

APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology
September 23-25, 2007
Minutes

Present: Thema Bryant-Davis, PhD, Chair; Juan Jose Sanchez-Sosa, PhD; Danny Wedding, PhD; Lynn Collins, PhD; Carolyn Enns, PhD; Oliva Espin, PhD; Shinobu Kitayama, PhD; Jeanne Marecek, PhD; and Stephen Quintana, PhD

Liaisons: Jessica Henderson Daniel, PhD (Board of Directors); Florence Denmark, PhD (UN Main Representative); John Davis, PhD (Psi Chi)

Division Liaisons: Carole Rayburn, PhD (1); Marilyn Jacobs, PhD (39); Henry David, PhD (34); Corann Okorodudu, EdD (35 and 48); Joan Chrisler, PhD (52)

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

Guests: Sharon Brehm, PhD (APA President); Ron Rozensky, PhD (Board of Directors); Michael Wertheimer, PhD (Board of Directors); Lisa Grossman, JD, PhD (Board of Directors); Kristi Van Sickle, (Board of Directors / APAGS), Alan Kazdin, PhD (APA President-Elect); Douglas Kimmel, PhD (BAPPI); Dr. Abels (CDIP); Ester Szein, PhD (USNC); Preston Garrison (WFMH)

Public Interest Government Relations Office (PPO-GRO): Annie Toro, Day Al-Mohamed, Jeff McIntyre

Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs: Lisa Thomas, PhD, Chair; Alvin Alvarez, PhD; Jennifer Manly, PhD; Ruth Turner, PhD; Joseph Cervantes, PhD; Anderson Franklin, PhD

Staff Liaisons: Bertha Holliday, PhD, Senior Director, Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs (OEMA); Alberto Figueroa, OEMA; Deborah Perry, OEMA

The Meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

As part of its efforts at educating itself about international psychology, CIRP has begun a regular series of briefings on psychology in other countries. Dr. Espin presented an overview of psychology education and training in Guatemala and Costa Rica. Dr. Marecek will make a presentation on Sri Lanka at the spring 2008 meeting.

1. **CIRP Meeting Dates**

CIRP received as information the meeting dates through September 2010.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

CIRP approved the spring 2007 Minutes.

3. **Election of 2008 CIRP Chair**

The Committee elected Dr. Quintana 2008 chair.

4. **Targeted Nominations Statement for 2009–2011**

CIRP developed the following targeted nomination statement:

“The Committee on International Affairs in Psychology 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. The Committee seeks to maintain a diverse membership in terms of ethnic, linguistic and geographical representation. The Committee welcomes nominations and self-nominations of psychologists in all stages of the career path.”

5. **Cross-cutting Agenda Items**

1. **Call for Questions to the President Elect Candidates**

CIRP proposed the following questions for the President Elect candidates:

- Please discuss your experience with psychology beyond the U.S. borders and how you would incorporate that experience into your activities as APA President
- What do you think US psychologists need to know about psychology in other parts of the world and how will you help them learn it?
- In what ways should a national association of psychology promote an international perspective?

2. **Membership Recruitment, Retention and Engagement**

CIRP reviewed the Membership Committee's strategic plan for membership recruitment, retention and engagement, and commended the creativity and hard work reflected in this document. CIRP was especially pleased to note that the web redesign project includes plans for substantial Spanish language content with additional languages to be added in the future (B4). CIRP would like to work with the web redesign team and APA publications as decisions are made about which additional languages to include in the future.

CIRP noted that there is no mention of the recruitment of international members; while international members will never make up a large segment of the membership base of a national organization, it is important to appreciate that many of our international members are very distinguished psychologists who are opinion leaders in their own countries.

CIRP's top ten recommendations are:

1. M1. Make mentoring an integral part of APA by establish the Centering on Mentoring pilot program as an ongoing APA program.
2. M4. Allow the current journal credit to be applied toward electronic product subscriptions.
3. M7. Wherever possible, create an early career psychologist seat on all boards and committees.
4. L5. Launch an aggressive marketing campaign to recruit and retain members of underrepresented groups. Also, develop personal contact strategies (same as strategies for early career psychologists), including mentorship programs and public outreach.
5. L3. Develop and pilot a plan for retention and continuing involvement of cohort of members reaching retirement age.
6. S4. Eliminate the practice of charging lapsed members back year(s) dues in order for them to rejoin APA. Sending a member an invoice for 2-3 years back dues can be daunting and can result in overwhelming barriers to rejoining APA.
7. L1. Develop and pilot strategies to reach ethnic minority youth at early stages in the pipeline (i.e., junior high school, high school). Involve high school teachers, university faculty, APAGS, and SPTAs.

