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

Friday, July 14, 2006 14:50 - 16:20

Spetses, Greece

Klaus Boehnke
Secretary-General

Approximately 100 members are present at the General Meeting

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Meeting Held in Xian, China, August 2004

The minutes of the General Meeting held in Xian, duly published in the *Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin*, 38, 21-28, are approved unanimously.

(2) President's Report

President Shalom Schwartz emphasizes the change to the organization's status through the sale of the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology* (JCCP) from Western Washington University to the Sage Publishing Company. As one of the consequences, he highlights the ability of IACCP to inaugurate the Walter J. Lonner Distinguished Lecture Series at international Congresses of IACCP, which has commenced at the 18th International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology on the Isle of Spetses with a lecture by Gustav Jahoda, one of the founders of IACCP. Another new feature of IACCP's efforts to enhance its regional inclusiveness in membership is the inauguration of an essay award for Regional Congresses, bearing the name Founders' Award.

The president then calls upon Augustinus Supratiknya to report briefly on the Yogyakarta Earthquake fund, established by IACCP at the initiative of Bill Gabrenya, to help rebuild the area of the 2002 International Congress (by supporting a specific educational project).

The president thanks Jose Luis Gonzalez for organizing the successful 7th European Regional Congress of IACCP in 2005 in San Sebastian (see conference report, this issue).

The president personally thanks the organizers of the 18th International Congress of Applied Psychology, and notes the high quality of presentations at the Congress.

Agenda

1. Confirmation of 2004 Minutes
2. President's Report (Shalom Schwartz)
3. Secretary-General's Report (Klaus Boehnke)
4. Treasurer's Report (Dharm Bhawuk & Michele Gelfand)
5. Communication and Publications Committee Report (Bill Gabrenya)
6. Report on the 18th International Congress on the Isle of Spetses (Kostas Mylonas)
7. Report from the Standing Committee on Awards (Peter Smith)
8. Results of the Elections for the EC (Shalom Schwartz)

The Congress benefited from the ability of IACCP to fund participation of psychologists from low-income countries through the expanded Witkin/Okonji Award. Recipients in 2006 are: Said Aldhafri (Oman), Alejandra Dominguez-Espinosa (Mexico), Graciela Polanco-Hernandez (Mexico), Arief Darmanegara Liem (Singapore/Indonesia—winner of Harry & Pola Triandis Award), Jyoti Verma (India), Minati Panda (India), Seung Hee Yoo (Republic of Korea), Deon Meiring (South Africa), Natasza Kosakowska (Poland), Andrew Mogaji (Nigeria), Maria Kazmierczak (Poland), Irene Salas-Menotti (Colombia), Zhang Qunying (China), Johanna Geldenhuys (South Africa), Esther Akinsola (Nigeria), Augustinus Supratiknya (Indonesia), Li Ming (China), Eyal Rabin (Israel), Caroline Ng Tseung (Mauritius), Paulina Petrus (Poland), Will Aande (Swaziland/South Africa).

(3) Secretary-General's Report

Secretary-General Klaus Boehnke reports on plans for future IACCP Congresses.

He first calls upon Rolando Diaz Loving to report on the preparations for the 4th Latin American Regional Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology. Rolando Diaz Loving distributes fliers of the Congress, to be held in Mexico City from July 6-9, 2007, following the 31st Interamerican Congress of Psychology of Sociedad Interamericano de Psicologia (SIP), July 1-5, 2007, also in Mexico City. He announces that a website www.investigacion-psicosocial.org/iaccpmex2007 will soon be in place. He states that the final day of the SIP Congress will be devoted to cross-cultural psychology.

The secretary-general then announces that the 19th International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology has now formally been awarded to Bremen, to be hosted by himself and by Ulrich Kühnen at the Jacobs University Bremen from July 27-31, 2008. As the IUB is a campus university that can host up to 550 participants in its three colleges, the Bremen Congress will be an "all-inclusive" event (like the 1998 Congress in Bellingham). Regular registration fees will include conference attendance, accommodation in dorm rooms and three meals, arrangements without accommodation and breakfast also being possible.

