

Committee on International Relations in Psychology (CIRP)
Fall Consolidated Meetings
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Washington DC

Minutes

Present: Georgia Chao, PhD (Chair); Lillian-Comas-Diaz, PhD; Thema Bryant-Davis, PhD; Juan Jose Sanchez-Sosa, PhD; Danny Wedding, PhD; Lynn Collins, PhD; and Oliva Espin, PhD

Absent: Ray Fowler, PhD, and Carolyn Enns, PhD

Liaisons: John Davis, PhD (Psi Chi); Florence Denmark, PhD (APA UN Main Representative); Pierre Ritchie, PhD (IUPsyS)

Division Liaisons: Carole Rayburn (1); Barbara Byrne (5); Joseph De Meyer (9); Henry David (34); and Leila Dane (48)

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

Guests: Sharon Brehm, PhD (APA president-elect); Tom DeMaio, PhD (Board of Directors); Lisa Grossman, JD, PhD (Board of Directors); Jessica Henderson-Daniel, PhD (Board of Directors); Ron Rozensky, PhD (Board of Directors); Anita Brown, PhD (Committee on Rural Health); Arnold Abeles, PhD (Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology)

Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs: Priscilla Dass-Brailsford, EdD, (Chair); Alvin Alvarez, PhD; Jennifer Manly, PhD; Ruth Turner, PhD; Lisa Thomas, PhD; Joseph Cervantes, PhD; Anderson Franklin, PhD

APA Staff: Norman Anderson, PhD, CEO; Cynthia Belar, PhD (Executive Director, Education Directorate); Bertha Holliday, PhD, Senior Director, Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs (OEMA); Alberto Figueroa, OEMA; Deborah Perry, OEMA

1. **CIRP Meeting Dates**

Meeting times received

2. **Approval of Minutes**

The spring 2006 Minutes were approved. CIRP agreed to change their operational procedures so that meeting minutes can be approved electronically. CIRP members asked OIA staff to follow up on the Spring 2006 Agenda item No. 6 to determine the status of the request to BCA to reduce affiliate fees.

3. **Election of 2007 CIRP Chair**

The Committee elected Dr. Bryant-Davis 2007 chair.

4. **Targeted Nominations Statement for 2008–2010**

CIRP developed the following targeted nomination statement:

"The Committee seeks APA members who are concerned with, knowledgeable about, and familiar with international issues related to psychology. Expertise in international research, practice, education, and policy are desired, as is experience in technological and organizational activities relevant to diverse national and cultural contexts. The Committee seeks to maintain a diverse membership in terms of ethnic, linguistic and geographical representation. For the 2008-2010 slate, the Committee particularly welcomes nominations and self-nominations of early career psychologists."

5. Cross-cutting Agenda Items

CC 1. Diversity Training Issues

CIRP completed the diversity training questionnaires and noted a number of areas with training needs for a broad international perspective. They observed that it is difficult to classify these needs into personal and group needs, but noted that the process of cultural awareness and sensitivity is ongoing and continuous. Identified types of training included:

- Training on international background information such as world geography, world history, geopolitical perspectives, to provide information on country of origin for students, clients, research participants, colleagues.
- Training on methodologies valid for non-western psychologies, such as ethnographies; Multi-cultural training on cross-national research methods for a "world view orientation".
- Foreign language learning and training on technical enhancements to increase access to material in other languages
- Cultural sensitivity training; to increase adaptability, flexibility, and acceptance of other standards and models; to identify specific cultural and social dimensions that affect behavior from the standpoint of a person receiving psychological services and the standpoint of a person receiving training and delivering the services; to identify cultural differences in world view and to identify how this affects how is psychology taught and applied
- Training on how psychology is framed and used in different parts of the world

CIRP perceives an important role in APA for multicultural and international training and welcomes the opportunity to serve as a conduit for broad training across APA about regions of the world and world views that affect behavioral issues and that affect the perception and use of psychology.

CIRP suggested a number of concrete projects including (see item 18, CIRP Agenda for details):

- Workshops and materials on how psychology is framed and used in different parts of the world; "Diplomacy for Psychology" materials and workshop training for APA members and staff who represent APA internationally (e.g., APA President, Board Members, Senior Staff), and for individuals who will be traveling to other countries for professional visits (e.g., attending conferences, lecturing, teaching, etc).

