

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY

September 30 – October 2, 2005, Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Joy Rice, PhD, Chair; Eileen Borris, EdD; Georgia Chao, PhD, Lillian Comas-Diaz, PhD, Raymond Fowler, PhD; Juan Jose Sanchez-Sosa, Judith Torney-Purta, PhD; PhD; Danny Wedding, PhD

Absent: Lillian Comas-Diaz, PhD; Thema Bryant-Davis, PhD

Liaisons: Florence Denmark, PhD (APA UN Main Representative); Pierre Ritchie, PhD (IUPsyS Liaison); Sandra Shullman, PhD (Board of Directors); Henry David, PhD (Division 34); Leila Dane, PhD (Division 48)

Guests: Gerry Koocher, PhD; Paul Craig, PhD; Jessica Daniels, PhD; Ron Roszensky, PhD (Board of Directors); Norman Anderson, PhD; Steve Behnke, PhD, JD.

Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (William Parham, PhD, Chair); Bertha Holliday, PhD; Alberto Figueroa (APA Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs)

Staff: Merry Bullock, PhD, Senior Director, Office of International Affairs; Sally Leverty, International Affairs Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Rice at 9:15 a.m. September 30, 2005.

1. CIRP Meeting Dates

CIRP's next meetings are scheduled for April 7-8 and September 29-30, 2006.

2. Approval of the Minutes

CIRP approved the minutes from the March 18-19, 2005, meeting.

3. Targeted Nominations Statement for 2007—2009 Nominations

CIRP developed and approved the following targeted nominations statement:

The Committee seeks APA members who are concerned with, knowledgeable about, and familiar with international issues related to psychology. Expertise in areas such as international research, practice, education, and policy are desired as well as experience in technological and organizational activities relevant to diverse national and cultural contexts. The Committee seeks members representing diverse groups and geographical areas. Within this framework, the Committee particularly welcomes nominations and self-nominations of early career psychologists.

4. 2006 CIRP Convention

Convention Hours. CIRP discussed session topics for the 2006 convention, including: (1) a symposium on the UN Millennium Goals, organized by the UN NGO team, (2) a symposium on resilience and recovery with international speakers, (3) a panel co-sponsored with Division 52 on internationalizing the curriculum, (4) a panel of psychologists on responding to torture (Tony Marsella, Terry Keane) working with victims of torture, and (5) a joint symposium with CEMA on the WCAR.

Dr. Rice appointed a Convention Program Subcommittee (Drs. Sanchez-Sosa, Fowler, Comas-Diaz, and Bryant-Davis) to discuss these ideas. The subcommittee will make its recommendations to the full Committee by the middle of November.

Social Activities. Dr. Fowler suggested modifying the annual reception for international visitors to a venue where visitors join with CIRP facilitators to encourage discussion. There was

discussion of the value of having a combined social hour with Division 52. Staff will explore these possibilities.

5. International Award

At the recommendation of the Awards Subcommittee – Drs. Rice, Borris, and Chao – CIRP selected Michael Cole, PhD, to receive the 2006 Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology, and the Center for Victims of Torture – Guinea Team to receive the 2006 Humanitarian Award their choices for the 2006 Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology, and the 2006 Humanitarian Award.

Staff will provide the Board of Directors with the names of the awardees and will inform recipients after confirmation by the Board of Directors at their December 2005 meeting.

CIRP discussed strategies for broad recruiting and dissemination of information about these awards.

6. Resolution on Culture and Gender Awareness in Psychology: Follow-up

Targeted Boards and Committees were asked to include an item on the resolution on their meeting agendas and to discuss specific recommendations for how to incorporate international perspectives in their particular area of psychology. Staff will summarize these discussions once minute items are received.

Dr. Sanchez Sosa reported that the resolution was translated into Spanish and distributed to national associations in Latin America and Spain and to the deans and department heads of over 87 schools in 20 countries. He has received responses from Argentina, Brazil, and Cuba.

