the NGO status with the United Nations: José Prieto (IAAP Secretary General), Mike Knowles (IAAP President-Elect), Ray Fowler (IAAP Treasurer), Mirilia Bonnes (Italian BOD member, who helped with the Italian United Nations office), Susan Pick (Mexican BOD member and President of IMIFAP, who wrote the very first UN application and supported our application with IMIFAP's letter of recommendation), Florence Denmark (UN representative for APA), Peter Walker (SPSSI Main UN/NGO representative, who helped with SPSSI's recommendation for IAAP), and our colleagues of IUPsyS (especially Michel Sabourin and Pierre Ritchie, who supported our application). I should also mention that one of my students from Giessen – Katharina Tornau – has made an internship at the UN and helped us to have realistic ideas of how to proceed with our application.

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY: AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNEY

Edwin A. Fleishman¹, IAAP President 1974–1982

This article reviews evidence of the increasing internationalization of the field of psychology and traces some historical developments in this globalization of psychology as a scientific discipline and profession. Many of these developments are seen through the personal experiences, professional involvements, and reflections of the author over the past 40 years. Trends in the process and content of the international aspects of psychology are discussed. These include examples of organizational efforts to increase communication and cooperation in advancing psychological knowledge internationally, as well as the conducting of international research projects. These efforts have increasingly addressed significant social problems of concern in many different countries. Parallel and joint efforts of psychologists from different countries have added a new vitality to the field of applied psychology, extending our research generalizations and enriched our science.

¹ Edwin A. Fleishman was the recipient of the Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology from the American Psychological Association, “for his significant contributions to international cooperation among psychologists and to the advancement of scientific knowledge internationally”. His invited award address was delivered at the APA’s annual convention, held August 20–24, 1999 in Boston and originally appeared in the *American Psychologist*, Vol.54 (11) 100–1016. Copyright ©1999 by the American Psychological Association. Reproduced with permission. No further reproduction or distribution is permitted without the written permission of the American Psychological Association.

NEWS FROM DIVISIONS

Division 4: Environmental Psychology

Report on the 5th Biennial Meeting of the Division of Environmental Psychology of the German Psychological Association

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The 5th Biennial Meeting of the Division of Environmental Psychology of the German Psychological Association (DGPs) was held in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, August 31st–September 3rd, 2003. It was organized by Florian G. Kaiser of the Eindhoven University of Technology.

For the first time in the 10-year history of the German Environmental Psychology Division, the congress language was English. More than 70 presentations were given during the three days by about 100 researchers coming not only from Germany and the Netherlands, but also from various other European countries and even from overseas.

The presentations covered a wide range of areas of environmental and conservational psychological research and were grouped into 15 workgroups, sessions, and symposia (from “Architectural Psychology” via “Environmental Decision Making & Attitude Formation” to “Understanding & Changing Conservational Behaviour”). Keynote lectures were given by Peter M. Todd (Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin, Germany) on the topic of ecological rationality, and by Terry Hartig (Uppsala University, Gävle, Sweden), on time-series analyses of the health effects of ambient stressors. Presentations can be downloaded from the conference website (<http://www.tm.tue.nl/jfschouten/dgp/>, the password “envpsy” opens every zip file).

Due to the success of the described conference, the 6th meeting of the German Division of Environmental Psychology will also be held in English. The conference will take place in Bochum, Germany, during the Autumn of 2005. It will be organized by Rainer Guski and Ellen Matthies, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany (<http://www.eco.psy.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/>). A formal announcement and the first call for papers will be made soon. For additional information, contact Ellen Matthies (ellen.matthies@ruhr-uni-bochum.de).

