
Minutes of the 2012 General Meeting of the IACCP

Stellenbosch, South Africa
July 19, 2012

The meeting was held in the Conservatorium of the University of Stellenbosch. The meeting came to order at 4:30pm.

President of IACCP, Kwok Leung, opened the meeting. Sharon Glazer sent a sign-up sheet around the auditorium to recruit members for three ad hoc committees (communications; early career awards; youth group) and the scientific committee for the 2014 Reims Congress.

Secretary-General's Report

Bill Gabrenya presented the Secretary-General's report.

Constitution Revision

Bill briefly reviewed the history and purpose of the 2011 Constitution. The previous revision of the Constitution was carried out under the guidance of Daphne Keats in 1992. The new Constitution includes significant changes: highly detailed procedures for organizational activities, in particular, elections; checks and balances on all positions, includ-

ing articles indicating that officers, regional representatives, and editors serve under the oversight of the Executive Council, which may remove them; procedures for removal of officers; highly delineated responsibilities of publication editors; editorial transition procedures; and the provision for the creation of Special Interest Groups (SIGs). The 2011 Constitution was approved by an Internet vote of the Association in late 2011.

Special Interest Groups

Articles of the new Constitution related to SIGs were shown in a PowerPoint slide, and some details were given, including the administrative structure of SIGs, dues for joining a SIG, and the privileges of SIGs within the Association. As of July, 2012, one SIG has been approved and has reached its mandatory minimum size, the International Education SIG led by Bill Gabrenya, and another has begun the approval process, the Next Generation youth group, led by Ron Fischer.

Actions taken by the EC during its July 16 meeting in Stellenbosch were reviewed.

Conferences

The location of the 2015 Regional Conference has not yet been decided, but several EC members are exploring locations in Latin America. The 2016 Congress location has not been decided, but if the Association follows the 2016 International Congress of Psychology (IUPsyS), which will be held in Yokohama, Japan, an East Asia location would be most convenient.

2012 Election Results

Officers:

President Elect:	Patricia Greenfield (USA)
Secretary-General	William Gabrenya (USA)
Deputy Secretary-General:	David Lackland Sam (Norway)
Treasurer*	Sharon Glazer (USA)
Publications & Commun Chair*	Fons van de Vijver

Regional Representatives:

East Asia:	Sylvia Xiaohua Chen (Hong Kong)
Europe:	Márta Fülöp (Hungary)
Insular Pacific:	Chris Sibley (New Zealand)
North America/USA:	Judith Gibbons (USA)
Central/Southern Africa:	Deon Meiring (South Africa)

(no elections in remaining regions in 2012)

*appointed positions

PhD Winter School

The EC was highly pleased with the outcome of the 2012 Winter School, organized by Ron Fischer, and recognizes the great amount of work required by the organizer and the Association, as well as the high costs of the school. (See separate report on the Winter School in this issue.) Therefore, it was decided to only hold the Winter/Summer school before Congresses, i.e., on even numbered years. Following the 2012 Winter School, the processes employed for this school will be reviewed with the goal of improving efficiency for the 2014 Summer School.

Advanced Research and Training Seminar Program

The EC decided to discontinue the Association's participation in the Advanced Research and Training Seminar (ARTS) program. Beginning in 2010, ARTS has been organized through a triumvirate of associations led by the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS), with the participation of IACCP and the International Association for Applied Psychology (IAAP). After several years of discussion, the EC has concluded that the ARTS program has been conducted in a manner that does not meet IACCP's needs. As a result, the

2012 Ballot Survey Items

1. Putting all of the complications and ambiguities aside, would you classify yourself as a (1) cross-cultural psychologist, (2) cultural psychologist, (3) both, or (4) neither or other?

Cross-cultural	42%	Both	34%
Cultural	13%	Neither/other	11%

2. In your own research, do you prefer to use (1) quantitative methods, (2) qualitative methods, or (3) a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods? (4) don't know/don't care.

