

APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology
March 23–25, 2007
Approved Minutes

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

Absent: Oliva Espin, PhD; Pierre Ritchie, PhD (IUPsyS Liaison)

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

Division Liaisons: Carole Rayburn (1); Joseph De Meyer (9); Henry David (34); Leila Dane (48); Mimi Le, PhD (45); Frank Farley, PhD (10); David Eckerman (25)

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); Anita Brown, PhD (Committee on Rural Health); Carole Goodheart, PhD (Board of Directors); Nadia Hasan (APAGS), Alan Kazdin, PhD (APA President-Elect)

Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs: Alvarez, PhD; Jennifer Manly, PhD; Ruth Turner, PhD; Lisa Thomas, PhD; Joseph Cervantes, PhD; Anderson Franklin, PhD (update)
Staff Liaisons: Bertha Holliday, PhD, Senior Director, Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs (OEMA); Alberto Figueroa, OEMA; Deborah Perry, OEMA

1. **Introductions and Chair's Remarks**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Bryant-Davis who welcomed the ongoing and new members of CIRP. Dr. Bryant-Davis briefly discussed her priorities as Chair: (1) that CIRP take a lead in voicing APA's response to the genocide in Darfur, and (2) that CIRP work with divisions to develop a Speakers Bureau for the United Nations by identifying New York area based experts who can speak at the UN at short notice.

Dr. Wedding agreed to write a brief article about the meeting for the next issue of *Psychology International*.

2. **CIRP Meeting Dates**

The meeting dates through 2010 were received.

3. **Review of Minutes**

The Committee approved the fall 2006 Minutes by e-mail before the meeting.

4. **Scientific Meeting Support Fund**

The Chair appointed Dr. Collins, Dr. Enns, and Dr. Wedding to a subcommittee to review applications for the 2007 Scientific Meeting Support Fund and the David Research Award (Item 5). The subcommittee recommended allocating funds as follows:

(1) Jordanian Psychological Association to support the 2nd Middle East & North Africa Regional Conference of Psychology (MENA2) in Amman, Jordan (\$2000).

(2) Interamerican Society of Psychology to support the 1st Latin American Congress of Psychology Students in Lima, Peru (\$1500).

(3) The Centre of Advanced Study at Utkal University to support an International Conference on Adolescent Health in Bhubaneswar, India (\$1500).

The full Committee moved to adopt the subcommittee's recommendations. Staff will notify the recipients.

5. **David Research Award**

CIRP recommended to the APF Board of Directors that the 2007 David Research Award be given to Dr. Mohammad-Zakaria Pezeshki.

6. **Office of International Affairs Update**

CIRP received as information the Office of International Affairs' annual report to the Council of Representatives. Dr. Bullock discussed some of the highlights of the Office's major activities, including the conference on Ethical Issues in Complex International Humanitarian Contexts. She congratulated CIRP on the new GOALS initiative and outlined the first steps in its implementation.

Amena Hasan has joined the Office of International Affairs as its new Communications Manager, and was introduced to CIRP.

7. **C/R New Business Item 25C: APA Resolution on Emancipating and Rehabilitating Enslaved Persons and Prevention of Future Slavery**

CIRP first reviewed this item at its 2006 fall meeting. At that time CIRP commented that APA should address the issues raised in the resolution more broadly, especially given the global scope and impact of trafficking and enslavement of persons. CIRP also recommended including existing empirical research and citing existing APA policy related to work in this area, e.g., Violence Against Women, Racism, UN Rights of the Child, etc. CIRP also noted that APA's UN representatives have been working in this area, in particular Corann Okorodudu who is on the NGO Committee for the Elimination of Racism. CIRP noted that their comments did not seem to be reflected in the revised text of the resolution.

In its October 11, 2006, memorandum to BAPPI CIRP stated that it "strongly wishes to collaborate in ... [the revision] process and contribute its expertise on trafficking and enslavement in the international context." Although CIRP was not asked to participate in the revision process, it does have additional comments to make:

- (1) Add a "whereas" that discusses the gender-specific nature of trafficking and slavery;
- (2) Include commentary on the negative mental health consequences of trafficking and slavery on the perpetrators;
- (3) In the Justification, first paragraph, change "third world countries" to "developing" countries;
- (4) In the Justification, 2nd Paragraph, delete the phrasing "In the midst of the prosperity and general well-being of most Americans."
- (5) In the Justification, 6th Paragraph, delete "neediest" and substitute "among those in greatest need."