Observations on the State of Affairs of Environmental Psychology in Russia

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The situation with environmental psychology in Russia is very complicated. There are great philosophical and natural sciences backgrounds (the works of V. I. Vernadsky for example), and a lot of applied research until 1990 in the fields of ergonomics, technical aesthetics and industrial design (these fields lost financial support after 1992). In spite of this, “environmental psychology” does not exist as an area within psychology as a scientific and applied field, nor does it exist as a specialization in Psychology announced in the State Educational Standard of the Ministry of Professional Education, nor does it exist as a discipline in the university teaching and training programs. There are no more than two private universities that have this discipline in their curriculum.

Before 1990 research and training in environmental psychology were fulfilled in Estonia, and as is known are still developed there successfully. After the separation of Estonia from the USSR, however, research and training in environmental psychology did not transfer to Russian research divisions and universities.

A great impetus for interdisciplinary research on ecological and environmental problems was given by the Chernobyl catastrophe in 1986. These problems are still discussed; two scientific seminars were held on this topic at Saint Petersburg State University in April 2003. The main topic is radiation and human health, but these research programs were mostly fulfilled by biologists, chemists and medical doctors. Psychologists were only involved in the research programs connected with traumatic stress disorders, these studies are conducted within the borders of clinical psychology.

In 1995, a research project in environmental psychology was fulfilled by the Psychology Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, but it mostly concerned summarizing West European results and partly some local problems in the Moscow region. A few articles were published since that time.

In the end of the 1990s, a department of Ecological Psychology (the term used differs from that adopted in Europe) was organized within the Russian Academy of Education in Moscow, with the main goals concerning the methods of teaching ecology at schools, together with some research on the development of ecological consciousness in children. Conferences on ecological psychology were held in 1998 and 2000 in Moscow, and some of the problems discussed also concerned environmental psychology.

The problems of ecology and environment are under investigation and discussion now in Russia. But as I mentioned already, great efforts are made by the Natural Sciences and Medical Institutions of the Russian Academy of Sciences and by the Natural Sciences and Medical departments of some Universities – Saint Petersburg, Moscow and elsewhere in the North-West region of Russia. However, psychologists are mostly not taking part in the research in this field.

A conference on Human Ecology was held in April 2003 at the Saint Petersburg Academy of Sciences under the guidance of British council, but no Psychologists were invited. I was the only one to take part in the round table discussion.

An International Ecologic Forum, “Environment and Human Health,” was held during the celebration of the 300th anniversary of Saint Petersburg, June 29–July 2, 2003. Four symposia were announced: Human Ecology in the North-West of Russia; Ecology and Aging; Problems of Risk Management in the System of “Environment – Human Health”, and Environment and Prenatal Medicine. Of the more than 550 papers on the program, fewer than five concern psychological problems.

Few dissertations are prepared in Saint Petersburg and Moscow now. The theme of my doctoral dissertation lies in the field of environmental psychology and concerns the psychology of ecological consciousness. I’m much interested in collaboration with colleagues in this research field, getting acquainted with methodology and methods of research, comparing results, and possible cross cultural investigations.

There is great interest in environmental psychology in one of the Natural Science faculties of Saint Petersburg State University, and we decided to begin teaching and training in the area. So, I’m responsible for preparing Bachelors and Masters Programs (beginning from September 2003) in Environmental Psychology for the Ecology specialization. The next step I hope would be into the Psychology Faculty of Saint Petersburg State University. In this regard, I’m much interested in gaining experience from colleagues from different Universities in teaching and training programs, teaching methods, student and teacher exchanges, and so on.

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Call for Participants: Residential Environments for Active Living in Older Adults Research Initiative

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As adults 50+ years old comprise an increasing proportion of the population, the need to foster continued vitality and independence in later life becomes increasingly important. Recently, interest has been converging across a broad array of fields in the potential role of the physical environment in fostering active living. Vigorous efforts in this area have independently arisen among researchers, institutions, and journals, in disciplines ranging from kinesiology to public health to gerontology to environmental design research.

