

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

*On the Occasion of the
Sixteenth International Congress
Yogyakarta, Indonesia
July 15-19, 2002
(Provisional)*

The General Meeting took place in Yogyakarta on July 18th. It started at 18.10 hours. Approximately 150 members and guests were present.

AGENDA:

- (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Meeting held in Pultusk, Poland, July 2000
- (2) President's report
- (3) Secretary-General's report
- (4) Treasurer's report
- (5) The Publications Committee
- (6) Report on the Yogyakarta Congress
- (7) Results of the Elections for the EC
- (8) Any other business

(1) CONFIRMATION OF PULTUSK MINUTES

Member John Adair requested the correction of a typo in the minutes of the Pultusk General Meeting, clarifying that the Advanced Research Training Seminars (ARTS) are co-sponsored by IACCP, IUPsyS, and IAAP (reference to the latter was misspelled in the distributed provisional minutes). After this correction the minutes were confirmed unanimously.

(2) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Deborah Best briefly referred to the increasingly complicated planning of the current congress after the events of September 11, 2001, and voiced her relief that the congress has turned out so successful. She then asked Deputy Secretary-General Pawel Boski to give a report on the selection procedure for this year's Harry and Pola Triandis Award. He reported that the contest saw ten submissions. The selection committee (consisting of the deputy secretary-general and the regional representatives) screened all submissions on the basis of summaries. The dissertations of the finalists were then read in full, and Samar Zebian was selected to receive the Harry and Pola Triandis Award 2002 (with Dr. Ariel Knafo and Dr. Valery Chirkov placed second and third). Dr. Zebian was present at the General Meeting and was applauded by the attendants of the meeting. She received the award upon the closing of the General Meeting. Her honorary presentation of her dissertation study was announced for the next day. Upon the end of the report by the deputy secretary-general on the Harry and Pola Triandis Award, the president called upon the secretary-general to give his report.

(3) SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT

Secretary-General Klaus Boehnke first remarked that the duties of the secretary-general have in recent years evolved away from membership affairs, which are currently handled almost in full by the treasurer and the webmaster. He then reported on his activities in the supervision of the preparations of several con-



Recognizing the Congress Organizers at the General Meeting: From left: Augustinus Supratiknya (“Pratik”), Kusdwiratri Setiono (“Tri”), Scientific Committee Chair Bernadette Setiadi, IACCP President Debbie Best, General Chair Johana Hadiyono, Djamaluddin Ancok (“Elvis”).

gresses, as there were the 5th European Regional Congress in Winchester/England in July 2001 (organized by Robin Goodwin, Paul Redford, and president-elect Peter Smith), and the South Asian Congress of Psychology in Mumbai/India in December 2001. The latter congress was heavily affected by the events of September 11, 2001. The preparations of the current congress of IACCP in Yogyakarta also were seriously complicated by these events. In this context the secretary-general formally regretted the absence of Israeli scientists from the current congress.

With regard to future congresses the secretary-general announced that the EC had decided to host the 6th European Regional Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology in Budapest in July 2003. Senior organizer Márta Fülöp was present and was applauded by the General Meeting. The 17th International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology will take place in August 2004 in Xian, People's Republic of China. Senior organizer Gang Zheng was present and was applauded by the General Meeting. The secretary-general further reported that the EC had issued a call for proposals for a regional congress in 2005 to be hosted either in conjunction with the Inter-American Congress of Psychology in Caracas/Venezuela or with the European Congress of Psychology in Granada/Spain. The 18th International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology will be organized as a satellite activity to the 26th International Congress of Applied Psychology in Athens/Greece in 2006. A call for proposals has been issued.

Member Dharm Bawuk voiced doubts that yet another regional congress of IACCP should be hosted in Europe. The secretary-general reported similar discussions in the EC. He did stress, however, that IACCP is solely dependent on proposals from prospective organizers, and that proposals are more likely to come from Europe. He agreed that it would be more desirable to host a regional congress in a region that is not Europe.