- Informational materials for APA governance groups on international and global organizations with relevance for Psychology

CIRP requested that staff explore the possibility of training sessions for CIRP at the next consolidated meetings.

CC 2. Proposal for Establishment of a 5-Year Planning Process

CIRP has been working on a strategic plan and will adapt this plan to develop annual priorities.

CC 3. Review of Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Girls and Women

CIRP supports approval of the guidelines with the following additional comments:

Guideline 2

Include the phrase "geopolitical factors"
line 677. "The influence of geopolitical factors needs to be taken into consideration with working with girls and women who are immigrant and or visible minorities."

Guideline 4

Include "biopsychological factors"
Line 866 "The effect of biopsychological factors in girls and women need to be contextualized in treatment. For instance, females have difference psychopharmacological needs from males and ethnic women may differ in their needs from other women."

Guideline 6

Add meditation and contemplative techniques
Line 969: Add meditation and contemplative techniques to those already listed.

As background, CIRP provided the following information (drafted by Dr. Comas-Diaz):

In acknowledging the complexity of girls and women's realities, CIRP recommends that information on the biological, hormonal and gender specific drug metabolization be included in the document. Psychological practitioners need to understand the special biopsychological factors that influence girls and women' behaviors including response to treatment. For instance, menopausal women may respond to and metabolize medication differently from non-menopausal women. There is an extensive list of references on this topic. I quick Internet search will yield relevant references. Additionally, different women of color metabolize medication differently from their European American counterparts (Comas-Diaz & Jacobsen, 1995; Jacobsen & Comas-Diaz, 1999). There is also an extensive literature on ethonopsychopharmacology (Ruiz, 2000). Again, a quick Internet check under gender and racial differences in psychopharmacology will provide recent research findings. In view of this important area, CIRP recommended that a new guideline on Biopsychological domain be added to the guidelines.

CIRP also recommended that traditional healing approaches, such as mindfulness (Salmon, Sephton, Weissbecker, Hoover, Ulmer, & Studts, 2004), contemplation, guided imagery and others, be added to the Practice Applications (pages 42-44)

Under Guideline 9: psychologists strive to consider the problems of girls and women in their sociopolitical context (p50), CIRP recommended that the geopolitical context be added to this guideline. This variable carries special effects for immigrant girls and women as well as visible women of color, such as Muslim females.

References:

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Ruiz, P. (Ed). (2000). *Ethnicity and psychopharmacology*. Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Press.

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Mindfulness meditation in clinical practice. *Cognitive and Behavioral Practice*, 11, 434-446.

CC 4. Revision of APA Record Keeping Guidelines

CIRP noted that this is a good model because record keeping is not usual mode of operation for psychologists internationally. When the guidelines are complete CIRP suggests an active effort to translate into at least one if not more other languages. **(J-J read and send comments to Mary Hardiman (Practice) 11/30.)**

CC 5. Options for Council Action in Considering Task Force Reports

CIRP supports amendment to Association Rule 30-6.2 and sending the item to the BOD in December.

CC 6. Proposed Resolution Rejecting Intelligent Design as Scientific and Reaffirming Support of Evolutionary Theory

CIRP recommends approval of the main motion and notes that the reaffirmation of support for evolutionary theory is in agreement with many colleagues outside the U.S. Dr. Wedding drafted for CIRP the following language in support on the resolution:

“The Committee on International Relations in Psychology (CIRP) carefully reviewed the proposed APA resolution rejecting Intelligent Design as science and reaffirming APA support of evolutionary theory as a unifying force in contemporary science. It is clear to us that the vast majority of international scholars accept the theory of evolution as an important and unifying scientific concept. We believe proposals to teach these principles in public schools seem foolish from an international perspective and subject U. S. scholars to ridicule. CIRP strongly supports the main motion.”