The purpose of this research initiative is to capitalize on this convergence, by pulling together individuals and institutions interested in exploring ways that residential environments can promote active living in older adults. A series of sessions at the upcoming Environmental Design Research Association's international conference (Hyatt Regency Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 2–6) will provide a venue for sharing recent findings and exploring possible collaborative research projects. Each session will bring together researchers from multiple disciplines (environmental design, social scientists, gerontologists, public health researchers, etc.) to explore specific potential areas of collaboration and begin envisioning possible projects.

Who is invited?

This invitation is extended to all individuals and institutions interested in the larger topic of Residential Environments for Active Living in Older Adults. To maximize the likelihood of productive exchange, each session will be comprised of individuals who bring different skills and resources to a common, specific area of interest within the larger theme (e.g., residential nature, Alzheimer's facilities, aging in place, assisted living). This invitation will be circulated among Environmental Design Research Association members, gerontologists, kinesiologists, researchers in housing, researchers at the USA's Centers for Disease Control, individuals affiliated with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's active living programs, and others.

Scope

Residential Environments is broadly defined to include any settings within the regular sphere of older adults' living. Residential environments may be examined at any scale, from the design of staircases within a home, to the location and features of near-home parks or trails, to the mix of shops and services within walking distance of residential areas.

Format

Subject to scheduling constraints, formal working sessions will be scheduled in the mornings; afternoons will be unscheduled to provide ample opportunities for informal exchange and rejuvenation over meals and outings in the Albuquerque area.

Intended Outcomes

While presentation of findings and on-going work is encouraged, the primary focus of this initiative is the generation of future, collaborative projects. Thus the chief intended outcome is for a handful of major, multi-investigator, multi-disciplinary, multi-institution research proposals to grow out of these working sessions, in the view that such collaborative efforts will be of higher quality, more productive, and more easily funded than a parallel collection of independent, unintegrated efforts. A secondary intended outcome is the creation of an International Consortium on Residential Environments for Active Living in Older Adults – a network for groups with overlapping research interests to exchange news of funding opportunities, expertise, tools, and even data.

Interested?

For more information, please email Frances E. Kuo, care of Johanna Weber <weberj@uiuc.edu> with your name, a preferred email address, and a 1–2 sentence description of your interests within this topic.

Funding Opportunities

In the USA, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funds an Active Living, Obesity and Nutrition Program that pays particular attention to the consequences of environmental design for physical and psychological health as mediated by physical activity etc urban. See <http://www.rwjf.org/programs/physicalActivity.jsp>

Book Release

David Canter's new book *Mapping Murder* has just been published by Virgin Books. It provides detailed accounts of police investigations that have been assisted by the study of the criminals' mental maps, as inferred from their crime locations. There is an especially detailed study in the book of the "memoir" written by the UK Serial Killer, Fred West, showing the significance of the home he built for himself in shaping his criminal activities, in which he buried many of his victims. There is also an essay on the way the concept of the "person" as distinct from the "body" is confused by many violent offenders. The book thus spans both environmental and forensic psychology as well as being of interest to general readers.

Upcoming Conferences

- 18th Conference of the International Association for People–Environment Studies, 7–10 July, 2004, Vienna, Austria. See <http://www.bwk.tue.nl/iaps/>.

- VIII National Congress of Environmental Psychology, 14–16 July, 2004, Toledo, Spain. See http://www.uclm.es/congresos/psicologia_ambiental.
- 3rd International Conference on Traffic and Transport Psychology (ICTTP 2004), 5–9 September 2004, Nottingham, UK. Several symposia on sustainable transport will take place within the conference program, which may be of interest to environmental psychologists. More information can be found at www.icttp.com.

Notes

If you have not been receiving periodic e-mail messages regarding developments within the Division, please do not delay in sending your e-mail address to Terry.Hartig@ibf.uu.se.

We welcome newsletter items and website addresses of interest to those working in environmental psychology. Send them to Terry.Hartig@ibf.uu.se.

