

APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology
March 20–22, 2009
Minutes

CIRP: Jeanne Marecek, PhD; (Chair); Stephen Quintana, PhD; Shinobu Kitayama, PhD; Pamela Flattau, PhD; Laura Johnson, PhD; Guerda Nicolas, PhD; Maureen Black, PhD; Deanna Chitayat, PhD; Florence Kaslow, PhD

Liaisons and Monitors (partial attendance): Michael Wertheimer, PhD (Board of Directors); Florence Denmark, PhD (UN Main Representative); Ester Sztein, PhD (USNC Liaison); John David (Psi Chi); Carol Dwyer, PhD (BEA)

Division Liaisons (partial attendance): Carole Rayburn, PhD (Div 1); Lonnie Sherrod, PhD (7); Judy Kuriansky, PhD (32; 46); Henry David, PhD (34); Vesna Kutlesic, PhD (Div 37); Jennifer Babcock, PsyD (39); Joan Chrisler, PhD (52);

Guests: Geoffrey Reed, PhD

APA Board of Directors: Carol Goodheart, EdD; Paul Craig PhD; Barry Anton, PhD; Suzanne Johnson, PhD;

APA Executive Staff: Michael Honaker, PhD

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

Introductions and Chair's Remarks

CIRP Chair Jeanne Marecek welcomed the Committee, Liaisons and guests to the meeting. Following introductions, Marecek briefly reviewed the broad scope of the agenda and noted that this would be the only meeting in 2009. In response to the cancellation of the fall consolidated meeting, Working Groups were designated to continue work on ongoing and old business through the fall and winter in preparation for the Spring 2010 meeting. The Working Group roster is attached as an appendix to the minutes.

1. CIRP meeting dates

CIRP received its meeting dates through 2013. They are:

2010: March 19-21; September 24-26

2011: March 25-27; September 22-24

2012: March 30-April 1; October 5-7

2013: March 15-17; September 20-22

2. Minutes of September 19–21, 2009, meeting

CIRP voted to approve the minutes of its September 19–21, 2009, meeting with the following addition (underlined):

Item 17: “... Dr. Denmark reported that some of the UN NGO teams supports sending a delegation to the WCAR review conference in Geneva... .”

3. International Update – APA Board and Council

Dr. Bullock briefed CIRP on recent and current activities across APA, including the actions taken by the Board and Council and updates from APA offices and directorates. Highlights included Council adoption of the resolution on APA’s role in international quality assurance, *APA as a Learning Partner*; Board adoption of guidelines for responding to international disasters drafted by CIRP; Board adoption of CIRP’s procedures for recruiting and appointing delegations to United Nations conferences. Across APA, international activities include involvement in the AAAS Science and Human Rights coalition; APA involvement in international standards development; education activities to internationalize the curriculum; government relations office activities in support of international conventions, immigrations issues, and international mental health, and more.

4. Office of International Affairs (OIA) and CIRP updates

CIRP received as information the Office of International Affairs’ annual report to the Council of Representatives. The Committee also discussed the status of its ongoing initiatives (e.g., the Experts’ Database) and some next steps.

ACTIONS

- CIRP will help identify funding sources outside APA for international collaboration
- CIRP will work on developing a strong statement about the importance of taking an international perspective for science / technology / practice (Flattau, Black, and Kitayama) that will be used internally across APA offices and governance groups to raise awareness of international activities, and that will be used externally in contacts with agencies and with colleague psychological associations.
- CIRP asked staff to disseminate information encouraging divisions to form international committees
- CIRP asked staff to invite international presenters at the convention to join the experts’ database
- CIRP asked staff to add Fulbrighters to experts’ database
- CIRP suggested asking journal editors to flag international articles / highlight publications in international arena

5. Fall Consolidated Meeting Alternatives

APA Deputy CEO Michael Honaker met with CIRP to clarify how the cancellation of the fall consolidated meetings will pause all governance activities that would have taken place in the fall.

CIRP agreed to hold a conference call on one of the days originally set aside for the fall meeting (September 25–27, 2009). The work of the Committee will be conducted by small working groups and subcommittees that will meet by e-mail and conference calls as needed.

6. Election of 2010 Chair

CIRP elected Drs. Pamela Flattau and Guerda Nicolas to serve as co-chairs for 2010.