8. L7. Create an incentive for ethnic psychology association members to also retain membership in APA.

9. M3. Develop a recognition program that formally thanks members for their renewal each year and acts as a retention initiative for full members. Include gifts and special recognition for membership milestones.

10. M5. Create an incentive program and marketing materials focused on the recruitment of students and educators that can be easily used by various groups (i.e., department/program chairs and directors, internship directors, research sites, etc.).

3. **Dual Membership Discount Program**

CIRP noted how few people take advantage of dual membership discount programs and that information about the programs needed to be better disseminated. CIRP also suggested adding international and regional organizations to the program, e.g., SIP (the InterAmerican Society of Psychology). Dr. Bullock will pursue these suggestions with Membership Office staff.

4. **Proposed Association Rule 30-9: Public Policy Statements and Resolutions**

CIRP members were concerned about unintended implications of some of the choices of phrasing. One example (from paragraph 1 of the rationale) is the phrase “more political than scientific”, which suggests that “politics” and “science” are mutually exclusive or even in opposition. CIRP – in line with much contemporary discussion among philosophers of science and critical theorists -- do not see such a clear separation, let alone an opposition, between the two.

Another example, from the final paragraph of the motion, is “what APA values and believes.” APA, an organization, does not have the capacity to “value” or “believe” anything. APA members, on the other hand, “value” and “believe” many different things. CIRP wondered what exactly the litmus test that this statement directs Council to use in approving resolutions and policy statements would be. CIRP believed it is important that the Council’s decision-making process be made as transparent as possible.

CIRP raised additional questions about several of the proposed criteria, as follows:

a. #2. The “amount” of available research evidence as a suitable criterion. There may be urgent issues on which little research has been done. There may be situations in which a single study produces an outcome so definitive that it is sufficient to settle an issue. Moreover, there are many issues on which extensive amounts of research have been done, the results of which are contradictory and inconclusive. Therefore, it may be that quantity is not the relevant standard. Coherence, methodological adequacy, and consistent patterns of findings seem more germane. These should be balanced against the urgency of the issue at hand.

b. #4. CIRP believed that the impact of many resolutions will not be “measurable,” if “measurable” is taken to mean that a quantitative assessment of the results of APA’s actions is necessary. If “measurable” is intended to mean “substantial,” it might be better to say “substantial.”

c. #7. The wording of this criterion is not clear. Moreover, it seems important not to overlook crucial distinctions among different groups in an effort to craft broad resolutions that cover many different groups.

d. #8. CIRP members supported the call for cultural sensitivity. However, they suggested a phrasing that calls attention to the variety of cultures and the many conflicting cultural sensitivities in contemporary American society. CIRP was concerned that the wording of the present criterion might imply that Council should steer away from resolutions and policy statements that might be unpopular among members of the dominant or majority culture.

Further, CIRP suggested it would be useful to have a statement of the rationale for the order of priority given to the list of criteria. CIRP believed that the tone and content of the proposed motion seemed intended to reduce the number of resolutions and policy statements that will be submitted to Council and that Council will accept. They wondered if that is the intended effect, why this would be deemed to be a desirable outcome.

5. **Publication Manual Revision Task Force Update**

CIRP reviewed the item and expressed some confusion on what was being requested as it appeared that the Task Force had already been appointed and had met. CIRP did have some specific comments:

1. The report mentions that “extraneous” material will be moved from the Manual to the web. CIRP wondered why material would be retained at all if it is extraneous.
2. CIRP expressed concern about the international implications of frequent Manual updates and suggested that the Manual be organized so that essential, core information that did not change from year to year was clearly identifiable.
3. CIRP had a number of suggestions for additions to the Manual, including:
 - Information on formatting for qualitative methods and for recognizing the increasing plurality of methods in international psychology
 - Information on narrative research
 - Information on citations for original language references. The Manual could offer instructions on how to insert text in the original language (including information on inserting letters and symbols not found on the standard English keyboard)
4. CIRP recommended contacting colleagues internationally to ask about challenges and issue with the current APA Publication Manual to ascertain whether there are specific changes needed

CIRP also noted that the Spanish language version of the APA manual, which is an adaptation and not a translation, is widely used and perceived as very useful.