(4) TREASURER'S REPORT

After the report of the secretary-general the president called upon Treasurer Michele Gelfand to give her report. The essence of the report was that the financial situation of IACCP has remained stable. At the time of the report, IACCP consisted of 849 active members, 588 of them in good standing. The treasurer did, however, point out that the number of probationary members had increased, and that due increases were most likely to become necessary within the next year. In accordance with the constitution the EC will take a decision pertaining to dues in the near future.

The full Treasurer's Report will appear in the next issue.

Former president Harry Triandis suggested an annual increase of membership dues by some three percent. The EC agreed to also seriously consider this suggestion. Member John Keats requested that the term 'fall' be no longer used in IACCP documents, because they have a different meaning in different areas of the world.

The treasurer apologized for their use and agreed.

(5) THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Publications Committee Chairman Bill Gabrenya reported that both the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, and the *Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin* were in good standing. Kimberly Noels has been appointed assistant editor of the *Bulletin*, responsible for the newsletter section of the *Bulletin*. She was present and was applauded by the General Meeting. Bill Gabrenya reported considerations of a change in the publication mode of the *Bulletin*. A solely electronic publication is anticipated eventually but has not been decided upon, pending further developments in technology. All online services of IACCP are currently supervised by himself. Secretary-General Klaus Boehnke formally informed the General Meeting about a constitutional amendment instituting a change in the set-up of the Publications Committee:

11.4.1 The Standing Committee on Publications (generally referred to as the Publications Committee) shall consist of: the Chairperson, appointed by the Council, the Editor, and the Senior Editor of the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*; the Editor of the *Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin*, the IACCP Webmaster, and a further admin-



Two Indonesian art forms: *On the left, a traditional Indonesian dance performed at the closing ceremony; center and right, the controversial modern Indonesian fashion show performed at the opening ceremony. Which is the true Indonesian culture? (Perhaps the answer is not obvious.)*

istrator of IACCP's online services, two members-at-large, appointed by the Council, and the Treasurer of the Association. The Committee may, if desired, periodically appoint or co-opt other members of the Association to sit on the Committee temporarily for the purpose of facilitating publications of the Association, and in particular the publication of the proceedings of the international or regional conferences.

The constitutional amendment in essence calls for an inclusion of two individuals to represent administrators of IACCP's online services in the Publications Committee. The publicizing of the proposed constitutional amendment satisfies the clause of the constitution that constitutional amendments have to be announced to the membership 60 days before they are voted upon in a General Meeting.

(6) REPORT ON THE YOGYAKARTA CONGRESS

Johana Hadiyono and Djamaluddin Ancok briefly reported the attendance figures of the Yogyakarta Congress: 161 international participants and 142 Indonesian participants registered for the congress, so that overall attendance was at 303. Bernadette Setiadi announced that herself, A. Supratiknya, W. Lonner, and Y. Poor-tinga would edit the proceedings. The firm deadline for the receipt of submissions for the proceedings is October 1, 2002. She requested participants who intend to submit manuscripts to indicate this to the editors on a provided form during the congress.

(7) RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS FOR THE EC

President Deborah Best informed the General Meeting about results of the Elections for the EC. (See related article, this issue.) New officers and Regional Representatives are:

President-Elect: Shalom Schwartz
Deputy Secretary-General: Pawel Boski

Regional Representatives:

South Asia:	Jyoti Verma	Europe:	Heidi Keller
South East Asia:	Allen Tan	South America:	Claudio Torres
North America:	Marta Young		
North Africa and the Middle East:	Charles Harb		
Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean:	Isabel Reyes-Lagunes		
New Member-at-Large (appointed by the EC) is Gang Zheng			

(8) OTHER BUSINESS

Under 'Any Other Business' Secretary General Klaus Boehnke announced that calls for papers for a conference on 'International Perspectives on Peace and Reconciliation' to be hosted in Melbourne in 2003 by Prof. Di Bretherton, Director of the Center for Conflict Resolution at the University of Melbourne, were available from him.

The General Meeting adjourned at 19.20 hours.