7. Awards Subcommittee Appointment

Dr. Marecek appointed Drs. Quintana, Johnson, and Chitayat to join her on the subcommittee to review applications for the APF Henry David Grants and the 2008 Scientific Meeting Support Fund. The subcommittee's recommendations are subject to approval by the full committee.

The subcommittee will review the nominations for the APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology and the APA International Humanitarian Award in the fall 2009, and bring these to the full committee for approval. The results of the deliberations will then be forwarded to the APA Board of Directors for ratification.

The Subcommittee will also receive requests for nominations for psychologists to international opportunities and awards and will solicit the submission of names. CIRP suggested proactively searching for relevant awards, including to teachers for internationalizing the curriculum.

8. 2010–2012 CIRP Slates

CIRP developed a list of candidates for the 2010–2012 slates. Staff will determine each candidate's willingness to serve and provide biographical data to CIRP. Final slates will be determined by conference call.

9. Targeted nominations statement for 2011–2013 nominations

This item was tabled until the fall 2009 conference call.

10. Update: CIRP 2009 Convention Activities

The Committee received information on CIRP-sponsored programming at convention. The Chair urged CIRP to attend these activities.

Drs. Chitayat and Kaslow suggested that CIRP seek multiple co-sponsors for its 2010 convention programs with which to pool resources to finance modest travel grants or honoraria for international presenters.

11. 2010 CIRP Convention Planning

The chair appointed a subcommittee – Drs. Johnson, Nicolas, and Kaslow – to discuss preliminary planning for CIRP’s 2010 convention program.

Dr. Bullock suggested highlighting psychologists who have served as Peace Corps volunteers or staff as a celebration of international service, analogous to the Fulbright celebration of international exchange. This idea was also discussed with Dr. Carol Goodheart, 2010 APA President.

CIRP and CIRP liaisons had a number of suggestions for fostering this idea, including:

- Contact Peace Corps staff psychologists, listervs, alumni networks, etc.;
- Invite the Head of the Peace Corps
- Also invite Peace Corps trainers
- Contact prominent individuals involved with the Peace Corps, e.g., Maria Shriver
- Place an ad in the Monitor to find former Peace Corps volunteers / psychologists
- Host a reception of “Tea and Talk” for Peace Corps attendees

12. APF Henry P. David Grants

CIRP recommended to the APF Board that the 2009 Henry David Grants be given to Amy Conroy (Research) and Doug VanderLaan (Travel).

CIRP applauded the larger than usual number of applications, but also noted that a number of the 2009 applicants were not eligible for that grants, and that the overall quality of the applications was weak, particularly those for the research grants. CIRP recommended that the APF revise the application to require the submission of a specific, detailed research plan for the research grants. CIRP further recommended that the APF seek the advice of experts in the field of population and human reproductive behavior to revise both the application form and call for applications, and to help in more broadly disseminating the call for applications to institutions that specialize in population studies.

Although CIRP would like to continue to contribute to the review of the David Grant applications, it concluded that the program would be better served if the applications were reviewed by a panel of experts in the field. If such a panel is appointed, CIRP recommends that at least one designee from CIRP serve on the panel.

13. Scientific Meeting Support Fund

CIRP reviewed the applicants for support from the 2009 Scientific Meeting Support Fund and made awards to the following:

- 14th European Society Conference on Developmental Psychology in Lithuania
- 4th Africa Region Conference of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology in Cameroon

- 1st International Meeting of the Italian American Psychology Assembly in Sicily
- 32nd Interamerican Congress of Psychology in Guatemala
- 5th Congress of the Latin American Society of Health Psychology in Venezuela
- Centenary Meeting of the International Society for Psychophysics

14. UN Activities Overview

Dr. Bullock reviewed APA's role at the United Nations and discussed the role and scope of work at the UN. Dr. Chitayat briefed CIRP on a new initiative among psychologists at the UN to form an NGO committee on psychology. OIA staff will facilitate coordinating contact among the organizations with psychologists at the UN.

CIRP discussed a number of other ongoing activities:

- The development of Research brochures for distribution at the UN. CIRP suggested focusing on the Millennium Development Goals as orienting themes, and will provide input into ordering the priority of topics and reviewing the developed brochures.
- The appointment of affiliate / associate team members (see Item 16, as well as appointing representatives in Vienna and Geneva and Paris). Dr. Nicolas will prepare guidelines for mechanisms and procedures whereby CIRP (and APA) will appoint psychologists to carry out the UN-NGO work that takes place outside of New York. This will include ad hoc appointments and appointments to Geneva, Paris and Vienna. CIRP discussed that these representatives should report to the UN Chair and would need to provide at least yearly reports.
- The development of procedures for recruiting and appointing associate representatives, including in Vienna, Geneva and Paris, as well as ad hoc associates as the need arises. Dr. Nicolas will draft procedures.