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Division 8: Health Psychology

Extension of the Executive Committee:

The board (President: Ralf Schwarzer, President-Elect: Esther Greenglass, Past-President: Stevan Hobfoll) has appointed a Division Secretary, Dr. Aleksandra Luszczynska from Warsaw University, Poland. She will be in charge of membership issues, budget, newsletter contribution, among others.

Members' Activities:

Several members, including President and President Elect of Division 8 IAAP have participated in the annual meeting of the **European Health Psychology Society (EHPS)**, 24–27 September 2003, on the island of Kos, Greece. As every year, the Conference has been attended by approximately 500 researchers from 20 countries in Europe, North America and Australia. The themes of organized symposia were stressing the issues of culture, gender and social context in the development of illness, health and health behaviors. Issues on the role of community context in research on health and illness (keynote lecture by Rosalind Barnett) as well as critical issues in understanding the role of positive thinking (keynote by Lisa Aspinwall) were addressed.

One of hot issues this year, SARS and its multiple consequences on health and well-being has been a focus of a symposium (co-organized by Esther Greenglass) at the Annual Convention of the **American Psychological Association**, Toronto, Canada, 7–10 August 2003. The symposium, attended by specialists from health care, social services, emergency medicine and psychology demonstrated examples of how to react to new worldwide health threats.

New Books

Suls, J.M., & Wallston, K.A. (Editors) (2003). *Social psychological foundations of health and illness*. Malden, MA: Blackwell.

- Campbell Quick, J., & Tetrick, L.E. (Editors) (2003). *Handbook of Occupational Health Psychology*. Washington, DC: APA.
- Aspinwall, L.G., & Staudinger, U.M. (Editors) (2003). *A psychology of human strengths: Fundamental questions and future directions for a positive psychology*. Washington, DC: APA.

Upcoming Conferences

- 8th International Congress of Behavioral Medicine. The Congress will be held in Mainz, Germany; in August 25-28, 2004. Details available at <http://www.icbm-2004.com/ann/index.html>

Deadline for abstract submissions: **December 1, 2003.**

The keynote lecturers will be Sheldon Cohen (Social stress, social networks and susceptibility to upper respiratory disease: The common cold studies), Herta Flor (Plasticity of the adult brain: New prospects for behavioral medicine) and B. George A. Kaplan (What can the population health approach contribute to behavioral medicine, and vice versa).

- 28th International Congress of Psychology in Beijing, August 8–13, 2004. Details available at <http://www.icp2004.cn>

The deadline for abstract submissions: **February 1, 2004.**

The congress will offer multiple symposia on Health Psychology issues. Invited addresses in Health Psychology topics will be given by Norman B. Anderson (Understanding and eliminating health disparities in the United States: A multidimensional research approach to a public health challenge), Ralf Schwarzer (Self-regulatory processes in health behavior change), and Charles D. Spielberger (Stress, Type-A behavior, anger-hostility, and heart disease).

- 18th Conference of the European Health Psychology Society (EHPS) in Helsinki, Finland, June 21–24, 2004.

Further information available at <http://www.ehps.net/1024/index.html>

Deadline for abstract submissions: **February 14, 2004.**

- 25th Conference of the Stress and Anxiety Research Society (STAR). This will take place in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, July 8–10, 2004.

For further details see www.star-society.org

Deadline for abstract submissions: **January 31, 2004.**

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Division 13: Traffic and Transportation Psychology

Since the last Newsletter report on the Division's activities, Division 13 has worked mostly for the enlargement of membership, especially focussing those countries and continents which have few or no affiliated psychologists. It appears that we need more direct contacts with potential members. Therefore we ask every member of Division 13 to indicate names of psychologists working in the field of transport and traffic.

