

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the General Assembly**

July 19, 2014 Reims, France

The meeting came to order at 12:15pm, following the Lonner Lecture delivered by Dan Everett.

### **President's Comments – Yoshi Kashima**

Yoshi reprises his term as President and thanks several members of the Executive Council for their help.

### **Treasurer's Report – Sharon Glazer**

Sharon displays a PowerPoint show that summarizes the state of the Association's finances. Membership is stable but varies year-to-year due to conference and Congress registrations. Current membership is 728 in good standing from 84 countries, down from 2012 (763) but up from 2010 (642). The largest region is Europe (273) in which Germany (58) and the UK (39) are the largest individual nations. The second largest region is North America, including 155 members from the USA and 45 from Canada.

Total equity has increased since 2012 and is now \$346,139, \$20,578 of which is earmarked for the Triandis Award fund. Over the two fiscal years since the 2012 Congress, we have collected \$60,745 in dues. The SIGs have collected \$665 (International Education) and \$595 (Next Generation). Donations include sponsorships (\$720), Triandis Award contributions (\$812), and Witkin-Okonji travel grants (\$483). Most payments are now made online through two payment portals.

Major expenditures over the 2-year period included awards and contributions totaling \$22,175, conference-related costs totaling \$30,085, banking charges of \$3,956, publication related expenses of \$41,179, and IACCP office expenses of \$18,046. Anticipated expenses over the next two years are estimated to be \$104,905. Details may be found in the attached Treasurer's Report.

### **Secretary-General's Report – Bill Gabrenya**

Bill reviews several of the decisions made by the EC during its 13 hour meeting prior to the Congress.

- The 2015 regional conference is set for Chiapas, Mexico (see report by Ashley Maynard, below) and the 2015 Congress is expected to be in Nagoya, Japan. Calls for proposals for the 2017 and 2018 conferences are currently out and one serious bid has been received for 2018. Calls for proposals for the 2019 and 2020 conferences will be made following this conference.
- The PhD School, organized by Ron Fischer, was a great success. The EC appointed an ad hoc committee to work on further developing the school and institutionalizing it within the Associations' administrative structure.
- In response to a request from members from Iran, this nation was moved from the South Asia region to the Middle East and North Africa region.
- The EC voted to invest resources into completing the IACCP archives project that was first proposed by John Berry and Walt Lonner in 2008. A location for the physical materials is being sought, as well as expertise to catalog and digitize some materials.

Bill displays a PowerPoint show that illustrates the results of the 2014 election. He provides information on voting rates by region, pointing out the great disparity between regions, including regions for which a small sample size would not be a problem. The highest rate was

found in East Asia (90%) despite the absence of a regional rep election in that region this year. The lowest rate was in North America (28%).

In the election of officers, Fons van de Vijver was elected to President-Elect and David Sam was re-elected to a second term as Deputy Secretary-General. In the regional representative elections, newly elected members include Aikaterini Gari (Europe), Andrew Ryder (North America-Canada), and Purnima Singh (South Asia). Three regional reps were re-elected to second terms: Domínguez Espinosa Alejandra del Carmen (Mexico and Central America), Gabriel Horenczyk (Middle East and North Africa), and Maria Cristina Ferreira (South America). The terms of two new EC positions began in late 2013: Young Scholar (Katja Hanke) and Student Representative (Mostafa Zarean). Three regions did not hold regional rep elections this year: East Asia, Insular Pacific, and Southern/Central Africa.

Finally, Bill notes the longstanding tension in IACCP that was displayed in various ways in the scientific program and the EC meeting:

- Are we a scientific society to advance the science in this field?
- Are we an NGO (non-governmental organization) with a set of global community or outreach goals?

Bill shows a few images from the 2013 Los Angeles regional conference and plays a video clip from the Mariachi band that played at the closing cocktail party.

### **Communication and Publications Report – Fons van de Vijver and Bill Gabrenya**

Fons displays a PowerPoint show that provides news and events involving the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, the *Online Readings in Psychology and Culture*, and the planned ad hoc committee to review Association communications.

#### *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*

Fons reviews some JCCP highlights since 2012:

- Deborah Best took over as editor in July 2012
- Number of submissions continues to rise: 339 new submissions in 2013; 174 so far in 2014. The rejection rate is about 80%.
- The Impact Factor for 2012 was 1.547 but the 2013 IF has not been released yet (*update*: the IF for 2013 was 1.746 and JCCP was #22 of 60 journals in the Social Psychology category).
- The publication backlog has decreased because SAGE agreed to publish 10 issues per year (1,660 pages). The cost of institutional subscriptions subsequently increased; but not individual subscriptions. This increase in issues may temporarily reduce the IF
- A new contract was negotiated with Sage and signed in 2014, to cover the 10-year period 2014-2024
- The Journal continues to generate royalty income for the Association; this income should increase with the increased subscription costs.