CIRP endorsed the value of providing Spanish-language resources on the APA website. CIRP encouraged APA to include Spanish language content and to pursue increased interaction with Latin American National Associations as international outreach and to position APA to meet the needs of the US as it becomes increasingly diverse. CIRP members (particularly Dr. Torney-Purta), will pursue models of multilingual information dissemination through the Organization of American States (OAS, cf. Alice Abeya, Education & Social Sciences) and UNESCO.

Staff will post the Spanish-language version of the resolution on the CIRP homepage. In addition, Dr. Sanchez Sosa will pursue translation of the APA *Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct* into Spanish.

The Chair appointed a subcommittee (Drs. Chao, Chair, Sanchez Sosa, and Bryant-Davis) to develop a brochure about the resolution that will be in accessible, easily translatable language and that will give examples of concrete actions to implement the resolution.

Dr. Rice and past CIRP chair Brinton Lykes are working on a special section proposal for the *American Psychologist*. Dr. Rice asked CIRP to contact her with feedback on possible contributors of articles on culture and gender issues and on the exportation of US psychology. Dr. Ritchie suggested that rather than a special section, Dr. Rice consider a lead article with respondents. Dr. Bullock recommended running an outline of any proposal by Gary VandenBos and Dr. Comas-Diaz for comment before submitting a full proposal to the AP editorial staff.

7. Division – CIRP Relations

CIRP reviewed the Division liaison meeting at Convention. At that meeting liaisons developed a list of “great ideas” which they then ranked. CIRP discussed rankings to the “great ideas” list and noted that most respondents ranked communication and a clearinghouse function as first or second in importance. CIRP appointed a division liaison subcommittee – Drs. Wedding (Chair), Chao, and Fowler – to facilitate developing ways to facilitate divisions’ access to existing resources (such as membership and international affiliate information, international organization directories, and access to the IUPsyS CD-Rom which has a variety of information about international psychology. Staff will contact the CD-ROM publisher to establish pricing for a quantity to be distributed to governance groups, divisions, the Council and the Board of Directors.

8. APA Update: Publications

CIRP received as information a report from the Office of Publications and Databases as well as an update on the HINARI program, administered by the World Health Organization (WHO). CIRP congratulated APA on participating with HINARI but wondered why the APA list was only partial. Staff will follow up with the Office of Publications and Databases to ask the basis for journal selection for HINARI. CIRP discussed other opportunities to APA for capacity building in the area, and staff noted a new program of workshops on publishing begun by the Publications office. CIRP applauded this program and suggested it might form part of a sustained program of capacity building.

CIRP discussed a comment in the report by Publications and Communications staff that indicated that books by international authors are not a priority. CIRP suggested that sales of international authors were often quite robust and asked staff request that APA books explore the economic impact of international sales.

Dr. Bullock will attend the next meeting of the Publications and Communications Board in November to hear the discussion on issues involving international journal submissions and report back to CIRP.

9. APA Update: Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual International Activities Oversight Group

CIRP received as information an update from Dr. Wedding on the LGB Oversight Group, which has just begun to work on its mandate.

10. APA Update: Working Group on Internationalizing the Undergraduate Curriculum

Dr. Torney-Purta provided an update on the Working Group on Internationalizing the Undergraduate Curriculum and provided a copy of a recent draft document produced by the task force. She asked CIRP to send any comments to her by October 21.

CIRP expressed concern that the project would benefit from greater involvement across relevant governance groups at a sufficiently early stage to be able to make formative comments, and appreciated the ability to send comments through Dr. Torney-Purta.

11. APA Update: Tsunami Phase II Activities

CIRP received as information a report on APA's Phase II tsunami activities, including follow-up training activities and a planned initiative on ethical issues with complex humanitarian emergencies and disasters (see item 27).

12. APA Update: Winter Immigration Conference

CIRP received as information a report on the APA-sponsored 2006 summit on immigration in San Antonio.

