

*Draft Minutes of the General Meeting
of the
International Association for Cross-
Cultural Psychology*

*On the occasion of the
Seventeenth International Congress
Xian, People's Republic of China
August 1-6, 2004*

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Klaus Boehnke

The General Meeting took place in Xi'an on August 5. It started at 18.00 hours. Approximately 180 members and guests were present.

***(1) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN
YOGYAKARTA, INDONESIA, JULY 2002***

The minutes of the General Meeting of the International Association for Cross-Cultural

Psychology, held on the occasion of its Sixteenth International Congress were approved unanimously.

(2) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Peter Smith begins his report by first reviewing events hosted or sponsored by IACCP during the last two years.

He reports a successful 6th European Regional Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology, organized by Member Márta Fülöp in July 2003 in Budapest.

Secondly, he reports on IACCP participation in the First Middle East and North Africa Regional Congress of Psychology in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in December 2003, which was co-sponsored by the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS), taking the lead among the co-sponsoring associations for this conference, the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) and IACCP. Altogether, some 10 IACCP members participated in the congress, among them the president, the president-elect, the secretary-general, and the regional representative for North Africa and the Middle East. IACCP took a major role in making this congress a success by having the secretary-general and the regional representative each organize a symposium for the congress program. The president reported that difficulties in securing the participation of Israeli scientists in the congress were overcome through an unusual procedure, namely having Israelis enter Dubai without going through passport control. Earlier difficulties in securing this procedure were eventually overcome.

The president then reports on the more or less completed sale of property rights to the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology* (JCCP) from Western Washington University (WWU), the current owner of JCCP, to the Sage Publishing Company. Two-fold negotiations were

most carefully conducted by Founding and Senior Editor of JCCP, Walt Lonner, who first negotiated the sale of JCCP from WWU to Sage, and then secured a contract that enables IACCP to continue to have a legally binding function in the process of editing JCCP. That latter contract has almost been finalized and will encompass a regular payment of royalties to IACCP. A committee has been set up by the EC to discuss options for spend-



Executive Council Meeting: So much tea, so little time... From left: Charles Harb, Bill Gabrenya, Peter Smith, Pawel Boski, Heidi Keller, Bilge Ataca, Debbie Best, Marta Young, Klaus Boehnke, Shalom Schwartz. Several EC members were not able to attend. (This is the "old" EC, before the 2004 election results.)

ing that part of these payments not needed for the facilitation of the editorial work for the journal. Walt Lonner was named to head this committee which is to report to the EC. The president wholeheartedly thanks Walt Lonner for his enormous input into making the journal what it currently is, and for leading the negotiations to such a successful end. The General Meeting gives Walt Lonner a standing applause for his accomplishments with JCCP. Walt Lonner takes the opportunity to briefly address the general meeting in a few words of gratitude.

(3) SECRETARY-GENERAL’S REPORT

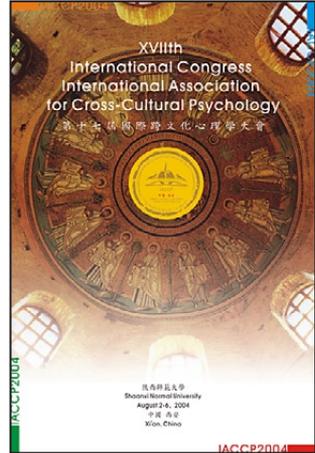
Secretary-general Klaus Boehnke reports on the planning for future events to be held by or (cosponsored by) IACCP.

The first event he mentions is the 30th Interamerican Congress of Psychology, sponsored by the Interamerican Society of Psychology (SIP), which will be held in Buenos Aires in June, 2005, Member John Adair being part of this congress’s International Scientific Committee. President-elect Shalom Schwartz will function as IACCP’s liaison to this congress.

IACCP will host its 7th European Regional Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology in San Sebastian, July 11-15, 2005. Conference organizer is Jose Luis Gonzales Castro from the University of Burgos. The Secretary-General asks José Luis Gonzales to briefly report on the status of conference preparation.

IAAP, IUPsyS, and IACCP are in the process of planning a Southeast Asian Regional Congress of Psychology in Thailand. The exact dates of this congress have not been fixed at the time of the General Meeting; IACCP is requesting a date not earlier than November 2005. The International Association of Applied Psychology is

Poster Art. *A series of posters produced for the Congress by Professor Li-Ming Yang, of the Shaanxi Normal University. The posters can be seen in color in the online Bulletin.*



taking the lead in the sponsorship of this congress. [*Update*: the conference will be held November 14-16, 2005.]

The 18th International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology will be held on the Isle of Spetses, Greece, July 11-15, 2006. Preparations for this event have progressed very well. The secretary-general invites Kostas Mylonas, one of the two conference organizers (the other is Aikaterini Gari), to say a few words about the status of conference preparations, which he does.

IACCP intends to solicit an organizer for an IACCP Regional Congress in Central America in the year 2007. Pre-negotiations with Member Rolando Diaz Loving have progressed well, so that the EC is realistically expecting to have such an event hosted in Mexico, proceeding the 31st Interamerican Congress of Psychology in that year.

The secretary-general calls for proposals for the 19th International Congress for Cross-Cultural Psychology from (Central) Europe, as the International Congress of Psychology, 2008, of which that year's international IACCP congress is a satellite activity, will take place in Berlin, Germany.

Finally, the secretary-general informs the General Meeting that he is regularly approached by commercial conference organizers concerning the possibility of hosting IACCP congresses. He regularly informs these organizers that IACCP congresses are hosted by a member of the organization, and informs them that names of members from a specific country are available from the IACCP website, and that he would provide more information on these members upon special request.