6. **CRSPPP Proposed Changes to Current Specialty Principles Document**

CIRP reviewed the document and encourage CRSPPP to adopt an international perspective in its principles and implementation. Specifically, they encouraged including international sources and suggested the following addition to (new) Criterion IV, line 5: ...add to a variety of sources, “including international publications comparing criteria across countries, and addressing analyses published outside the US.”

7. **Proposed Revisions to APA Association Rule 90-5: CRSPPP**

CIRP reviewed this item and noted that there is virtually no consistency in the recognition of specialties outside the US and very few criteria to establish consistency. CIRP would like to encourage the dissemination of APA criteria broadly and to encourage engagement with program developers outside the US to enter discussions about consensus on criteria.

8. Parent Coordination

CIRP reviewed the request from COPPS to indicate critical incidents on parent coordination. CIRP did not generate critical incidents but noted that they would like COPPS to be aware of issues involving parent issues with immigrant groups and inter-country parenting concerns. CIRP suggested that if COPPS does move forward in creating guidelines that these guidelines need to include international content. They suggested that COPPS should consult with individuals involved with international contexts such as immigration attorneys or international custody experts for content.

9. General Guidelines for Providers of Psychological Services

CIRP supports retiring the *General Guidelines for Providers of Psychological Services*, noting that for the most part, the *Guidelines* are included in the revised Ethics Code.

10. Guidelines for Evaluating Parental Responsibility

CIRP appreciated the work that was involved in the document and found it fairly comprehensive. The committee had two suggestions for improving the document:

On page 8, lines #203 and #211, citizenship status should be included in the list of statuses to which the psychological should be sensitive and nonbiased when conducting evaluations. Citizenship status of parents and/or child has important and unique legal and psychological implications for parental responsibility issues.

The committee also noted that although many references were provided, there were few citations in the text of the document.

11. Task Force on Revision of the APA's Model Act for State Licensure of Psychologists

CIRP reviewed the Model Act for State Licensure of Psychologists and noted that as it is currently written, the Act could have an impact on international mobility by unnecessarily restricting educational background to U.S. institutions only. CIRP recommends broadening the definition of an institution of higher education in lines 96-99 to be the same as the definition of "a regionally accredited institution of higher education" found in lines 257-261: "*A regionally accredited institution is an institution with regional accreditation in the United States, an institution with provincial authorization in Canada, or in other countries, an institution that is accredited by a body that is deemed by the ASPPB/National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology Designation Committee to be performing a function equivalent to U.S. regional accrediting bodies.*"

12. Criteria for the Evaluation of Quality Improvement Programs and the Use of Quality Improvement Data

CIRP reviewed the document and believed that it would be important to add a statement on evidence-based psychology including international perspectives.

13. Proposed Resolution on the Americans with Disabilities Act

CIRP supports the main motion and reaffirms its willingness to work with CDIP to disseminate internationally, when appropriate (e.g., international psychology conferences), information on disability issues. They suggested adding to the resolution the term in the line 82, "The APA pursues activities at the state, federal *AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WHERE APPROPRIATE.....*

14. **Report of the APA Task Force on the Implementation of the Multicultural Guidelines**

CIRP commended the Task Force on this important implementation plan but noted that while the report cites examples of organizational change and initiatives within APA, there is no mention of the 2001 *APA Resolution on Racism and Racial Discrimination: A Policy Statement in Support of the Goals of the 2001 World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance*. CIRP recommends including a reference to the Resolution in the Task Force Report and recommends that the Board of Directors and Council of Representatives adopt the report with this modification.

CIRP also recommends the following:

- including immigrants in the list of proposed concentration areas of the Diversity Office
- translating the Guidelines into multiple languages
- Providing information on non-traditional interventions to practitioners

CIRP also noted that it will be important for any Diversity Officer to address all forms of diversity, including international ones and immigration

15. **Resolution on Transgender and Gender Identity Non-Discrimination**

CIRP supports the main motion and has no suggested revisions to the Resolution.