13. APA Update: PENS Task Force

Dr. Stephen Behnke briefed the Committee on the background of the PENS Task Force and on the media coverage following the release of the task force's report. He invited specific comments and observations from CIRP and encouraged recommendations for further action. Dr. Rice appointed a subcommittee – Drs. Wedding (Chair), Borris, and Sanchez-Sosa – to articulate CIRP's response to the PENS report. The comment period ends December 31, 2005. CIRP suggested offering CE units on ethical issues covered in the report.

14. APA Update: Cross-Directorate Group on International Activities

CIRP received as information minutes from the June 2005 meeting of the Cross-Directorate Group on International Activities.

15. APA Update: Office of International Affairs

Dr. Bullock provided a report on the work and initiatives of the Office of International Affairs and invited CIRP's input. The purview of the office is to support APA's role in a global context, including facilitating outreach to psychologists outside the US and facilitating the involvement of US psychologists with psychologists and psychology outside the country. The focus of the office is on serving as an information and resource conduit, and on developing psychology's capacity to serve the global community. CIRP expressed its support for the Office and its ongoing activities, and endorsed its development of new programs.

16. US National Committee (USNC) Report

CIRP received as information a report from USNC program officer Elaine Lawson. The Committee noted that Dr. Torney-Purta is now a USNC member, and that she has worked extensively on a survey to examine international collaboration in behavioral sciences. CIRP recommended exploring avenues for collaboration with the USNC.

17. International Union of Psychological Sciences (IUPsyS) Report

CIRP received as information the 2004 annual report of the IUPsyS. In addition, Dr. Ritchie noted that Dr. Geoffrey Reed, APA Assistant Executive Director for Professional Development and Training, has been appointed IUPsyS liaison to WHO on its project to revise the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health.

18. IAAP Report

CIRP received as information an update on IAAP activities. Dr. Fowler noted that the proposed merger of IAAP and the International Council of Psychologists (ICP) will likely occur.

19. World Federation on Mental Health (WFMH)

CIRP received as information an update of Dr. Bullock's meeting with Dr. Preston Garrison, Chief Officer of the WFMH. It was noted that Practice Directorate and Office of International Affairs staff will attend this year's World Mental Health Day events in Washington, DC, organized by the WFMH. CIRP endorsed support for the World Mental Health Day.

20. American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

CIRP received as information an update on the international programs at the AAAS.

21. Update – United Nations Activities

CIRP received as information a report on the Association's work at the United Nations from APA's main UN representative, Florence Denmark, PhD. In summarizing her report, Dr. Denmark highlighted the broad set of activities in which the UN representatives engage. She noted that the group had met twice with Dr. Bullock and anticipated an active interaction between the Office of International Affairs, the UN representation, and APA members. It was agreed that one future direction is to attempt to increase APA's impact at the UN through engaging APA expertise on UN priorities, and through exploring channels to inform UN staff, missions, and other NGOs about the value of a behavioral perspective. Denmark concluded by noting that the UN representatives were developing information and materials to assist CIRP in its oversight capacity. These include: (1) Development of orientation materials including UN guidelines, a glossary of acronyms, a list of NGO committees, a physical tour of the building, and (2) Development of evaluation criteria including measures of visibility, priority setting, and representative activities.

Denmark also noted that a contact list for APA staff and members on substantive areas of expertise for use by the UN reps would be welcome. She requested that CIRP convey to the APA public policy group the importance of advocating for the US to sign the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of Women.

Denmark announced that there is a vacancy on the UN team because one member resigned due to time constraints. The Committee thanked Dr. Denmark for her excellent report and applauded the active engagement of the NGO team.

In the discussion that followed, CIRP addressed how they might provide support to Dr. Denmark and the NGO team. Staff are updating a resource notebook including APA resolutions, amicus briefs, and policy documents and will develop rosters of experts for the UN team.