Quantitative	37%	Combination	55%
Qualitative	7%	Don't know/care	1%

3. Would you like to receive JCCP electronically or printed?

Electronically	22%	Printed	78%
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The results for items 1 and 2 were highly similar to previous polls (see 2011 *Bulletin*).



Greetings, Exhausted One Congress transportation booth at Cape Town airport.

EC has decided to reallocate its resources from ARTS to the Summer/Winter Schools and preconference workshops.

Early Career Award

The EC approved the creation of an early career award, to complement the existing Triandis Award (for dissertations) and Honorary Fellow status (for senior members). An ad hoc committee is being formed to develop the award with the goal of presenting the first one at the 2014 Congress in Reims, France.

Istanbul Regional Conference

Bill noted the successful 2011 Istanbul Regional Conference, organized by Zeynep Aycan, with Cigdem Kagitcibasi as honorary chair. He displayed photos from the conference scientific program and the dinner cruise. He presented the program and teachers of the

preconference PhD Regional Summer School. The school was organized by Ron Fischer and included three topical streams: Acculturation and Intercultural Relations, taught by David Sam of Bergen University, Norway; Self and Identity Across Cultures, taught by Viv Vignoles, Sussex University, UK; and Applied Cross-Cultural Psychology, taught by Ron Fischer, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. He showed photos of each of the streams and teachers.

Election Results

Bill presented the results of the 2012 election. The election was held in March, 2012. 261 members voted, 43% of eligible voters, compared to a 40% turnout in 2010. Regions evidenced large differences in voting rates, from 33% in the Middle East and North Africa region to 86% in Mexico and Central America. Patricia Greenfield of the University of California-Los Angeles has been elected to the President-Elect position. (See separate report



Photo: Michael Bond

Mr. Natural Incoming president and Congress organizer, Yoshi Kashima, at the Congress opening ceremony.

on the election in this issue.)

Some informal survey items are included on each election ballot to track member opinions that may be interesting to observers of the field. Three questions were included in 2012: specialty self-identification (cross-cultural vs. cultural psychology); methodological preferences (quantitative vs. qualitative research); and interest in receiving JCCP electronically rather than as a printed journal. See the accompanying table for results.

Kwok thanked each of the outgoing members of the Executive Council for their service to the Association.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Glazer presented her Treasurer's Report for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, from June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2012. (A complete Treasurer's Report appears elsewhere in this issue.) She reported that the finances of the Association are stable. The Association's total equity is US\$257,954, \$20,495 of which is in a certificate of deposit dedicated to supporting the Triandis Award. As of June, 2012 we have 763 members in good standing, compared to 642 in June 2010 and 644 in July 2008. The largest region is Europe, with 278 members (Germany: 66; UK: 43), followed by North America with 224 members (USA: 176; Canada: 48). Dues are being collected primarily online, although a follow-up postal dues collection was successful in 2012. Altogether, \$76,301 was collected in dues over the two fiscal years, plus about \$1700 in donations for the Triandis Award and the Witkin-Okonji Travel Award. About \$8000 has been spent on the two awards over this period. Sage JCCP royalties for calendar year 2011 were \$57,070.

The 2010 Congress and the 2011 regional conference were unusually expensive for the Association, requiring \$18,511 and \$20,957 in various kinds of support, respectively. Publication expenses over the two fiscal years were \$46,845, most of which was for JCCP member subscriptions and support for JCCP editorial functions. However, Sage stopped charging the Association for member subscriptions in January, 2011, so this number will go down. The Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin, the Online

Readings in Psychology and Culture, and the Association's internet functions also incurred some expenses over this period. Total anticipated costs for fiscal year 2012 (June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013) are about \$70,000.

Communication and Publications Committee Report

Fons van de Vijver presented part of the CPC report.

Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology

Effective July 2012, the editor of JCCP is Deborah Best of Wake Forest University, replacing David Matsumoto. Fons thanked David for his excellent tenure as editor. Decision time for first-time submitted manuscripts has gone down to 120 days or fewer for the great majority of papers. The Journal received 350 submissions in 2011. Its impact factor has been stable for several years in the 1.4-1.6 range. Members may access JCCP electronically by logging into iaccp.org.

Online Readings in Psychology and Culture

The *Online Readings in Psychology and Culture* (ORPC) now has a formal editor, Wolfgang Friedlmeier of Grand Valley State University, and an editorial board, following Bill's 2008-2010 term as acting editor. ORPC has been moved from a subdomain on the IACCP website to a ScholarWorks website administered through the new editor's university library. Several new chapters have been added



Cecilia Fon From the University of Buea, site of the 2009 regional conference: "Psychological distractions & adolescent's academic achievement."

in addition to revisions of existing chapters. Full text downloads of chapters range from 2000 to 8000 per month, many of which are from non-English speaking countries. Fons urged members to submit chapters through the ORPC/ScholarWorks online submission system. ORPC is at: <http://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/orpc>

Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin

The CPC and EC discussed the future of the *Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin* during

Special Interest Groups

The new IACCP Constitution provides for the formation of special interest groups (SIGs) to accommodate particular communities of interest in the Association. SIGs can collect dues and are allotted sessions at conferences. Two SIGs have been formed thus far: International Education and Next Generation.

International Education SIG: <http://www.iaccp.org/drupal/InternationalEducation>.

Next Generation SIG: <http://www.iaccp.org/drupal/NextGeneration>

their meetings prior to the beginning of the Congress. After 17 years, Bill Gabrenya would like to step down as editor, and he has submitted a set of ideas concerning how the Bulletin can be changed in the future, probably using electronic rather than print media, and incorporating elements of social media in order to produce more timely reporting. A subcommittee of the EC will be formed to discuss its future. The next issue will be published later this year. The *Bulletin* is available as open access on iaccp.org.

Internet Report

Bill presented the second part of the CPC report. The IACCP website was redeveloped from the ground up in late 2010 using new open source content management system (CMS) technology in order to facilitate more member-only resources, increase security, and utilize technology that would allow a professional web development company to assume maintenance in case Bill can no longer do so. A new app-based backend system was developed to interact with the CMS system to give the Treasurer's office easy access to member information, dues records, distribution systems for JCCP and the Bulletin, and controlled access to the main website.

The IACCP discussion list has about 330 members but is currently not very active. A Facebook page and a Twitter account have also been created.

2013: (Belated) Invitation to Los Angeles, USA

Steve Heine, chair of the scientific committee for the 2011 regional conference, presented some information about the conference and invited members to attend. The conference will be held 21-22 June at the University of California-Los Angeles, USA. Workshops will be conducted before the conference, and a welcome party is scheduled for the evening prior to the June 21 opening.



Scott Atran Delivers the Lonner Lecture: "Religious and sacred imperatives in human conflict."

2014: Invitation to Reims, France

Christine Roland-Lévy, University of Reims, is chair of the 2014 IACCP Congress. She invited members to attend the Congress in Reims, France, to be held 15-19 July, 2014. Christine gave a PowerPoint presentation with information about the city and the meeting venue. An umbrella organization of the two main French national psychology societies has been formed to host our Congress and the International Congress of Applied Psychology (Paris, 8-13 July). A professional conference organizer, MCI, will assist in organizing both conferences. The IACCP conference will be preceded by a PhD Summer School and workshops. Reims, like Stellenbosch, is noted for its vineyards and wineries. The website for the Congress is: www.iaccp2014.com.

The Handover

With the completion of the General Meeting business, President Kwok Leung officially turned over the presidency of IACCP to the President-Elect, Yoshi Kashima. Yoshi expressed his thanks to Kwok for his excellent, hard work as President from 2010 to 2012, greeted the Association, and bid members farewell until 2013.

*Respectfully submitted, William Gabrenya,
Secretary-General*