Several Conferences which concern at least partly the field of transport and traffic are projected and organized with the support of Division 13. Members are invited to participate in:

- The third International Conference for Traffic and Transport Psychology, ICTTP2004, which will take place in Nottingham. Prof. Geoffrey Underwood (University of Nottingham, UK) invites Traffic and Transport Psychologists to meet from September 5 to 9, 2004. Nottingham is a few kilometres from the East Midlands Airport, where a number of "no-frills" flights to European hubs, including Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels and Geneva have been scheduled. The formal announcement, the first call for papers and further information may be found at <http://www.icctp.com>.
- The 18th Conference of the International Association for People-Environment Studies, IAPS, entitled 'Evaluation in progress', will take place from July 7 to 10 in Vienna. Preliminary conference information may be found at <http://info.tuwien.ac.at/iaps2004/>. There will probably be some sessions on travel psychology and mode choice.
- The next International Congress of Psychology, ICP, which takes place in Beijing from August 8 to 13, 2004, will include sessions for traffic and transport as well. Information can be received from Kazumi Renge [renge@tezukayama-u.ac.jp]. See also <http://www.icp2004.org>.
- The next IAAP Conference which will take place in Athens in the year 2006. Division 13 plans to organize several symposia and sessions. Participants who want to present a paper, either for a regular session or within a symposia, and those who want to organize a symposium may contact Raphael D. Huguenin (r.d.huguenin@bfu.ch).

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- International Journal for Transport Research, Part F: Traffic Psychology & Behaviour: Prof. Talib Rothengatter, University of Groningen, NL, and Prof. John Groeger, University of Surrey, UK

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ARTS 2004

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ARTS is a program of international psychology (IAAP – International Association of Applied Psychology, IUPsyS – International Union of Psychological Science, and IACCP – International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology) to provide training opportunities for scholars from low-income countries and to promote their attendance at the international congresses. Contributions from these international associations and from various national associations and universities have enabled the offering of the following seminars for 2004.

ARTS SEMINAR #1:

ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:
A MULTIMETHOD APPROACH

Xi'an, China

July 30–Aug 1, 2004

Dr. Barry Ruback – Pennsylvania State University (Convener)

The seminar will present an overview of the major content areas in environmental psychology, with particular attention to environmental issues that face developing countries: crowding, urbanization, disasters, and environmental degradation. These issues will be discussed in light of three contextual factors: climate, culture, and poverty. Emphasis will be placed on the need for multiple methods to examine issues in environmental psychology, with examples from the convener's research on crowding and territoriality conducted in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and the United States. In addition, examples from his research in environmental criminology will introduce new statistical and geographical techniques that can be used in research elsewhere. An integral part of the seminar will be two short observation assignments participants will complete concerning an issue in environmental psychology, one in their own country and the other during the seminar. These assignments will be used to illustrate both the common problems that researchers face, as well as the unique problems posed by the beliefs of a particular culture and the specific conditions in the country being investigated. Participants will have the opportunity to present their own environmental research, and to discuss the difficulties facing researchers and how these problems can be addressed.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Applicants should submit the completed application form (see below), an overview of their background and interests in environmental psychology, and a brief statement concerning the type of research they might present at the seminar. Instruction and discussion will be in English; participants must be able to speak and understand the language.

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ARTS SEMINAR #2:

DEVELOPMENT & EVALUATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS IN HEALTH AND DISEASE.

Beijing, China

August 6–8, 2004

Dr. Stan Maes – University of Leiden (Convener)

Many psychologists around the world have become involved in the development and evaluation of health promotion initiatives in a variety of settings (such as the workplace and schools), and of psychological interventions for patients suffering from chronic diseases (such as coronary heart disease, cancer, and AIDS). Several health promotion programs are illustrated in the seminar: a life skills, children rights and health program in Mexican schools; a stress management intervention for Japanese health professionals; and a German evaluative study of an exercise program for cardiac rehabilitation patients. Often such initiatives are poorly evaluated, if at all, which endangers their continuity. In the seminar consideration will be given to several evaluation designs: quasi-experimental and reflexive designs, cost-effectiveness analyses and meta-analysis. The seminar will actively involve participants in presenting, discussing, and designing health intervention programs and evaluations of their own as well as the cases presented by the instructors. The convener will be assisted by four instructors engaged in health promotion intervention and evaluation: Susan Pick (Mexico); Kyoko Noguchi (Japan), Ralf Swarzer (Germany), and Veronique De Gucht (The Netherlands).