Dr. Bryant-Davis will draft the Committee's comments and a letter to BAPPI reiterating CIRP's strong interest and position on these issues and on the revision of the resolution.

8. **C/R New Business Item: Proposed Task Force on the Psychosocial Effects of War on Children and Families**

CIRP noted that although the substitute main motion recommends that one member of the Task Force be a psychologist knowledgeable about international work on the psychosocial effects of war on children and families, and that one member be a psychologist from outside the U.S., the Task Force is still specifically concerned with refugees from armed conflict living in the U.S. CIRP supports the substitute main motion but believes that in addition to developing recommendations for practice and programs in the U.S., attention must be paid to psychologists overseas who are involved with training local service deliverers.

In addition, CIRP proposed that the Task Force purview should include the children and families of U.S. service personnel serving abroad.

Dr. Enns will draft CIRP's comments for forwarding to the movers of the new business item.

9. **CIRP Convention Activities**

CIRP received as information an update on its 2007 convention activities. Staff will contact the *Monitor* to discuss an article on the international convention program.

In response to a request from the P&C Board, CIRP discussed publicizing a convention session on "How to Review—Joining the Publication Pipeline." CIRP agreed to publicize the session in *Psychology International*, the annual directory of international convention programming prepared by the Office of International Affairs, and with flyers at the International Affairs booth.

CIRP discussed Sharon Brehm's initiative to invite national association presidents to Convention, and ways to make them feel more welcomed. Following the meeting, staff will recruit members to serve on a hospitality committee to include representatives from Division 52, APAGS, and the Committee on Early Career Psychologists; Dr. Marecek will represent CIRP on the committee. Staff will also prepare a hospitality packet for each president to include a personal schedule, certificate of attendance, etc.

The format of the President's Roundtable was discussed. Because each participant will have little time to present, CIRP recommended that they be given in advance a set of questions / discussion topics about psychology in their countries, for example, practice regulation; education and training; ethics; and opportunities for research and research funding.

10. **APA Activities at the UN**

CIRP received a report on UN activities from the Main Representative, Florence Denmark. In addition to an update on activities of the group, issues addressed included defining more clearly the roles and expectations of UN associate representatives; recruitment strategies for UN representative vacancies; and plans for a Psychology Day at the UN.

Recruitment

One of the UN representative slots will become vacant in 2008. CIRP discussed recruitment for psychologists in the New York area, and its suggestion to actively recruit early career and ethnic minority psychologists.

CIRP discussed recognition to the off-going UN representative and asked staff to explore mechanisms for recognition.

Psychology Day at the UN

Psychology Day is tentatively set for October 11, 2007. This will include a DPI briefing on response to natural disasters and trauma. The UN representatives will contact potential speakers and continue to develop the program.

CIRP discussed its idea of enlisting Divisions to develop a list of expert speakers for UN venues.

CIRP thanked Dr. Denmark for the report and commended the UN team on their work. They continued to discuss the need for broad information about UN activities, including information about events in Geneva and Vienna. They also requested that future UN reports be organized to list activities by substantive topic rather than individual representative.

11. **CIRP-CEMA Collaborations**

CIRP met with CEMA to discuss mechanisms to move forward to implement WCAR principles. Dr. Franklin said that it would be helpful if CEMA had access to reports from the UN and other international organizations. Staff will add the members of CEMA to APAUN listserve. In addition, CIRP will work to:

- Widely disseminate UN reports – from APA’s representatives and from UN agencies, such as the Committee on the Elimination of Racism) – to APA governance and divisions. There will also be a call for nominations to fill the position on the UN team that will become vacant in 2008;
- Engage APA in UN sign-ons and activities related to the WCAR and the elimination of racism and discrimination;
- Incorporate WCAR principles in GOALS activities, for example, include a module on racism and discrimination in the diplomacy for psychology training; and
- Commit convention hours to a WCAR-related session. Dr. Bryant-Davis suggested a symposium on reconciliation and the aftermath of ethnic conflict. CIRP recommended that the next research brief focus on this topic.

A CIRP-CEMA subcommittee was appointed to prioritize activities between meetings of the full committees. Dr. Bryant-Davis and Dr. Quintana will represent CIRP; Dr. Franklin, Dr. Manly, and Dr. Chen will represent CEMA. The subcommittee is charged with exploring mechanisms for educating and engaging APA as a whole – membership, divisions, and central office – in following the WCAR recommendations (e.g., *AP* and *Monitor* articles, policy resolutions, and joint convention programming). The subcommittee will conduct business by e-mail and conference call.