(4) *TREASURER'S REPORT*

The treasurer, Michele Gelfand, gives her report by way of a video document, as she is unable to attend the congress, due to her very recent delivery of her second child. She summarizes her report by stating "The IACCP Treasury has been stable in the last two years. At the same time, the number of probationary members continues to rise in the Association. Members of the EC and the Association may want to discuss whether an increase in membership is a goal and how to best achieve this goal. For example, perhaps we should send information about IACCP and membership forms to all individuals who publish papers in JCCP yet who are not already members. It is also possible that there is more and more competition from other Associations, and/or conferences where cross-cultural psychology now has a foothold. We at the Treasurer's office look forward to your suggestions on this issue." [*See*: Treasurer's Report, this issue.]

President-elect Shalom Schwartz informs the General Meeting that the new EC will work on concrete suggestions on how to increase membership figures.

(5) THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Bill Gabrenya, chair of the Publications Committee, reports on the status of the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, the *Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin*, Congress proceedings books, the web site, and the online discussion list.

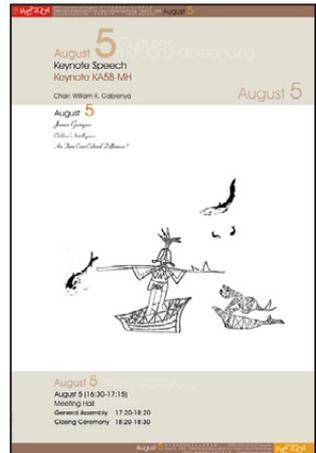
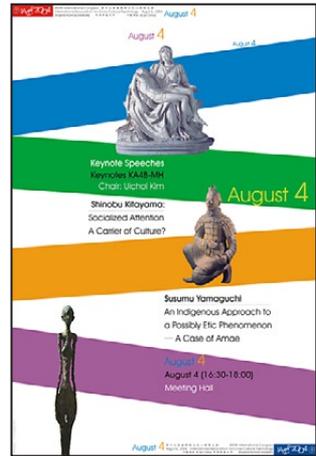
The *Journal*, under the editorship of Fons van der Vijver, has enjoyed continued growth and increased visibility. Submissions have risen to nearly 200 per year, and 35-40 articles are published each year. The *Journal's* impact factor has risen above 1.4. Details on the sale of JCCP to Sage were reported earlier in the General Meeting. A governance plan for the *Journal* will be developed by IACCP over the next two years.

The *Bulletin* is publishing three issues per year, and continues to serve a hybrid function of non-empirical journal, newsletter, and cultural magazine. It has benefited editorially from the efforts of Heidi Keller and Joan Miller in their roles as special series editors. Heidi edited a series on developmental psychology, and Joan has served as ongoing editor of the Theory & Method articles. Heidi will edit a new series on field research.

The proceedings volume of the Yogyakarta Congress has been published, and copies were brought to this Congress for distribution. A volume is also planned for the Xi'an Congress, to be published in China.

The Web site will be rewritten by September to incorporate a content management system. The CM system will allow IACCP officers, regional reps, and other selected members to add content to the web site. [Update: the new web site is online.]

The Online Discussion List has about 425 members and continues to serve as a useful resources for communication, debate, and soliciting information and collaboration.



(6) REPORT ON THE XI'AN CONGRESS

Congress Chair and EC Member-at-large Gang Zheng informs the General Meeting that the congress has 403 registered participants, and that no major deviations from the planned program have been encountered. Gang Zheng is applauded for an impressive congress by the General Meeting and is awarded a present by IACCP President Peter Smith.

(7) ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

President Peter Smith presents the Honorary Fellowship Award to long-time member and former president of IACCP, Michael Harris Bond. He reads a citation describing Michael's many accomplishments. [See: September 2004 *Bulletin* for text of citation.] Michael Bond receives a long and warm applause from the General Meeting, and takes the opportunity to thank the organization for honouring him by this award.

Deputy Secretary General Pawel Boski announces the recipient of this year's Harry and Pola Triandis Dissertation Award. The Selection Committee has decided to split the Award between Fran Brew (Australia) and Judit Arends-Toth (The Netherlands). The two candidates are honoured for their dissertations, *Intercultural conflict in the workplace: A study with Western expatriates and East Asian host-nationals* (Fran Brew) and *Psychological acculturation of Turkish migrants in the Netherlands: Issues in theory and assessment* (Judit Arends-Toth). The General Meeting applauds the two awardees for their academic accomplishment

(8) CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Three amendments to the IACCP constitution have been proposed for member approval. These amendments bring the constitution up to date in several areas concerning the operation of the Association. During the General Meeting they were moved and seconded from the floor and approved unanimously: the amendment to add Article 11.2.5 to the constitution By-Laws was originally proposed by officers of IACCP familiar with the Triandis Award in order to codify the Award in the constitution. The modification of Article 11.2.1 of the By-Laws is meant to accommodate the addition of article 11.2.5. The modification of Article 11.4.1 of the By-Laws, composition of the Publications Committee, was proposed and discussed at the 2002 General Meeting in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

The new wording of the pertinent clauses of the constitution is as follows:

ARTICLE 11.2.5

The members of the Harry and Pola Triandis Doctoral Thesis Award Sub-Committee shall consist of the Deputy-Secretary General (Chairperson), the Immediate Past President, and all Regional Representatives. The Award is intended to honor and reward research excellence and to advance the early careers of dedicated researchers in the domain of culture and psychology. Support for the Award is provided by Harry and Pola Triandis Fund. To be eligible for an award, doctoral theses must have been accepted during the two calendar years ending