16. **Final Report of the Task Force on Gender Identity, Gender Variance, and Intersex Conditions**

CIRP supports the main motion to recommend that the Council of Representatives file the report.

17. **Report of the Presidential Task Force on Integrative Health Care for an Aging Population**

CIRP recommends the adoption of the *Blueprint for Change: Achieving Integrative Health Care for an Aging Population*.

18. **Governance Survey Update**

CIRP members each received a copy of the latest governance survey.

19. **CEMA Proposed Implementation Plan for APA Resolution Recommending the Immediate Retirement of American Indian Mascots, Symbols, Images, and Personalities**

CIRP recommended that CEMA forward the resolution and other APA educational materials on this topic to national psychology associations and organizations in other countries with indigenous populations where information about stereotypic mascots might be a topic of concern (e.g., Australia, Canada, and Russia). CIRP welcomes collaboration with CEMA to identify appropriate contacts.

20. **Draft Resolution Against Genocide**

The comment period for divisions and governance groups ends November 7, 2007. CIRP will incorporate appropriate comments in the resolution before sending it to the Board of Directors in December.

21. **Call for Nominations for Journal Editors**

The P&C Board is seeking nominations for editors for *Psychological Assessment*; *Journal of Family Psychology*; *Journal of Experimental Psychology*; *Animal Behavior Process*; and the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Personality Processes and Individual Differences*. CIRP will ask Florence Kaslow to suggest nominees for the *Journal of Family Psychology*. CIRP encouraged Dr. Kitayama to self-nominate for the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

22. **Task Force on Mental Health and Abortion**

The Committee on International Relations in Psychology (CIRP) nominated Henry P. David, PhD, to review the preliminary draft of the Report of the Task Force on Mental Health and Abortion.

23. **CLGBTC Outstanding Achievement Awards**

CIRP will forward its nominee to the awards committee.

6. **Office of International Affairs Update**

Dr. Bullock briefed CIRP on the activities of the Office of International Affairs in the areas of communication, tools and resources, recognition programs, outreach and advocacy, capacity building, and collaborations across APA and with outside organizations.

- Work to get every APA office that publishes a newsletter to devote an issue to international
- Expand FAQs (Kitayama will help with questions)

7. **United Nations Activities**

CIRP was provided with a written report detailing the activities of APA's NGO team at the United Nations headquarters in New York. Florence Denmark, APA's Main NGO Representative, met with CIRP to discuss highlights of the report and to brief CIRP on the upcoming "Psychology Day at the UN," planned for October 10 and 11, 2007.

CIRP commended the UN team for their efforts and for the detailed and informative report. CIRP recommended that the OIA staff work to identify Task Force reports and other APA documents that might be disseminated within the UN system

8. **APA Activities at the United Nations—CIRP Oversight**

- CIRP would like to see reps play more active role in policy (identify priority areas for research briefs); advocacy (use research briefs to get psychology language in documents) and monitoring (are member states doing what they say?)
- CIRP decided to no longer limit the number of NGO committees for which representatives will be reimbursed
- CIRP will target interest areas for new reps on consultation with the UN team
- CIRP approved the call for nominations for three positions to begin in 2009— two on ECOSOC and one on DPI

- CIRP agreed to proceed with recruiting UN representatives in Geneva and Vienna and suggested contacting APA members in these cities and national psychology associations. CIRP also suggested informing IUPsyS about the expanded range of representatives and beginning discussion of coordination in efforts

9. **Division Speakers Bureau**

CIRP reviewed the names that had been submitted for the Division Speakers Bureau. The chair asked staff to contact division presidents to further vet the applicants.

10. **Joint BEA/CIRP Task Force on APA's Role in International Quality Assurance**

CIRP and BEA appointed members to the APA task force on international perspectives in quality assurance of psychology education and training. As part of this effort, the TF recruited an international advisory committee of 25 colleagues from around the world. CIRP suggested additional members to the international advisory group and will send contact information to the OIA.

11. **Update: Working Group on Internationalizing the Curriculum**

The BEA/CIRP ad hoc working group on internationalizing curriculum was formed at the spring 2007 meeting. The working group will focus on disseminating information about the need for internationalizing the curriculum and implementing the recommendations made in the report *Learning Goals and Outcomes to Internationalize Undergraduate Psychology*. Dr. Kitayama, Dr. Marecek, Dr. Enns, and Dr. Sanchez-Sosa were appointed to represent CIRP on the ad hoc working group.