Dr. Bryant-Davis reviewed the edits CIRP made to the draft resolution on genocide and invited CEMA to provide feedback and recommendations. They will review the resolution and get back to CIRP with their comments.

12. **BEA-CIRP Working Group on Internationalizing the Undergraduate Curriculum**

CIRP discussed the *Learning Goals and Outcomes to Internationalize Undergraduate Psychology* and noted that psychology very much needs to expand its international and disciplinary horizons at all levels of education. CIRP noted the planned implementation of expanding the present text and recommended no further revisions to the text. Rather, CIRP recommended a focus on disseminating information about the need for internationalizing the curriculum and developing implementation activities. CIRP looks forward to working with BEA to begin implementation and programs. Dr. Kitayama, Dr. Marecek, and Dr. Sanchez-Sosa were appointed to represent CIRP on the ad hoc working group. CIRP recommends developing resources for psychology educators, including a compendium of syllabi and international research examples.

13. **Joint BEA-CIRP Task Force on APA’s Role in International Quality Assurance**

CIRP discussed the charge of the proposed joint BEA-CIRP Task Force on APA’s Role in International Quality Assurance – to advise APA on what role, if any, it should take in international quality assurance procedures/agreements/policies – and developed a list of nominees to the Task Force. CIRP met with BEA on Sunday, March 25, to discuss the purpose of the Task Force and to develop a list of potential task force members. Both groups endorsed moving forward with the project and approved the draft charge. BEA and CIRP also recommended that an international advisory group be formed to provide input to task force members on quality assurance issues internationally.

Preliminary nominees to the Task Force were named and BEA and CIRP will forward names of nominees to staff who will determine their willingness to serve. A conference call with members of CIRP, BEA, and staff will be set up to discuss the nominations; Dr. Bryant-Davis, Dr. Collins (CIRP); Dr. Douce, Dr. Chung (BEA); Dr. Belar and Dr. Bullock (staff).

14. 2007–2009 CIRP Slates

CIRP developed a preliminary list of candidates for three slates to fill the 2007–2009 terms. CIRP will finalize the slates after staff provides biographical information on the candidates who were willing to serve.

15. International GOALS – Priorities and Expansion

Dr. Bullock asked the Committee to provide suggestions and guidance on how to prioritize the GOALS, and for details on specific resources.

A. Diplomacy of Psychology:

- Provide guidelines for presenting to a multi-lingual audience, for example, seek help from local experts to vet presentation material from the perspective of that culture; how to work with translators; speaking slowly. Models could come from business presentations, resources for students studying abroad, international sales presentations, etc.
- Collect anecdotes

B. Psychologists' Map of the World

- Some material may already be available – staff will pursue getting permission to use copyrighted material

C. Exchange Database

- CIRP formed a subcommittee to explore how to create a network for encouraging international collaborations; Dr. Kitayama, Dr. Quintana, Dr. Marecek, and Dr. Enns are members of the task force. They will follow up on mechanisms to implement CIRP's suggestions, e.g., a searchable database, a listserve, a web page to post opportunities for collaboration.

Staff will send the subcommittee the report from the USNC's workshop on fostering collaboration.

D. Fulbright Ambassadors

- Include perspective of international Fulbright scholars

E. Global Liaison

- Develop networks with psychologists involved in global organizations (the World Bank, WHO, PAHO) major NGOs (Christian Children's Fund, Doctors Without Borders); and government agencies (USAID, State Department).
- When considering policy development and capacity building, reach out to psychology in developing countries.
- At the fall meeting, develop a membership package that clearly articulates advantages to joining APA, and advantages to APA in being a world citizen
- Investigate mechanisms to pay for memberships, e.g. grants from Ford Foundations.
- Re-activate visitors program

16. Relations with Divisions

A common concern at the 2006 Division Liaison Breakfast meeting at convention was how to promote an international perspective in division journals. CIRP and the Office of International Affairs will work to facilitate a search for international editors and reviewers:

- Send an e-mail to international affiliates with a call for self-nominations as journal reviewers
- Post Web resources on how to become a journal reviewer or editor (recommendation to review the Journal of Counseling Psychology, which offers advice on this topic)
- Send a letter to new journal editors asking them to consider recruiting international reviewers. Dr. Wedding will draft this letter.