15. Update – UN Activities (New York)

Dr. Denmark reviewed the report on UN activities received by CIRP. It was noted that the 2009 DPI annual conference will be in Mexico City.

CIRP thanked Dr. Denmark for her and the team's activities. Discussion focused on mechanisms for encouraging broad dissemination of a psychology perspective across the UN. In particular, CIRP members wondered whether there was a contribution to be made in working on the specific Millennium development goals relevant to psychology and to education.

16. Update – CONGO Board Meeting

CIRP reviewed the report prepared by Ben Weinstein, PhD, who represented APA at the CONGO Board meeting in Thailand.

CIRP moved to appoint Dr. Weinstein to represent APA on a steering committee to create a regional committee for NGOs in Asia. Dr. Weinstein will be appointed on a yearly basis as

an ad hoc associate representative, and will report to CIRP through the UN Main Representative.

Dr. Nicolas will draft guidelines on how to recruit and oversee future ad hoc associate representatives (see item 14 above).

17. UN Oversight – Recruitment and Nominations

CIRP voted to prepare two calls for volunteers at the United Nations headquarters in New York – one to fill one position for ECOSOC and one to fill two positions at DPI. A subcommittee – Drs. Marecek and Chitayat and APA Main representative Florence Denmark will work with OIA staff to develop the calls for volunteers.

Dr. Denmark stressed the importance of increasing the diversity of the members of the UN team. In addition to targeting universities and professional schools of psychology in the New York area, the call will be widely distributed to ethnic minority psychology associations.

18. APA Resolution: APA as a Learning Partner – next steps

CIRP reviewed the recommendations in the BEA/CIRP Task Force report and determined that the next steps are to:

- Collect information about current quality assurance mechanisms in place across countries
- Describe models of quality assurance in the US
- Explore developing a psychology leadership academy

CIRP discussed a number of models for gathering information on the state of QA across countries, including involving the Division 52 country liaisons to collect this information; and asking faculty to develop student projects of picking a country and collecting information about what is “out there” internationally.

CIRP agreed to work collaboratively with BEA to develop an overview of the US system.

19. Internationalizing the Psychology Curriculum

CIRP reviewed the recommendations of the ad hoc BEA/CIRP Working Group on Internationalizing the Psychology Curriculum on how to move forward on the *Learning Goals and Outcomes to International Graduate Psychology*. CIRP will send a memorandum to the Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) recommending the inclusion of the *Learning Goals* in the next revision of the APA Guidelines to the Undergraduate Psychology Major.

CIRP voted to sunset the joint BEA/CIRP Working Group on Internationalizing the Psychology Curriculum with thanks to the members of the group.

CIRP also made suggestions for expanding the international web pages on internationalizing the curriculum including gathering sample curricula.

20. APA Policy in response to international disasters and emergencies

CIRP developed a list of candidates to serve on an ad hoc advisory group of experts to review APA's policy on the Association's response to international disasters. The group will be asked to:

- Develop criteria for responding or not
- Identify partners for immediate response
- Oversee the development of regionally oriented data base of experts and regional contacts
- Oversee the development of culturally relevant informational materials for psychosocial response
- Identify strategies for how to work with existing international organizations including the Red Cross and individual international NGOs

CIRP recommended expanding the charge of the advisory group to developing ongoing, culturally sensitive Web resources that are regularly monitored and updated, that would be included in the APA website.

OIA staff will contact the candidates and determine their willingness to serve.

21. Oversight of APA leadership and participation in the international Network On Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns and Transgender Issues in Psychology

CIRP received as information an update on the International LGB Activities Oversight Group. Dr. Marecek, who represents CIRP on the group, noted that Oversight Group has discussed changing its name to something more neutral than "Oversight" Group, because that word implies a measure of control the group neither has nor seeks.

CIRP commended the intention for the group to revise its mission statement and to more clearly define its charge in relation to APA policy.

22. Implementation of the Petition Resolution

CIRP reviewed the Report of the APA Presidential Advisory Group on the Implementation of the Petition Resolution. CIRP, through the OIA, will facilitate contact between APA and the UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights.