CC 7. Revision of National Standards for High School Psychology

CIRP noted that because the standards are organized by topic, it's not possible to see if international issues are included or addressed. CIRP also noted that the document includes many terms specific to U.S. culture and recommends looking at research outside the United States to provide an international context. The Committee also recommends ensuring that the terminology is as broad as possible so as not to exclude the rest of the world.

CIRP recommends the following wording change in Section 3.3h: change "tolerance" to "respect"

(Comments by May 1, 2007, by online submission form www.apa.org/ed/natlstandards.html -Lynn?)

CC 8. Teaching, Learning, and Assessing in a Developmentally Coherent Curriculum

CIRP appreciates the intent of evaluating standards of learning and better articulating course content. They were concerned with the examples provided. For instance, on the list of important historical figures (p. 44), all examples were white and male. Any published recommendations need to be sensitive to diversity even in examples and models. In addition, there could be a great deal more international content, including historical international content (one example, the first use of psychological assessment was not in the U.S. for intelligence tests but was implemented long ago in China by the Chinese Civil Service).

CIRP had no recommendations concerning the language on assessment and credit transfer.

(Comments by December 1 to mboneau@apa.org or <http://www.apa.org/ed/resources.html> - Lynn?)

CC 9. Report of the APA Working Group on Internationalizing the Curriculum

CIRP was pleased to read the requests for comment in the Cross-Cutting agenda and looks forward to working with BEA on the next steps toward developing guidelines.

CIRP members suggested that the outcome report should be broadly disseminated and translated and urges the working group to keep translation possibilities and multicultural use in mind from the outset.

(Comments by December 1 to mboneau@apa.org or <http://www.apa.org/ed/resources.html>)

CC 10: Addendum to Resolution on Anti-Semitic and Anti Jewish Prejudice

CIRP supports the addendum and urges approval by the APA Board of Directors and Council of Representatives. CIRP recommends, however, adding a citation to the APA Resolution on Racism and Racial Discrimination (2001) (<http://www.apa.org/pi/racismresolution.html>) to the paragraph beginning on line 128.

CC 11: Report of the APA Task Force on Multicultural Training

CIRP read the report with interest and recommends changing the title of the report so that it refers more specifically to multicultural training in response to hurricane Katrina. CIRP also noted that no international literature on dealing with disasters was cited in the references, nor was reference made to lessons learned from APA's response to the Asian tsunami.

CIRP would like to encourage the Task Force to take the lead in developing some of their recommendations. Fact sheets, multicultural training curricula, convention workshops, or annotated bibliographies could greatly benefit from the combined expertise and experience of the task force.

CC 12: Report of Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls

CIRP was pleased to see its comments included in this version. This is a comprehensive report but is still focused on the US. CIRP recommends adopting the main motion. CIRP suggested adding reference to the phenomenon of "suicide girls" (girls who take their sexuality into their own hands).

CC 13: Resolution on Opposing Discriminatory Legislation and Initiatives

CIRP recommends adoption of the resolution by APA Council. CIRP supports APA's leadership role in opposing discrimination against lesbians, gay men, bisexual, and transgender people. CIRP strongly recommends that the term "LGBT" be added to the title of the resolution to specify that it pertains to anti-gay legislation.

CIRP was pleased that its suggestion that APA ask the USNC to suggest a policy stance on anti-gay legislation internationally and to bring this policy to the IUPsyS general assembly for discussion and adoption had been added to the main motion. CIRP would like to repeat its recommendation that APA's develops materials for active promotion and dissemination of anti-discriminatory materials in international venues.

CC 14: Resolution on Religious, Religion-Related and/or Religion-Derived Prejudice

CIRP supports adoption of the resolution as APA policy.

Supplemental CC Item 1: Proposed Change to Ethics Code

CIRP supports adding the phrase "in keeping with basic principles of human rights" to the Ethics Code.

6. CIRP Activities at 2007 Convention

CIRP discussed proposals for its 3 hours of convention programming time. CIRP reviewed the 2006 convention programming and agreed to allocate its 3 hours as follows, noting that each program will likely require additional hours and recommended asking for hours from Divisions (UN, current topic) and the Board of Directors (Roundtable).