Divisions also requested that CIRP develop talking points to provide an international context for divisions. Dr. Wedding will be writing a summary of the CIRP meeting for the newsletter and he will highlight items for divisions. In addition, staff will work to identify divisions with international sections and post this information on the Web.

At its fall meeting, CIRP discussed a joint international affiliate/division membership drive. CIRP will develop additional talking points outlining the benefits to regular APA members of an international perspective and to encourage divisions to reach out to international membership. Benefits discussed included GOALS products, APA publications and other products, access to PsychINfo and to the membership data base.

CIRP continued its discussion of an outreach program with Divisions and suggested a trial plan that combines membership in 1 Division with international affiliate membership as a trial for increasing retention of new members.

17. **Board and Division Liaisons**

Liaisons from divisions 1, 9, 10, 25, 45, and 48 attended the meeting. The Division 9 liaison reported on SPSSI activities at the UN, and illustrated their activities in developing fact sheets on UN-relevant topics.

18. **US National Committee for Psychology Report (USNC-IUPsyS)**

CIRP received as information a report from the new USNC program officer, Ester Sztein.

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

Dr. Bullock briefed the Committee on the IUPsyS's current activities, including preparations for the MENA2 meeting to be held in Amman, Jordan in April. She also noted that ARTS presenters are now being sought for the 2008 ICP in Berlin.

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

Dr. Fowler briefly reviewed the history of the IAAP and discussed its upcoming regional and world conferences.

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

CIRP received as information a report on the WFMH's 2007 activities including its trans-cultural mental health initiatives.

22. **Psi Chi**

No report from Psi Chi was presented at the meeting.

23. **Oversight of APA Leadership and Participation in the International Network On Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns and Transgender Issues in Psychology**

CIRP supports in principle APA's continuing participation in the International Network, and will revisit this item when it receives a detailed funding proposal from the Office of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns.

24. Development of Policy for APA's Response to International Crises

At its fall 2006 meeting, CIRP discussed the need for APA to develop a policy on how it will respond to national and international humanitarian emergencies. CIRP suggested a two-prong policy that would include immediate humanitarian response, immediate information resources for psychologists and others, and a longer-term response including training and regional capacity building.

The 2005 annual report of the Policy and Planning Board specifically addressed APA's response to international and national disasters and crises, and proposed the following structure for conceptualizing APA's response to disasters: (1) pre-disaster planning; (2) pre-disaster education and intervention; (3) early response; and (4) sustained response. CIRP noted that all of these plans need to consider the specific people affected, scope, and level of need, however, the response to disasters should be as uniform as possible across cultures and countries. Further, a policy statement for APA's response to humanitarian crises needs to be a multi-group endeavor across the Association, and APA is only beginning to deal with this issue.

Dr. Rozensky said that the Board of Directors has made no decision on this issue and would welcome CIRP's recommendations and guidance.

25. Development of an APA Resolution on Genocide

CIRP reviewed the draft Resolution on Genocide and made the following recommendations:

- Include evidence-based references for each "whereas"
- Begin by saying that psychology has knowledge and research findings that can be used to minimize suffering in these contexts
- Include positive steps for psychology to take in fostering reconciliation and forgiveness and see that reconciliation efforts are psychologically informed
- Include information on the cost to the bystander and costs within US of ignoring international genocide
- Include ways to promote inter-group cooperation

CIRP has sent the draft to CEMA for preliminary comments. A final draft will be sent to other governance groups before the fall 2007 consolidated meetings.

CIRP will work on a reconciliation research brief spearheaded by Drs. Bryant-Davis, Quintana, Wedding, and Marecek. They will contact experts in the field (e.g., Bernard Wilpert, Stephen Handwerker) and divisions.

26. Awards Nominations and Selection Procedures

The Chair appointed an Awards Subcommittee, consisting of Dr. Bryant-Davis, Dr. Wedding, Dr. Enns, and Dr. Collins, to increase the visibility of APA's international awards and foster nominees with an international perspective for APA and other awards. The subcommittee will conduct its business by e-mail and conference call.

27. Bylaw Pertaining to International Affiliate Criteria

CIRP recommended no changes to the bylaw pertaining to international affiliate criteria.