12. **International Awards**

The full Committee approved the recommendations of the Awards Subcommittee for the recipients of the Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology and the APA International Humanitarian Award. Staff will forward CIRP's recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval.

CIRP also recommended nominees for the Mattei Dogan Prize sponsored by the Mattei Dogan Foundation and the International Union of Psychological Science. CIRP will work with OIA staff to submit the nomination materials before the October 15, 2007, deadline.

13. **C/R New Business Item 30: Task Force on Interface Between Psychology and Global Warming**

CIRP supports the main motion and recommends that the proposed Task Force set itself a broad agenda to:

- conceptualize how to connect with larger movements on this issue across disciplines and national boundaries; and
- Prepare psychology to be a partner with other disciplines as we are in health initiatives.

CIRP noted that although this specific area would be relatively new to US psychology, it would be important for the Task Force to develop a comprehensive understanding on work already conducted within psychology on related global change issues (e.g., the International Union on Psychological Science conducted a working group on perceptions of global change, and recently conducted a project on water use; some years ago NSF had a program called Human Dimension of Global Change that may have funded psychology programs). In addition, it would be important for the task force to explore how what we do know about human behavior (e.g., basic research on attitudes, behavior change, and so on) could make an important contribution to inter-disciplinary approaches to global warming.

CIRP also encouraged the TF to make sure it has expertise in its membership that will provide a conduit to work in psychology outside the US that addresses a more substantial literature on global warming issues.

14. **New Business Item 25F: Ad Hoc Task Force to Investigate the Merits, Needs, and Outcomes of an Evidence-Based Practice Policy**

The lead group on this item, the Board of Professional Affairs, will refer it to CIRP in time for the spring 2008 meeting.

15. **APA International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns Activities**

Clinton Anderson met with CIRP to discuss the activities of the International Network On Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns and Transgender Issues in Psychology (International Network). CIRP supports APA's continuing participation and leadership in the International Network, and the recommended that the Board of Directors continue to provide adequate funding for oversight and representation at the 2008 International Congress of Psychology in Berlin.

A discussion followed about how to encourage the U.S. National Committee on Psychology to develop an international policy for psychology on sexual orientation discrimination. Dr. Szein and Dr. Bullock suggested that the LGBTC Office send the USNC copies of relevant APA policy resolutions that the USNC can forward to the IUPsyS to be included on their agenda.

CIRP thanked Dr. Wedding for serving on the Oversight Group for the International Network. Dr. Marecek will represent CIRP on the Oversight Group starting in 2008.

16. **CIRP Review of the CIRP/OIA Strategic Plan**

CIRP reviewed the priorities of its strategic plan and reaffirmed the following priorities:

- Increasing knowledge within APA about international issues.
- Increasing opportunities for international exchange and outreach
- Collaborating with APAGS on issues of mutual concern
- Pursuing the application of psychology in international policy

CIRP identified a number of specific short term program goals, including:

- Developing an Exchange Data base where psychologists can post information on opportunities for international research and collaborative exchange (Dr. Quintana will serve as CIRP liaison).
- Collaborating with APAGS to identify lower-cost convention housing, and to suggest GradPsych articles
- Pursuing "diplomacy for psychologists" (Dr. Enns will work with the OIA to identify priorities)
- Working to develop additional research briefs for UN activities. OIA staff will work with the UN representative to identify topics
- Work with BSA to encourage international collaboration; include information on international collaborations in undergraduate and graduate psychology curricula; encourage journal special issues with international themes. CIRP requested to meet with BSA at the spring meetings to discuss possible joint international activities
- Collaborating with APAGS to encourage psychology graduate students to attend the International Congress in Berlin

CIRP Proposed a number of longer term Program and Policy Initiatives

- Ethno-political conflict
- World peace
- Immigration

- Global sexual trafficking and slavery
- International flow of workers
- Global technological literacy
- Psychology training for Foreign Service officers
- Peace-building
- Psychology's role in international relations
- Reconciliation

CIRP agreed to develop a planning group to assist in the development of specific program and policy initiatives.

CIRP concluded this item with a discussion of its mission as “international” or “global” and confirmed that its purview is both international (between and across countries) and global (considering the effects of pan-country dimensions on the growth of psychology and on individual psychological models).