#### *Online Readings in Psychology and Culture*

Fons reviews the current state of the ORPC and some plans for its future:

- There are currently 103 items online
- Number of downloads is large and has increased spectacularly (see graph)
- Plans for the future include:

- a discussion of the status of ORPC. It is currently mainly an educational resource, but may become more journal-like in the future (e.g., publishing reviews of the field that can be used in cross-cultural psychology class but also have scholarly merit in their own right)
- Revisions and updating of some chapters
- Expanding the portfolio of items so as to achieve more systematic coverage of the field



#### *Association conference publications*

Two new publications were posted on the IACCP website just prior to this Congress:

- Abstracts of the 2013 Los Angeles regional conference
- An e-book of contributions based on the 2012 Stellenbosch Congress

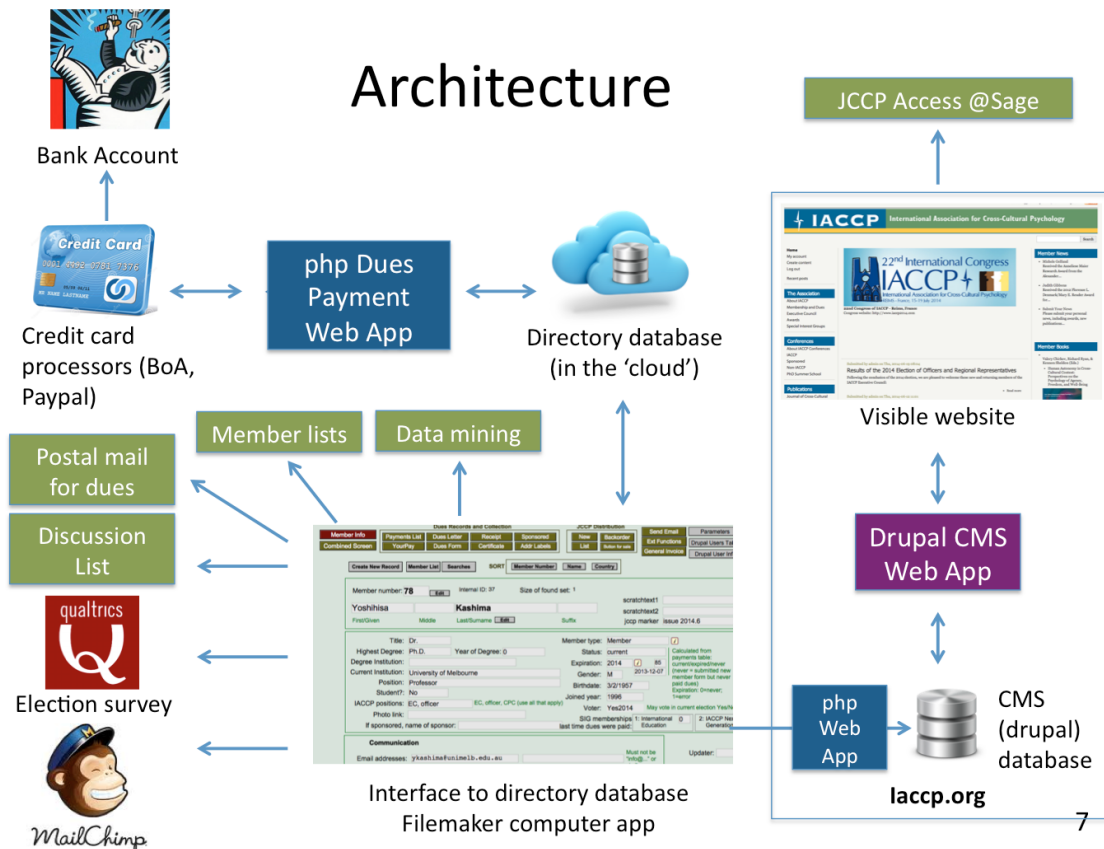
#### *Conclusion*

Fons presents his overall conclusions concerning the state of IACCP publications:

- The new contract with Sage continues to ensure a firm financial basis of IACCP in the coming period
- JCCP is in good shape
- ORPC is in good shape, with some editorial policy changes to come

#### *Communication functions*

Bill presents some news about the Association's communication functions. The primary website is currently being rebuilt using new software. Some interactive functions of the website are not being used effectively for lack of management, and these will be one subject of discussion in the ad hoc committee to examine Association communications being convened by Fons. He reminds members that the website links to an online directory that all members can use to find other members. He notes that the Association has Facebook and Twitter accounts that are also dormant due to lack of management. He displays a scheme of the Association's internet and data system.



## Report on the Reims Congress – Christine Roland-Lévy

Christine provides a summary of the Reims Congress. In the end, 834 persons registered from over 60 countries.

## 2005 Regional Conference – Ashley Maynard

Ashley presents a PowerPoint show outlining the 2015 regional conference to be held in the Chiapas region of Mexico. She will be the principal organizer, joined on the scientific committee by Alejandra Domínguez, María del Pilar, and Adriana Manago. A scientific advisory committee with an additional 13 members has been named. She describes the physical and social environment of the area, the conference center in which the conference will be held, and the kinds of accommodations that will be available. Her PowerPoint show includes a large number of images of the area and the facilities. The exact date has not yet been determined.

## The Handover

Yoshi hands the microphone to Patricia in her new role as President of the Association.

## Greetings from the new President – Patricia Greenfield

Patricia states that she is looking forward to working with the EC, as well as Yoshi (Past President) and Fons (President Elect). She encourages people to come to San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico for the 2015 Regional Conference and notes the affordability of accommodations and the beauty of the historic colonial center where the meeting will take place. She reports that, in order to improve access to IACCP for students and researchers from low-income countries, she initiated the practice of giving travel awards for regional meetings as

well as for biennial Congresses. The EC approved this practice as policy at its pre-conference meeting.

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