- 1 hour to a UN program on global challenges. CIRP received the UN team's proposal for a program several global challenges and requested that the UN team to modify their initial proposal to focus on the UN role in addressing ONE of their proposed 4 topics.
- 1 hour for the President's Round Table. This is a proposal from President Elect Sharon Brehm to invite national psychology association presidents attending

- convention to prepare a short (5 minute) discussion on what they see as local and global issues for psychology
- 1 hour to a program on a current topic. CIRP discussed a number of ideas for the current event that included (a) Reconciliation and Genocide and (b) Immigration, focusing on mental health, resilience in face of xenophobia, racism. Following the meeting with the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (CEMA) it was agreed to co-sponsor a symposium: *Human and Geopolitical Role of Psychology at Darfur: A WCAR Case Study*. Suggested topics in the symposium span several perspectives: policy (Rep. Barbara Lee, Oakland, CA), an NGO rep (Dr. Gloria Wright-Hammond), a trauma psychologist. It was also suggested to show the film *the Lost Boys of Sudan*.

The program committee for convention includes Drs. Bryant-Davis, Espin, and Collins, who will receive the UN proposal and will work with CEMA on the CIRP/CEMA symposium.

7. CIRP 2007 Protocols to Facilitate International Speakers

CIRP reviewed the current protocol information that the OIA distributes to Division program chairs for hosting international convention speakers. CIRP discussed revising and expanding the protocol information so that APA and Divisions might serve as appropriate international hosts (such training to cover hosting and logistics, covering meals and other events before and after convention participation, gifts and gift giving, certificates and recognition, and followup).

CIRP discussed an expanded view of preparing APA for hosting international visitors and suggested that the OIA explore a session at the DLC on international diplomacy for Division Presidents and Convention Chairs covering hosting at convention and international norms for covering costs for international guests. CIRP also suggested that each international Convention attendee should receive a thank-you letter from the Division and the APA president or CEO as follow-up to participation.

8. International Awards

The awards committee reported on its deliberations and CIRP selected recipients for the APA Distinguished Contributions to International Psychology (Ruben Ardila and Fred Leong) and for the International Humanitarian Award: (Gerard Jacobs). The names will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

CIRP also discussed the need to take a more active and proactive role in nominating individuals with an international perspective for other APA and external awards. This includes nominating individuals for the APA awards for distinguished contributions, and other specialized awards, as well as for national and international awards. CIRP will form a subcommittee to develop such nominations.

CIRP agreed to appoint a subcommittee consisting of the chair-elect and three other CIRP members who will be appointed at the Spring meeting.

9. Office of International Affairs

CIRP was referred to the written update provided in the Agenda book. New activities in 2006 include an expanded travel grant program, which is currently being evaluated for a grant submission for longer term travel funding; development of informational brochures

on ways that psychological science addresses global issues; and a number of activities under development, including a survey of departments about international students, partnering for book and journal donations, and exploring mechanisms for translating relevant APA materials into Spanish.

Staff invited ideas for increasing the role of the Office of International Affairs as a catalyst to other APA departments in their international outreach, perspective and development. Staff also requested that CIRP members alert the office when they travel or attend a conference abroad.

CIRP requested that staff prepare a letter from CIRP to President Gerry Koocher expressing appreciation for his participation in the ICAP in Athens

10. Cross-Directorate report

Minutes from Cross-Directorate meetings were received as information

11. United Nations Report

Dr. Denmark discussed highlights of the report CIRP received in their agenda, including plans for a Psychology Day at the UN. Drs. Chao and Bullock reviewed APA's activities at the NGO/DPI Annual Conference in September and noted that the APA team was visible in the program. CIRP was referred to the reports that were provided as supplemental information as examples of activities within APA that intersected with APA-UN activities.

CIRP thanked Dr. Denmark and the team for their activities. The Committee noted that the team was very busy and well represented on various NGO committees. The committee also commended the team's initiative to host a psychology day and offered their and the OIA's assistance in this endeavor.