22. APA's UN Representation – CIRP Subcommittee Update

The subcommittee reviewed its charge from the Board of Directors to develop

- 1) A model for briefing the UN reps
- 2) A model for evaluation of the UN activities
- 3) A model for regular reporting of UN activities
- 4) A model for consultation with other agencies involved in disaster response
- 5) Research on how other NGOs have accomplished briefing, evaluation, consultation, and reporting.

CIRP noted that tasks 1, 2 and 3 were in progress or accomplished, and item 5 was in progress. CIRP believed that item 4 was outside the purview of the UN activities and deferred this for later consideration.

CIRP agreed to provide direct cost support to UN Associate (special project) representatives and to provide a modest amount of office expenses as well as direct support to the UN Representatives.

22a. Vacancy on APA UN NGO Team

CIRP discussed the mechanism for recruiting members of the NGO team. The CIRP subcommittee will work with staff to develop a call for nominations that will be broadly disseminated.

23. Joint CIRP/CEMA World Conference Against Racism (WCAR) Subcommittee

CIRP and CEMA met to discuss collaborative efforts in implementing the recommendations of the WCAR report as received by the APA Council of Representatives. CIRP reviewed its activities with regard to UN activity oversight and reiterated its commitment to facilitating international outreach and interaction. CIRP identified recommendations 6, 7, 8, and 10 of the report as being specifically within their purview.

The possibility of some joint activities were discussed, including:

- Stimulate attention by working with Public Information Office to develop multi-cultural context for the Monitor
- Development of an AP special section
- Dialog with Division chairs
- Initiatives to promote an agenda of tolerance through educating the media (in collaboration with Divisions) and through curriculum development (collaborate with the Education Directorate, Division 2, TOPSS) and by other projects with Divisions.
- Joint CIRP/CEMA symposium co-sponsored by divisions and Board of Directors – offer CE credit (staff will investigate getting time from BOD). Symposium could have sections on (a) why the UN is important to psychology/APA and (b) why psychology is important to the UN; and (b) what APA and CEMA can do to promote WCAR principles.

Staff will contact members of the CIRP-CEMA subcommittee to set up a conference call (Drs. Bryant-Davis, Chao, Fowler, Alvarez, Dass-Brailsford, and Manly).

24. David International Travel Award

In response to a request from the American Psychological Foundation, CIRP recommended expanding the David Travel Award by offering a \$1,500 dissertation award with an additional \$1,500 for travel if the candidate chooses to apply for it. CIRP also recommended making it an interdisciplinary award with preference to psychologists. The focus remains on the psychological and behavioral variables, implications, etc. of reproductive behavior. CIRP also recommended expanded marketing of the award to departments with population studies programs.

25. 2006 Raymond Fowler Award -- Member

Dr. Fowler briefed CIRP on the criteria for this award. CIRP will make no nominations for the 2006 award cycle.

26. *American Psychologist* Special Section

CIRP generated ideas for possible *AP* special sections with international focus. These included:

- Internationalizing the curriculum (with an invitation to the task force group to participate)
- Tsunami related mental health activities (expanded from the symposium organized by Dr. Gerard Jacobs)
- Culture and Gender resolution (Drs. Rice and Lykes)
- Article on psychology education and training models from an international perspective (when current project to collect this information is in progress, contact Dr. Wedding and Jessica Kohout)

CIRP also inquired about the status of the special issue on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. (Dr. Torney-Purta will contact Gary Melton.)

27. New Business Item: Ethics Initiative

CIRP received as information an update on an initiative arising from APA's tsunami Phase II activities. Drs. Behnke and Bullock have formed a planning group that includes APA staff from the Practice and Science directorates as well as three of the expert trainers from the APA-supported tsunami workshop. The ultimate goal of the project is to develop materials to assist psychologists who are engaged in intervention and research in complex humanitarian emergency and disaster contexts to consider ethical issues and to make ethical decisions. The planning group is soliciting names for a small working group to help define the ethical issues and develop a white paper for comment and discussion prior to a larger conference on the topic.