28. CIRP Mission Statement and Operating Procedures

CIRP reviewed its Mission Statement and Operating Procedures and recommended clearer language pertaining to its ex officio members and formal liaison relationships. CIRP also noted that there is no specific language in the Mission Statement related to CIRP's growing role in advancing APA's policy interests. Staff will provide a draft Mission Statement for CIRP's approval.

29. **IASC Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Situations**

CIRP agreed that it was important to disseminate the IASC Guidelines in a way that is appropriate with APA's policies on the promulgation of guidelines. Dr. Fowler suggested sending the Guidelines to the Council requesting that they accept them in principle. Dr. Bullock will send a copy of the Guidelines to BPA and COPPS for their feedback and recommendations.

Supplemental New Business Items:

1. **Proposal to Board of Directors to Build Global Psychology Resource**

CIRP discussed a proposal addressed to the APA president and board of directors from Dr. Lloyd Etheridge that APA help build on-line resources for international psychology education. Dr. Etheridge based his proposal on a model developed at MIT.

CIRP does not believe that APA has the Web infrastructure to support such a program, nor does it recommend that APA assume such an oversight role. However, CIRP noted that APA has taken a role in bringing universities together and it could recommend that universities adopt the MIT model for psychology education. APA could also publicize the MIT model through a *Monitor* article, division listserves, and COGDOP.

2. **APA Diversity Implementation Plan**

CIRP evaluated itself with respect to issues of self-training and membership activities.

- Geographic representation: CIRP rated itself as appropriately diverse
- CIRP believed it was important for each group to educate itself to increase awareness of diversity. CIRP proposed to educate itself about different regions of the world and about diversity within those regions. CIRP plans a 30-45 minute presentation on this topic at its Fall 2007 meeting
- CIRP also noted its introduction of "bookmark" moments at the last meeting and the importance of maintaining this. A "bookmark" moment is a time when a CIRP member believes another individual at the meeting has not respected diversity issues. This moment is "bookmarked" and returned to for discussion later in the meeting. This is an educational process.
- CIRP also suggested engaging an organizational consultant to help increase diversity awareness at meetings.
- CIRP recommended instituting evaluations at the end of each meeting to highlight the best, worst and challenging events in terms of diversity awareness.

3. **Applied Psychology Task Force**

CIRP considered a request from Council Member Ann O'Roark on behalf of Division 13 to recommend that APA form a task force to consider evidence based international practice. CIRP agreed that in principle it is important for APA to monitor issues in the international practice of psychology. However, CIRP believes that the movers of the item need to flesh out the justification before moving it forward.

Other Business

Meeting with Sharon Stephens Brehm

APA President Sharon Brehm briefed CIRP on her presidential initiatives, in particular, her efforts to provide access to APA resources in multiple languages, and her convention activities. She asked the Committee for its ideas on what projects APA can take on to promote an international agenda. CIRP discussed the need to facilitate international collaboration and suggested that APA might be active in creating a network to encourage international collaboration, for example, through a searchable database of research opportunities. The CIRP Chair appointed an International Collaborations subcommittee – Dr. Quintana, Dr. Kitayama, Dr. Enns, and Dr. Marecek – to further develop this idea.

Meeting with Alan Kazdin

President-elect Alan Kazdin met with CIRP and discussed his main interests: science, standards and training, diversity, and international culture and identity. As president, he would like to see APA take a more active role in promoting the education and training of the world's psychologists, and he supported CIRP's suggestion to revive the International Visitors Program.

CC 1: APA Policy on Health Care Reform

CIRP observed that not only does APA have a history of working with other health organizations to promote health and mental health, but that other national psychology associations frequently consult APA policy statements when seeking models for their own. CAPP may wish to consider distributing the final product widely to other national associations.

CC 2: Reclaiming Recognition of Psychology

CIRP supports adoption of the main motion.

CC 3: C/R New Business Item–Addendum to Resolution on Anti-Semitic and Anti-Jewish Prejudice

CIRP reviewed and supports adoption of the substitute main motion. CIRP did recommend an even broadened religious scope to the resolution.

CC 4: Call for Comment–CEMRRAT2 Task Force

CIRP supports the Association's commitment to ethnic minority recruitment, retention, and training in psychology.

CC 5: CEMRRAT2 Task Force Proposed Resolution to Enhance Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention, and Training in Psychology

CIRP reviewed and supports the proposed resolution.