CIRP then noted that in light of its own strategic planning it would like to consider with the UN team new strategies for maximizing APA's impact at the UN. CIRP noted that APA's mandate at the UN includes three pillars of action: education, monitoring, and advocacy, and that it is a challenge to select those areas that might have the most impact in terms of attending to issues relevant to psychology. CIRP requested that the UN team increase its activities in monitoring UN activities and reporting back to APA on upcoming major events, and increase its advocacy activities at the UN.

There was discussion of strategic goals in APA's UN presence. These included:

- Expanding the UN team's activities and purview at the UN to include working in concert with other UN constituencies, e.g., government delegations, UN offices, and missions.
- Working together with APA offices and staff to involve as broad a base of APA staff and members as possible in UN activities.
- Setting APA overall goals and yearly priorities for UN activities.
- Developing a set of clear outcomes such as developing statements for commissions; developing materials for UN offices; increased monitoring of ongoing and upcoming UN meetings, initiatives and activities; developing opportunities for APA members to participate in UN activities (e.g., providing expertise), and advocacy.
- Increasing advocacy activities at the UN, including collaborating with other psychology bodies on strategic decision-making and working on a common agenda to maximize impact. The APA team and the Office were asked to begin

thinking about a mechanism to get the main representatives from psychology organizations together with a common agenda. The possibilities of teams in Geneva and Vienna were also discussed.

CIRP requested that the UN team provide information to the OIA on the timing of upcoming UN commissions, forums and special events to facilitate APA planning; CIRP also requested that reports from the UN team include outcome information on the three main areas of work: education, monitoring and advocacy.

12. United Nations NGO Team Oversight

CIRP discussed its role as oversight group for the UN reps and decided that providing direction to the UN team would be the purview of the entire committee rather than a subcommittee. CIRP will take an active role in oversight suggestions, transmitted through the Office of International Affairs to the UN team.

CIRP will send a written report to the UN Main representative outlining its role as oversight committee in terms of overall goals, general management and specific requests. In brief, discussion included:

- Development of explicit evaluation criteria.
- Mechanisms to identify general and yearly priorities and objectives. Dr. Chao suggested a "Management By Objectives" model that articulates explicit outcomes (e.g., language about psychology inserted in specific documents, contact with missions, submission and dissemination of statements).
- Administrative matters, including NGO committee membership and coverage; convention programming; appointed information liaison to CIRP; development of volunteer "contract".
- Request from APA's Office on AIDS for UN activities and appointment of an associate representative.

13. Division Liaison Meeting and Reports

CIRP received written reports from Divisions 5, 9, 14, 39, and 43. The following liaisons attended the meeting and represented their divisions: Carole Rayburn (1); Barbara Byrne (5); Joseph De Meyer (9); Henry David (34); and Leila Dane (48).

Division 5 liaison Barbara Byrne reported on a joint Division 52-5 Task Force looking at methodological practices in cross cultural research. This task force is working on a report focused on overcoming shortcomings in current cross cultural research. CIRP was asked to make comments on the report when it is distributed.

Division 9 liaison Joseph DeMeyer welcomed collaboration with the APA UN team. He reported that SPSSI had compiled a document with reference to all the journal articles he had published with relevance to the UN Millennium Development goals. He also reported that SPSSI has a new representative to the UN in Africa.

CIRP discussed the outcomes of the Division Liaison Breakfast held during Convention and suggestions arising from that meeting. Division liaisons suggested:

- a program with Division journal editors to mentor and facilitate international submissions and to involve international colleagues as reviewers. CIRP will contact Division journal editors to ask whether they would be interested in these

- activities. If so, CIRP could contact international affiliates with a call for self-nominations as journal reviewers / mentors.
- a Joint membership drive with Divisions - to market affiliate membership and Division international membership for those Divisions actively seeking international members (emphasizing that APA offers products and services beyond what Divisions can offer)
 - foster collaborative activities

There was discussion to be continued at the next CIRP meeting on outlining the benefits to regular APA members of an international perspective.

14. LGB International Network

CIRP received as information an update on the network from Dr. Espin and Dr. Wedding. The network has finalized its program for the 2008 ICP in Berlin, and has been informed by the congress organizers that gay and lesbian issues will be indexed in the congress program.