Dr. Borris noted that there are a number of available resources on this topic, particularly those developed jointly by Psychologists for Social Responsibility and Division 48. (Staff will follow-up with Dr. Borris.)

28. New Business: Capacity Building and APA

CIRP discussed a range of activities to develop a program of capacity building for APA:

- Faculty development and support: partner with other organizations and with associations of university presidents
- Convene university deans, department chairs and other academic leaders from other countries to ask about capacity building needs, resources and infrastructure and to discuss ideas for partnerships
- Make PsycBooks available and facilitate permissions to distribute through HINARI or analogous programs
- Provide seed money for departments, including non-doctoral level programs
- Act as coaches in international collaboration – facilitate multiple resource sharing

- Help other national associations increase organizational and administrative functions through workshops and training; focus on unique contributions and help national organizations build their infrastructure. Revive the National Visitors Program (international organizations spend a week at APA)
- Help organize professional exchange visits for US psychologists to go abroad
- Serve as a clearinghouse for resource information
- Explore an international “green - grey” program to partner senior and young psychologists
- Offer matchmaking grants to small universities to foster international exchange

29. New Business: International Mobility in Clinical Practice

CIRP received as information and update on international mobility issues concerning licensure and employment. CIRP will revisit this topic once it has an opportunity to work with the APA Research Office.

30. New Business: International Affiliates and APA Convention

CIRP discussed two issues concerning International Affiliates and convention – the submission process and the registration fee.

Submissions process for international scholars: International scholars have voiced to CIRP a concern that the present submission process (requiring a sponsor) is interpreted negatively by prominent international scholars and may reduce attendance at APA conventions. Recognizing that the international affiliate category includes a range of education and expertise levels, CIRP suggested developing a criterion that could be used to exempt certain scholars from the requirement of a co-sponsor for their submission (for example, one criterion might be that they are a member of a national association that is member of the International Union of Psychological Science).

Convention fee for international affiliates: CIRP noted that the convention fee for international affiliates is set at a higher rate than any other affiliate category. CIRP recommended that BCA approve lowering the international affiliate registration fee to \$85.00, which is consistent with the other affiliate fees.

CIRP will request that the Board of Convention Affairs consider these issues at their next meeting and asked Dr. Bullock to attend.

31. New Business: Travel Grants to International Congresses

CIRP discussed the need for a funding base for supporting international travel to congresses, and noted that grant mechanisms for travel are very scarce and when available are focused on targeted groups. CIRP discussed strategies for providing seed funds to enable US psychologists to attend international congresses and conferences and asked staff to explore possible external funding mechanisms.

CIRP discussed whether offering CE credits for international meetings would help encourage and increase attendance.

32. New Business: Marketing to International Affiliates

CIRP received information from the APA Membership Marketing Office, which is interested in marketing to international affiliates. CIRP suggested contact with other societies, national associations, and deans and department chairs. (Dr. Sanchez-Sosa will send lists of department chairs and deans of Latin American schools to staff.)

The marketing staff is considering various incentive strategies to ask international affiliates to nominate colleagues to become international affiliates. The marketing staff is also considering developing a survey to ascertain what member benefits are important to international affiliates.

33. New Business: Early Career Psychologists

CIRP received as information the mission statement of the Committee on Early Career Psychologists and discussed ways to facilitate involvement with international activities early in the career:

- Help provide resources and information on travel grants
- Peer mentoring – bring together at convention
- Lunch or dinner with an expert or coach or with someone who has had international collaboration
- Early career slates

34. New Business: Membership Summit

Dr. Chao will attend the membership summit held prior to the spring 2006 consolidated meetings. Dr. Rice will be attending as a representative of Division 52.