The Secretary-General further reports that the EC has encouraged the regional representative for Africa, Andrew Mogaji, to submit a formal proposal for a Regional African Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology in Lagos in 2009, to be decided upon at the 2007 meeting of the EC, held on the occasion of the Latin American Regional Congress in Mexico City.

Regarding the 2010 International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology, the Secretary-General reports that he has received a preliminary expression of interest by Member Bobbie Matthews to host that Congress in Adelaide as a satellite activity to the 2010 International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP) in Melbourne, Australia. The EC has decided to approach all Australian members to solicit additional bids. For a Regional Congress in 2011, preliminary expressions of interest have been received from Victor Karandashev, St. Petersburg, and by former president Cigdem Kagitcibasi, Istanbul.

The international Congress in the year 2012 will be organized as a satellite Congress to that year's International Congress of Psychology (ICP) in Capetown. Deon Meiring has expressed a preliminary interest in hosting

the IACCP Congress in the Stellenbosch area of South Africa. No expressions of interest have yet been received for a regional Congress in 2013.

The Secretary-General closes by stating that the 2014 International Congress is likely to once again take place in Europe, as that year's ICAP will take place in Paris.

(4) Treasurer's Report

Michele Gelfand—Treasurer of IACCP from 2000 until mid 2005—reports on the final year of her office term as Treasurer (2004/2005) and the handing over of the treasury to the new Treasurer, Dharm Bhawuk. She reports that, due predominantly to funds coming from JCCP royalties, she was able to hand over \$US 88,163.37 to the new Treasurer (up from an opening balance of \$US 44,466.59) as total current assets at the end of her office term. President Shalom Schwartz wholeheartedly thanks Michele Gelfand for her extraordinary service to IACCP. Treasurer Dharm Bhawuk reports on the financial status of IACCP during his term of office. As of July 3, 2006, he reports the total current assets of IACCP are \$US 89,080.56. He mentions options under consideration for a reduction in membership dues.

(5) Communications and Publications Committee Report

The Chair of the Communications and Publications Committee, Bill Gabrenya, first reports about the current standing of IACCP's journal, the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*. Under the editorship of Fons van de Vijver and the continuing Senior Editorship of Walt Lonner, JCCP has received 300 submissions in 2005 with an upward tendency in 2006. The acceptance rate of the journal is between 15% and 20%. Its impact factor is at the top of all cultural journals, never having fallen below 1.0 since 2000. Ownership of JCCP was transferred from Western Washington University to Sage during 2005. IACCP will now be involved in selection of editors and setting editorial policies. Substantial royalties are being paid to IACCP. An IACCP governance plan for JCCP will be developed during



Executive Committee This is the 2004-2006 E.C. following two days of meetings prior to the opening of the Spetses Congress.

the coming year.

The second “journal” of IACCP, the *Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin* will in the future have two issues per year. It may go exclusively online in the not too distant future. For the time being it is available online on the IACCP website and as a printed edition in a new format as of the most recent issue.

Proceedings of international IACCP Congresses are now available online starting with the volume from the 2002 Congress in Yogyakarta. The volume from the 2004 Xi’an Congress will be available as of October 2006. Submissions for the next volume for the 18th International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology on the Isle of Spetses are due by the end of September 2006.

The format of the IACCP website has been transformed to a dynamic, more “democratic” site, where content can be added by IACCP Regional Reps, officers, and members. The website will develop increasingly into a “cultural portal.” The Online Membership Directory will soon merge with the new website which will soon allow for online dues payment. The IACCP electronic discussion list currently has 330 members; any individual interested in cross-cultural psychology can join it. Details can be obtained from the IACCP website.