15. Working Group on Ethical Issues for Psychologists in Complex International Humanitarian Disasters and Emergency Contexts

Dr. Bullock provided an update. The first meeting of the Working Group will be in December 2006 at APA. The group includes experts from humanitarian and other global organizations (UNICEF, WHO, Save the Children Fund, and so on) from the US and elsewhere. Staff are preparing bibliographic materials.

16. BEA/CIRP task group on internationalizing the curriculum

See CC item 9. All APA governance groups are asked to comment on the outcomes report of the Working Group on Internationalizing the Curriculum. Drs. Enns, Collins, and Sanchez-Sosa represent CIRP on the joint BEA/CIRP charged with developing the report into guidelines.

17. Tsunami follow-up

Dr. Bullock reported that the final allocations of tsunami relief funds will be made during the rest of 2006. In addition to the Working Group on Ethical Issues for Psychologists in Complex International Humanitarian Disaster and Emergency Contexts (see item 15), APA will provide partial seed funding for three workshops organized in Thailand, India and Indonesia.

18. Strategic Plan

CIRP was joined by Board of Directors member Tom DeMaio, who briefed CIRP on APA's strategic planning process.

CIRP discussed its vision of serving as the catalyst for ensuring that APA members and leadership were good international citizens, including activities in communication and information, promotion of international exchange, and education in cultural differences and sensitivity. CIRP endorsed working with other governance groups and APA groups to enhance international activities and to engage in discussion of strategies for the development of psychology on an international level.

In discussing its strategic plan CIRP developed of a number of ideas for concrete projects. These included:

- Diplomacy for Psychology - training on cultural differences that would affect how psychologists interact in professional settings. This training would be offered to:
 - Individuals who represent APA internationally (e.g., APA President, Board Members, Senior Staff)
 - Individuals who will be traveling to other countries for professional visits (e.g., lecturing, teaching, etc); or for conferencesMaterials that can be used to develop such training include fact and tip sheets from the US State Department, Peace Corps and other bodies with regular international projects; Fulbright recipients who can contribute their expertise and experiences
- Development of informational material for APA governance groups on international and global organizations with relevance for Psychology (e.g., International Union of Psychological Sciences, US National Committee for Psychology WHO, World Bank, World Federation for Mental Health; Council for International Exchange of Scholars)
- Development of "International Dialogs" where individuals who have worked outside the US share experiences and tips with others. There was discussion of initiating this project at the 2007 convention with psychologist Fulbrighters. Staff were asked to explore creating a video film / website with streaming video clips of question / answer sessions.
- Development of resource materials collating information for a world "landscape" for psychologists. Resources to include links to information on research regulations / IRB issues world wide (including a list of websites in each country), information on psychology regulation (government recognition / licensing or other regulation) world wide; information on psychology education worldwide.
- Development of research based brochures outlining the contributions of psychology to addressing global issues. Suggestions for topics included: Resilience in the face of racism; Immigration

CIRP discussed names for the initiative, including: "Making Psychology a household world globally"; "The international is local", "This world is our world". Subsequent to the CIRP meeting CIRP discussed additional names including International GOALS (Global Opportunities for APA's Long-term Strategies)

19. BEA/CIRP Task Force on International Quality Assurance

(Guest Dr. Cynthia Belar, Education Directorate)

CIRP welcomed the opportunity to partner with BEA on developing a Task Force to ask about APA's role in quality assurance in the international arena, and noted that APA may have a valuable leadership role to play. The Committee is sensitive to the work of other countries and groups, but believes that many countries will benefit from the development of clearly articulated standards for education and training. CIRP believes that it will be important for APA to play a strategic role in partnership with other countries and regions.

In addition to the work of a task force, CIRP encourages APA to:

- Publish its current standards, procedures on quality assurance, etc. in multiple languages
- Offer consultancy on the processes used to develop consensus standards and norms

Dr. Belar noted that while there is an increased interest internationally in standards and quality assurance, this has never been thoroughly studied as a policy issue. CIRP asked Merry Bullock and Cynthia Belar to follow through with BEA and prepare a jointly sponsored item to ask for contingency funds for a 2007 Task Force.

Dr. Comas-Diaz suggested including practitioners on the task force to help articulate international standards for service providers.