CC 6: Revision of the *National Standards for High School Psychology Curricula*

CIRP reviewed the revisions and has no recommendations beyond noting that it might be helpful to circulate the standards to interested international organizations. CIRP also expressed its appreciation to the National Standards Working Group for bringing an international perspective to the high school curricula.

CC 7: Resolution in Support of Education for a Sustainable Future

CIRP supports the main motion and applauds the global perspective of the resolution.

CC 8: Call for Comment on Proposed Revisions of the Recommended Guidelines in Postdoctoral Training in Psychopharmacology for Prescription Privileges and Model Legislation

CIRP discussed the proposed revisions to the Guidelines and noted that although their impact is primarily on the US, they have the potential to be seen as a model by psychologists in other countries and are very relevant to the treatment of international travelers, business people, and immigrants at health care facilities.

Of most interest to CIRP is the domain of instruction related to addressing “cultural context.” To better insure cultural sensitivity, the Guidelines should underscore the importance of assessing the patients’ and practitioners’ mutual language comprehension and compensating for any language barriers through the use of competent interpreters. Beyond language the Guidelines also need to alert practitioners to the importance of assuring cultural knowledge. This is of utmost importance because patients understanding how to use medication and the possible consequences (risks and benefits) of its use require both language understanding and understanding shared cultural assumptions.

CC 9: BEA Task Force on Education and Training in Proficiencies

CIRP had no comments or recommendations on the draft report of the BEA Task Force on Education and Training in Proficiencies.

CC 10: Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP) Changes to Current *Special Principles* Document

CIRP endorses the proposed changes to the CRSPPP document. CIRP noted that groups in other countries would benefit from knowing that the document exists, and recommends (1) translating it into Spanish and (2) making it available for distribution to other national psychology associations.

CC 11: Revised CRSPPP Procedures for Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology

CIRP endorses the revised *Procedures*. CIRP noted that other national psychology associations frequently consult APA documents when seeking models for their own and it might be helpful to distribute the final product widely to other national associations.

CC 12: Revision of Guidelines for Hospital Privileges: Credentialing & Bylaws

CIRP agreed that more consideration needs to be given to international travelers and immigrants so that their unique needs are addressed. CIRP understands that “national origin” probably covers discrimination against these groups, but would like to see “immigrants” or “international” added to groups requiring sensitivity (on page 107). On page 108, CIRP recommends that a course covering diversity, multicultural, and international sensitivity added to the list since such information is not yet covered in most diversity coursework.

CC 13: 2008 Public Interest Awards: Calls for Nominations

CIRP took no action on this item.

CC 14: Calls for Nominations—Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns

CIRP agreed to ask Dr. Espin for recommendations. The nomination deadline is August 31, 2007.

CC 15: Committee on Socioeconomic Status: Call for Nominations

CIRP will nominate Dr. Sanchez Sosa to this committee. The nomination deadline is August 1, 2007.

CC 16: 2008 CEMA Call for Nominations

The deadline for nominations is August 31, 2007.

CC 17: Richard M. Suinn Minority Achievement Award

CIRP took no action on this item.

CC 18: Call for Nominations–2007 CEMA Jeffrey S. Tanaka Memorial Dissertation Award in Psychology

CIRP took no action on this item.

CC 19: Call for Nominations for National Standards Advisory Panel

CIRP took no action on this item.

CC 20: Call for Proposals: 2007 CEMRRAT Implementation Grant Fund

CIRP took no action on this item.

CC 21: International Network on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns and Transgender Issues in Psychology Call for Proposals to the 2008 International Congress of Psychology

CIRP commended the work of the International Network their accomplishment in bringing LBBT issues to international venues.

CC 22: APA Task Force on Integrative Healthcare for an Aging Population

There was no action required of CIRP on this item.

CC 23: Psychologists Participation at US Detention Centers

CIRP expressed its appreciation for the detailed and transparent manner APA has responded to queries about the association's policy concerning psychologists' participation at US detention centers.

CC 24: Governance Survey: Representation of Women, Ethnic Minorities, Gay Men, Lesbians and Bisexuals and Individuals with Disabilities on APA Boards and Committees: Update

CIRP made no specific recommendations about how to increase the response rate to the 2008 survey. CIRP noted, however, that some of the questions could be answered by consulting the membership database, and suggested that members might be more inclined to respond if the survey was shorter and administered less frequently. CIRP also thought that it was likely that members were reluctant to self-identify with some of the characteristics.

CIRP suggested including a demographic category for "International" in future surveys.