17. **2008 Presidential Initiatives**

President-elect Alan Kazdin met with CIRP and discussed his 2008 presidential initiatives, particularly the upcoming *Summit on Violence and Abuse in Relationships: Connecting Agendas and Forging New Directions*, which will have some international focus. Dr. Kazdin stated that an international context should be central to the summit and future multi-cultural conferences, and invited CIRP to suggest speakers. (Dr. Okorodudu will send Dr. Kazdin contact information for the UN undersecretary for women's issues, one of the Psychology Day at the UN speakers.)

Dr. Kazdin stated that psychology training and education should begin with an ethnic and cultural context, but this foundation is missing now. He asked how he and CIRP can work together to forward each other's perspectives. CIRP suggested:

- An APA-sponsored culturally-sensitive textbook
- Issue APA position statements on curriculum
- Revise the *Publication Manual* to integrate qualitative research and alternative empirical strategies
- Encourage each journal to have an associate editor from outside the US
- *AP* special section

CIRP also suggested two plenary speakers, Arthur Kleinman and Nicholas Negroponte.

18. **2008 CIRP Convention Activities**

Suggested topics:

- *Culturally Sensitive Treatment in the Age of Evidence-Based Treatment: An International Perspective*
- Fulbrights – roundtables on cross-cutting themes
- Fulbright invited address
- Plenary invited address
- Submit *Lumo* to the Ad Hoc Committee on Film and Other Media

The Committee will ask the Board of Directors for at least one hour for one of the Fulbright programs.

19. **Fulbright Initiative**

In response to CIRP's earlier discussions the OIA has worked to develop special convention activities involving former Fulbright scholars. The purpose of these activities is to disseminate information about the Fulbright experience for psychologists as a means of promoting international interactions.

President Alan Kazdin has invited past Fulbright scholars to 1998 to attend the 2008 APA convention where they will engage in a symposium and interactive poster sessions. They will be recognized and venues will be created for them to speak with conference attendees.

Longer term plans are to begin filming structured interviews with the Fulbright scholars on what they learned from other countries and about the US through their experiences. The interview films will be developed into a video series (to be broadcast via web and podcast technologies) of the interviews. Collaboration is planned with the FAST (Fulbright Academy of Science and Technology) to seek funds to bring international Fulbright psychologists.

The chair appointed Drs. Wedding, Sanchez-Sosa, Marecek, and Kitayama as a subcommittee develop questions and structure for the interviews.

20. **CIRP Board and Division Liaisons**

The Liaisons from Divisions and outside organizations commended APA on its international outreach, especially its outreach to national psychology organization presidents. There was a suggestion for CIRP to develop information for Divisions on how to form an international section or committee and for the OIA and CIRP to take a lead in fostering Division international interests.

Division 1: Dr. Rayburn remarked that the strategic CIRP goals were compatible with Division 1 goals for a general psychology.

Developmental Psychology (7): leadership of division supports GOALS.

Society for Psychology of Women (35): Dr. Okorodudu noted that the division has an international committee on women – International Global Community on Psychology of Women – that works closely with Division 52 committee on women. The division introduced a new award, “the Corann Okorodudu Award.”

Psychoanalysis (39): Dr. Jacobs reported that Division 39 is working to expand division internationally, particularly in the developing world, by soliciting international member and by having an international affiliate membership. The division's international committee will have a town hall meeting at its spring meeting to find out who is doing international work as well as a 2009 international symposium at its annual meeting and convention. Division 39 is participating in President-Elect Kazdin's summit on violence and abuse in relationships.

Peace Psychology (48): CIRP received copy of the division's strategic plan; would like CIRP to incorporate in its strategic planning. The division will have International programming at convention.

Dr. Bullock reiterated that the OIA will work with any division to conduct a joint membership drive for international affiliate and division memberships. She also invited divisions to work together to form an organized committee for women for the next ICP meeting in Berlin.

International Psychology (52): CIRP received a written report on Division 52's activities. Dr. Chrisler noted that although the membership dues will increase \$5.00, this will not affect international affiliates, whose dues will remain unchanged. This is the 10th Anniversary of Division 52.

21. **International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS)**

CIRP received a written report on the Union's activities in its agenda. Dr. Bullock encouraged CIRP to identify potential sponsors of ARTS.