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Participants are welcomed from as many different countries as possible. Applicants must have a degree in psychology, interests in health research. Experience with health promotion programs or psychological interventions with chronic patients is desirable but not a requirement, but participants should demonstrate familiarity with the area and write a letter indicating their interests and motivation to participate. Participants must be able to function independently in English.

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ARTS SEMINAR #3:

SURVEY RESEARCH METHODS

Beijing, China

August 14–16, 2004

Professor Peter Ph. Mohler and Dr. Janet Harkness, ZUMA, Mannheim, Germany (Conveners)

Survey research is a widely used tool across disciplines and continents, yet in the past many researchers became involved in survey data collection without a proper grounding in the methodological issues involved. This seminar will focus on the basic issues to be addressed in planning, implementing, monitoring and archiving a (sample) survey. The seminar will begin with an overview of the different forms of survey design (e.g., cross-sectional, longitudinal, cohort studies, cross-national, and trend studies), different sampling designs and different modes of administration. The focus will shift to instrument development and testing, covering different question formats (standardized, semi-standardized, open), response scale considerations, and the connections between question design and the different types of data to be collected (e.g., facts, behaviors, psychological traits or cognitive performance, values, or opinions). The final day's session will be devoted to documenting, archiving and analyzing survey data, activities that appear to be relevant only after data have been collected, but will be shown to be best integrated into study design from the start. The seminar will be presented jointly by Peter Mohler, Janet Harkness, and one or two further colleagues from ZUMA selected to complement the interests of the participants. (ZUMA is a unique institution in Europe, financed by German state and federal funds, and set up especially to help substantive experts in various fields conduct quality survey research.)

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Instruction is in English; applicants must be able to function independently in that language. A basic course in quantitative research for psychologists would be highly desirable. A list of technical vocabulary will be provided for participants before the seminar to facilitate instruction. Applicants should submit the completed application form (see below) together with an indication of their particular interest in survey research methods, its direct relevance to their work, and a full description of their knowledge of or experience with survey research and its methods.

2004 Congress Attendance Plans

International Congress (Beijing, August 8–13)

Plan to attend: ___ Yes ___ No

To submit Paper/Poster ___ Yes ___ No

IACCP Congress (Xi'an, August 2–6)

Plan to attend: ___ Yes ___ No

To submit Paper/Poster ___ Yes ___ No

Previous Congress Attendance (Circle as many as apply):

1992: Brussels (IUPsyS) Liege (IACCP)

1994: Madrid (IAAP) Pamplona (IACCP)

1996: Montreal (IUPsyS) Montreal (IACCP)

1998: San Francisco (IAAP) Bellingham (IACCP)

2000: Stockholm (IUPsyS) Pultusk IACCP)

2002: Singapore (IAAP) Yogyakarta (IACCP)

Previous ARTS?:

___ No ___ Yes: Specify year and/or topic _____

Seminar Applied for (Circle only one):

ARTS #1 Environmental ARTS #2 Health ARTS #3: Survey Methods

Funding Support Provided and Supplementary Assistance Required:

During the seminars meals, accommodation and instruction will be provided. (During the international congresses participants are expected to provide for their own food and lodging; no ARTS assistance is provided during the Congress). Participants from low-income countries may also be eligible for modest assistance with their travel expenses from ARTS, but must first seek funding from other sources in their home country (university or national granting agency). Moreover, our funding is limited so that full travel support is unlikely. When requesting assistance include detailed information about your travel expenses, funding sources and the institutions from which you have sought financial support.

Statement of Qualifications: Please attach to your application a description of your special qualifications for the seminar you have selected (See the application requirements for each seminar).

Send your application: Directly to the convener of the seminar you wish to attend.

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