20. Mechanisms to Increase International Outreach for Authors/Publications

This item was introduced as follow-up to a request from the Board of Editors to develop a program to assist editors in handling international submissions, many of which are not appropriate for the journal to which they are sent and others of which are not found appropriate in terms of quality and style.

CIRP understood this issue as increasing access by APA journal readers to research and researchers from other countries.

CIRP made a number of suggestions for activities to promote this. They included:

- Appoint an "international editor" to the council of editors to educate council about cultural differences in scholarly articles (including ratio of theory to data; data collection and analysis norms (e.g., qualitative, ethnographic, and so on)
- Provide multiple language translation of journal *Instructions to Authors* pages
- Develop a journal "match" web page indicating the focus of each APA journal
- Develop a web-based tutorial on submitting to APA journals, including journal mission statements, submission and acceptance rates
- Develop a web/information resource with "frequently encountered problems" (language, methodology, etc)
- Develop workshops based on the (above) list of "frequently encountered problems"

Staff will send these suggestions to the Council of Editors and the Publications and Communications staff.

21. Development of a Policy Statement for APA Responses to International Emergencies

CIRP discussed a perceived need for APA to develop a policy on how it will respond to future national and international humanitarian emergencies.

CIRP suggested a two-pronged policy that included an immediate humanitarian response (direct contributions for immediate psychosocial interventions), immediate provision of information and information resources for psychologists and others, and a longer term response including training, information dissemination, and regional/country capacity building.

CIRP believed that APA should decide on the level of its aid according to the number of people affected and the level of need, with priority to developing countries. CIRP suggested that APA could look at how other professional organizations respond to disasters / humanitarian needs.

There was discussion of the role of a professional organization such as APA in humanitarian relief and discussion about the extent to which APA might offer direct relief, or offer longer term capacity building and prevention activities.

Staff will send CIRP a copy of the 2005 annual report of the Policy and Planning Board: *APA's Response to International and National Disasters and Crises: Addressing Diverse Needs*. The report raises issues about disaster response and APA. This item will be taken up at the next CIRP meeting.

22. New Business Deferred from Spring 2006 Meeting – Resolution on Trafficking

See item Council New Business Item: 25C.

23. US National Committee (USNC) Report

CIRP received as information a report from the USNC liaison Elaine Lawson.

24. International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) Report

The 2004 annual report of Union was received as information. IUPsyS liaison Dr. Ritchie updated CIRP on the Union's General Assembly meeting in Athens where the Union approved a policy resolution advocating for official recognition of psychology as an autonomous, science-based profession. He also noted that IUPsyS has been engaging in a strategic planning that resulted in a reorganization of its working committees. The IUPsyS has also introduced a new award, the Mattei Dogan Foundation Prize that will be awarded to a psychologist or team of psychologists who have made significant research contributions to the field.

25. International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) Report

CIRP received as information a report from IAAP liaison Ray Fowler.

26. World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) Report

CIRP received as information the *Proceedings of the Third World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and Prevention of Mental and Behavioral Disorders* co-sponsored by the WFMH.

27. Psi Chi Report

Psi Chi liaison John Davis began his term as Psi Chi president in August 2006. One of his priorities is to make Psi Chi an international honor society for psychology, and he will be promoting an international agenda during his tenure as president.

New Business

NB 1: Toward United Nations Endorsement of a National Well-Being Scale

Dr. Bullock gave background information on the item. While noting that this is not a new idea, CIRP finds merit in a research-based measurement of well-being. CIRP would support APA's participation in such a project and lending of its expertise in research and assessment of the current science on well-being and quality of life.

CIRP cautioned that the development of such a measure requires addressing complex cross cultural issues. CIRP suggested that reviewing the issues involved in developing the "quality of life" measure would provide a good model.

CIRP recommended proceeding with this initiative but was not sanguine about linking it with specific UN initiatives or officials. CIRP members and liaisons offered to provide input to the development group. Henry David, Division 34 Liaison, suggested a "bamboo ladder" model (reference forth coming).