Dr. Chrisler commented that the IUPsyS rarely addressed gender issues at its congresses and suggested that CIRP and the USNC bring this to their attention.

22. **US National Committee for Psychology (USNC)**

Dr. Sztejn briefed CIRP on the work of the USNC and described its function as a bridge from the US psychology committee to the rest of the world. Dr. Sztejn also distributed the Call for Nominations for the nomination of new USNC members and encouraged CIRP members to self-nominate. She noted that the USNC will participate in the upcoming International Congress of Psychology in Berlin. She alerted CIRP to the US's role in a new International Council for Science (ICSU) initiative on health and well being (USNC Chair Suzanne Bennett-Johnson will be a co-chair of this effort)

23. **International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP)**

CIRP received a written report on the IAAP's activities from its president-elect, Ray Fowler.

24. **World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH)**

Preston Garrison, WFMH Chief Executive Officer, briefed CIRP on the history, structure, and mission of the WFMH, including the World Mental Health Day (October 10 in each year), and the new International Center for Transcultural Mental Health.

Current initiatives at the International Center for Transcultural Mental Health include:

- A program on Culture, Migration and Mental Health
- A program in Africa on the mental health consequences of HIV/AIDS. The goal is to bring together HIV/AIDS NGOs and national organizations
 - As part of this project the WFMH has a Ford Foundation grant to build a knowledge base by developing a directory of organizations and NGOs working in Africa, to learn more about what they are doing, and to find ways to create advocacy networks and influence public policy. Dr. Garrison noted that the WFMH will host a summit meeting in Kenya to develop an international experts' forum and encouraged CIRP to appoint a liaison to collaborate with WFMH on this initiative.

Dr. Garrison also invited APA to be active in planning for the 2009 World Mental Health Day and invited CIRP to nominate liaisons to the planning committee for the next World Mental Health Day. The focus of the 2009 WMHD will be on advocacy and access to services. (OIA staff will follow up with Ellen Garrison, Senior Policy Advisor.)

25. **Psi Chi**

CIRP received a report from Psi Chi Liaison John Davis. Dr. Davis noted that Psi Chi is in the process of chartering international chapters; he noted that challenges in international outreach include determining matching criteria for quality in psychology departments through the identification of equivalent accrediting bodies.

Other Business / Meetings

Friday, September 23

APA President Sharon Brehm met with CIRP and thanks them for their input into her international activities during the year. She discussed with CIRP and liaisons how to further relationships with psychologists abroad. Suggestions included:

- Ensure APA provides resources for adequate representation at international conferences
- Commit more resources across APA, not just OIA
- Fund seed money for collaborations, research, and teaching; grants for projects
- Support Divisions in their work to internationalizing activities
- Encourage APA to envision a more global audience, e.g. Pub Manual, website
- On-line Pub Manual training
- Public access for PsycCRITIQUES; review on OIA website
- Cheaper editions of Pub Manual, other products for poorer countries
- Use information technology more effectively in international arena

Saturday, September 24

CIRP met with President Elect Alan Kazdin who briefed them on some of his initiatives including a February Summit on Interpersonal Violence, Trauma, Abuse that is being co-sponsored by 17 Divisions.

CIRP discussed the Fulbright convention ideas and Dr. Kazdin endorsed them and offered to help.

Saturday, September 24

CIRP met with staff from the Public Interest Government Relations Office (PI-GRO), Annie Toro, Jeff McIntyre, and Day Al-Mohamed. PI-GRO met with CIRP to establish a relationship and to develop mutual advocacy goals.

The PI-GRO staff discussed the mission and activities of the PI-GRO and its initiatives, in particular those on disability issues, immigration, and children & the media

CIRP and PRO discussed the following as joint activities:

- Create a document listing federal priorities in terms of CIRP's interest areas in order to better see where APA should get involved
- Identify members who can testify on specific issues, sit on panels, etc.
- Mobilize APA around UN observances and hold briefings on these issues
- Identify research conducted outside US
- Conduct Advocacy training for CIRP members

Sunday, September 25

CIRP met with CEMA to discuss ways to work together to increase APA's effectiveness at the UN relative to the implementation of the WCAR report's recommendations. Dr. Thomas also suggested collaborating on issues around the UN Resolution on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.