Cross-Cutting #1: 2004 Policy and Planning Board 5-year Report Follow-Up

Boards and committees are asked to provide information on their activities and comments that bear on the recommendations contained in the Policy and Planning 2004 5-year report. Recommendation #7 encourages APA to look at issues globally and “take the lead in making psychology an international presence.” CIRP will respond to P&P before the comment period ends on June 2, 2006. CIRP also noted that it has asked targeted Boards and Committees during the Fall Consolidated Meetings to consider how their activities can be informed by the recently passed APA Resolution on Cultural and Gender Awareness in International Psychology.

Cross-Cutting #4: Amendment to the APA Bylaws Regarding Board and Committee Election Slates

CIRP supports Substitute Main Motion II, as originated by P&P (although the Committee wondered if there could be legal implications for lines 20-21). CIRP supports transparency and accountability at all levels of APA.

Cross-Cutting #6: Guidelines for the Undergraduate Psychology Major

CIRP will write a letter to BEA supporting the guidelines. CIRP also noted that as a continuing committee of APA they have a special interest in such guidelines and can provide review and rationale. They would thus like to be involved in the process of developing such guidelines early in the process to be able to offer formative input.

Cross-Cutting #7: Report of the Board of Directors Work Group on the Recommendations of the Commission on Education and Training Leading to Licensure in Psychology

CIRP was asked to review and comment on the work group’s report. CIRP will ask relevant boards to be cognizant that issues touching on licensure have implications for international mobility.

CIRP also discussed the extent to which these recommendations will be understood to relate to the US or North American context, CIRP recommended to add the phrase “in the United States” to the first sentence of the policy statement to underscore that the minimum standards being articulated are relevant for licensing in the specific context that APA was considering.

Cross-Cutting #8: Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Girls and Women

CIRP recommends that the guidelines be adopted by Council as APA policy. It also recommends that the issue of the effect of immigration on the lives of girls and women be mentioned under Guideline 9 in lines 1458 -1463 and references added as follows:

"Conceptualizing women's and girls' issues in a sociopolitical context requires attending to issues such as gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, age, immigration and socioeconomic status as they may impact the problems diverse women clients bring to practice (APA, 2000, 2003, 2004; Comas-Diaz and Jansen, 1995; Espin, 1999; Fitzgerald, 1993; Herek, Gillis, & Cogan, 1999; Ingram, Corning, & Schmidt, 1996; Koss, Heise, & Russo, 1994; Landrine & Klonoff, 1996; Landrine et al., 1995; Mays & Cochran, 2001; Moradi & Subich, 2002; Moradi, Subich, & Wheeler, 2002; Sanchez-Hucles & Hudgins, 2001)."

Comas-Diaz, L. & Jansen, M.A. (1995). Global conflict and violence against women. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, 1(4), 315-331.

Espin, O. (1999). *Women crossing boundaries: A psychology of immigration and transformed sexuality*. NY: Routledge.

Other issues discussed but not in the minutes

CIRP suggested a *Monitor* article on what is happening in Europe with respect to mobility and the Bologna process. CIRP also suggested that Ingrid Lunt and Judy Hall write an article on this for *AP*.

There was discussion of stimulating journal donations and the issues that donors require appraisals for tax purposes. Liaison Dr. Henry David informed CIRP of a firm that regularly appraises psychology and mental health publications and that will appraise a collection from digital photos of the book spines.

There was a suggestion to promote a *Monitor* article on "what happened to APA's \$100,000" with reports of the psychosocial work done by the Red Cross (Joseph Prewitt-Diaz, ARC in India)

In discussion with Gerry Koocher and Sandra Shullman: CIRP was encouraged to take a broad view of developing outreach at the APA level to make "international" an active byword of APA. They noted that income from overseas approaches one third of APA's income and suggested that CIRP and the Office of International Affairs could develop projects to increase income and that appeal to the Board of Directors.

CIRP noted that new projects and directions must have sustained funding. They talked about using partnering and matching to achieve stable funding. The international affiliate group is an important base to partner in commercial, academic, electronic projects.

CIRP suggested a new level of exchange at the institutional level (US to foreign educational research AND practice organizations) with targeting capacity building programs, and CE models for overseas training and education.