NB 2: Memorandum from John Anderson

CIRP received a memorandum from John Anderson, PhD, Senior Director of the APA Office on AIDS, providing a rationale for working on HIV/AIDS issues through the United Nations. Dr. Anderson recommended the appointment of a psychologist who has expertise in this field to the APA NGO team as an associate representative. CIRP supports this recommendation.

NB 3: Council New Business Item 25C – APA Resolution on Emancipating and Rehabilitating Enslaved Persons and Prevention of Future Slavery

CIRP applauded the intent behind this item, and believed it supported APA's goals at the UN. CIRP supports the intentions of the movers of the item to address trafficking and enslavement. CIRP believes that APA can address the issues raised in this item more broadly, especially given the global scope and impact of the trafficking and enslavement of persons. CIRP believes that the main motion can be strengthened considerably by including existing empirical research and by citing existing APA policy. CIRP strongly wishes to collaborate in this process and contribute its expertise on trafficking and enslavement in the international context. IUPsyS liaison Pierre Ritchie suggested Jane Moslin (contact available) for membership on the committee

NB 4: Council New Business Item 25I – Proposed Task Force on the Psychosocial Effects of War on Children and Families

CIRP read the item and addendum with interest and supports the appointment and intended outcomes of a task force on the psychosocial effects of war on children and families. Given the global scope and impact of this issue, and given the relevance of these issues to APA's activities as an NGO at the United Nations, CIRP asks that it be consulted in choosing the members of the task force. Further, CIRP welcomes the opportunity to contribute its expertise on the psychosocial effects of war on children and families in the international context.

Other Business

Meeting with Sharon Brehm

Dr. Brehm reaffirmed that she is committed to helping international psychology and stated that she is planning to attend international meetings during her presidential term. Her convention theme is "Interdisciplinary and International." She is collaborating with the Office of International Affairs to invite presidents of national and (international)

regional psychological associations to attend convention as guests. Dr. Brehm stated that she wants to get people to think about the ways psychology would be different if it were truly internationalized. CIRP informed Dr. Brehm that they would provide 1 hour of programming time for a roundtable discussion with Presidents and urged her to ask participants to provide directed commentary.

CIRP shared its discussion about the “diplomacy program” to ensure that those who represent APA have the practical skills to be good ambassadors for US psychology.

Meetings with Board of Director Members

CIRP was joined by Board of Directors Members Lisa Grossman (who alerted CIRP to the P&P report in the American Psychologists about APA’s policy for disaster response); and Ron Rozensky, who briefed CIRP on his new position as Dean of International Programs and invited CIRP’s input and collaboration.

Meeting with CEMA

CIRP and CEMA met to discuss further recommendations for actions on the WCAR delegation’s final report. The committees discussed Darfur and how it could be held up as an example to the Association of what the WCAR was trying to address. Within this framework, CIRP and CEMA can take a leadership role in charging APA governance – Board of Directors, divisions, and state associations to work to address this issue. Some of the ways to do this are:

- An APA resolution on genocide to provide policy foundation for action;
- Partner with divisions; set out a clear statement of the issues that relate to Darfur/WCAR and ask divisions to devote programming, newsletter coverage, and division activities for the next year or two;
- Charge the UN team to get more involved, e.g., booklet on cultural issues and trauma, noon-time seminars, DPI briefings; work with other NGOs to develop materials for wide dissemination;
- Look at the tsunami and Hurricane Katrina responses as models for Darfur and how APA intervenes in crises on both humanitarian and political levels;
- The Committees recognize that Darfur is a complex geo-political issue but feel strongly that psychology and APA have a unique role to contribute to understanding racism, intolerance, and xenophobia.

Next steps:

- The CIRP-CEMA group appointed a joint subcommittee to craft a resolution: Members are Lisa Thomas, Jennifer Manly, Anderson Franklin, Thema Bryant-Davis, Oliva Espin, and Danny Wedding
- Georgia Chao, Thema Bryant-Davis, and Jennifer Manly will draft a note to divisions and will draft a letter to the Board of Directors including examples of actions for the Board to take.
- The group agreed on a topic/theme for a convention symposium that will be developed by the convention subcommittee(see item 6) in collaboration with CEMA

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