(6) Report on the 18th International Congress on the Isle of Spetses

Congress Co-Presidents Aikaterini Gari (EC-Member-at-large from 2004-2006) and Kostas Mylonas report on the 18th International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology. 661 active participants and 79 accompanying persons had registered for the Congress thus far. The conference program encompassed the presidential address, eight invited addresses, the Inaugural Lecture of the Walter J. Lonner Distinguished Lecture Series, an IACCP Archive Symposium, three Meet the Senior sessions, three poster symposia, 91 scientific symposia (21 “double” symposia, running 180 minutes each, and 49 “single” symposia, running 90 minutes each), 132 poster presentations, 300 individual oral presentations, 5 workshops, and two Advanced Research Training Seminars (ARTS). Five social events were part of the program. The General Meeting offers wholehearted thanks to Aikaterini Gari and Kostas Mylonas for all the work they have invested in organizing the largest international Congress that IACCP has ever seen.

(7) Report from the Standing Committee on Awards

As Chair of the Standing Committee on Awards, Past-President Peter Smith reports that the standing committee has selected Geert Hofstede and Janak Pandey as Honorary Fellows of IACCP, the highest honor that IACCP grants. He reads the citations for the two fellows (see announcements, page 19).

(8) Results of the Elections for the EC

President Shalom Schwartz announces the results of this year’s IACCP elections of officers and regional representatives (see following page).

(9) Any other business

No other business was brought up for discussion.

Results of 2006 Election

New Officers

President

James Georgas
University of Athens
Greece

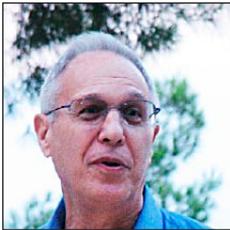


President Elect

Heidi Keller
University of Osnabrück
Germany



Continuing Officers



Past-President
Shalom Schwartz
The Hebrew University
Israel



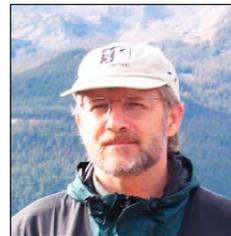
Secretary General
Klaus Boehnke
Jacobs University Bremen
Germany



Treasurer
Dharm Bhawuk
University of Hawaii
USA



Deputy Secretary-General
Nandita Chaudhary
Lady Irwin College
University of Delhi, India
(reelected to 2nd term)



**Communication & Publications
Committee**
Bill Gabrenya
Florida Institute of Technology
USA

Continuing Regional Representatives

North America	Veronica Benet-Martinez	Univ. of California-Riverside, USA
East Asia	Susumu Yamaguchi	University of Tokyo, Japan
Insular Pacific	Ron Fischer	Victoria Univ of Wellington, New Zealand
Central and South Africa	Andrew Mogaji	Univ. of Lagos Akoka-Yaba, Nigeria



New and Reelected Regional Representatives



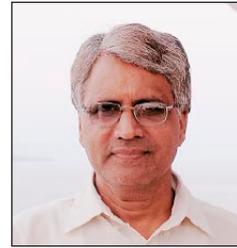
Europe

Márta Fülöp
Institute for Psychology,
Hungarian Academy of Sciences



Middle East and North Africa

Charles Harb
American University
Lebanon
(reelected to 2nd term)



South Asia

Ramesh C. Mishra
Banaras Hindu University
India



North America

Kimberly Noels
University of Alberta
Canada



**Mexico, Central America
& Caribbean**

Tania Esmeralda Rocha-Sanchez
National Autonomous
University of Mexico



Europe

David Lackland Sam
University of Bergen
(appointed to replace Maria Ros)



Southeast Asia

Augustinus Supratiknya
Sanata Dharma University
Yogyakarta, Indonesia



South America

Claudio V. Torres
University of Brasilia, Brazil
(reelected to 2nd term)



Special Representative at Large

Ulrich Kühnen
Jacobs University Bremen
Germany