23. Review of Policy on Human Rights Interventions and Proposed APA Human Rights Web site

CIRP discussed the broad issues of APA involvement in human rights issues and noted that it was important to acknowledge that human rights challenges exist both within the US and without. They encouraged APA to consider human rights from a broad Association-wide perspective, and to seek partners and other organizations.

CIRP noted that there are other bodies currently monitoring human rights – the National Academy of Sciences (for the abuse of science and for the abuse of scientists) and social justice organizations. The National Academy of Practice is involved in human rights abuses at the practice level.

CIRP believed that the website needed to reflect this broader view – with links to the NAS human rights activities and to other organizations, and to organizations involved in the UN level, as well as links to UN conventions that include human rights issues (e.g., CEDAW).

24. Brochure for U.S. psychologists travelling abroad

The brochure will be addressed during the year. Drs. Marecek, Johnson and Kitayama agreed to work on it.

25. Appointment of APA representative to IAAP initiative on Evidence Based Applied Psychology

CIRP discussed the letter received from IAAP and noted that the precise remit of the group was not clear. In particular, it was not clear what was meant by “international” psychology, and whether the group would be sensitive to the fact that evidence-based practice would be defined differently around the world. CIRP also noted that the earlier depiction of evidence-based applied psychology had shifted to “evidence based psychology internationally”.

Dr. Judy Kuriansky (Division Liaison from 32 and 46, and member of the IAAP Board) volunteered to contact the IAAP Officers and ask what is meant by “international” psychology, and for a more explicit explanation of APA’s expected role on the IAAP task force. She will report this information back to CIRP.

26. Departmental Memberships

CIRP discussed further development of departmental memberships, given feedback from the membership department about the importance of preserving the value of individual membership and offering special departmental perks.

The membership department suggested that CIRP develop a special membership category that offered select products as benefits. CIRP reviewed the Education Department departmental memberships as a possible model, keeping in mind that the international departmental memberships would be focused on departments in developing countries that have very limited resources.

Suggested “products” included:

- access to research databases
- access to electronic products (conditions to be determined)
- access to other departments – through creation of a listserv, chat modality

CIRP agreed that the program would apply only to departments in developing countries, and suggested forming a committee of departments in developing countries to work with CIRP to develop what would be a useful departmental program.

CIRP then continued the discussion with broader issues of relevance to the support of psychology in developing countries, including access to the psychology literature. They discussed instituting a competitive program whereby librarians at organizations (e.g., departments of universities in developing countries) apply to receive books / materials from APA that could be administered through international agencies, such as American Overseas Research Centers. Suggestions included applying for books or for resource packets. There was also a suggestion to approach international psychology organizations such as IUPsyS to partner and to solicit books from international publishing fairs.

27. CIRP Board and Division liaisons

Liaisons who attended the meeting were invited to report on their division's international activities.

The Committee received a written report from Dr. De Meyer, Division 9–SPSSI liaison to CIRP.

Division 7–Developmental (Sherrod): Although the Division does not have an international agenda per se, the purview of developmental science is international in scope. The Division looks forward to working with CIRP.

Division 37–Child, Youth, and Family Services (Kutlesic): The Division is internationally focused and they are presently surveying the membership.

Division 46–Media (Kuriansky): The intention is to internationalize the committee Media and Technology. They are compiling ways to use new technology in Korea. Kuriansky works also on UN programs and is developing ways to bring journalists to UN programs. The Division is working with Division 45 to develop a “Peace Pioneers” video.

Dr. Kuriansky also serves as Division 32's (Humanistic) liaison to CIRP.

Division 52–International (Chrisler): The midwinter meeting is in April at the Western Psychology Association meetings.

Division 34–Population and Environment (David): Dr. David proposed that CIRP develop a resolution honoring Joan Buchanan. CIRP unanimously agreed (see below).

Division 43–Family (Kaslow): The Division will sponsor a convention program “families around the world” that will be submitted for CE credit. They also are developing an international award.

CIRP discussed adding to the Division brochure a section on how to internationalize the Division.

28. Cross Cutting agenda

1. Proposal for an American Institute of Psychology

CIRP reviewed the proposal for an American Institute of Psychology. Dr. Flattau represented CIRP at the conference committee meeting on this item. One concern was that the name needed careful consideration to reflect the scope of the institute (US or regional), and that calling the institute the American Institute would be offensive to colleagues in the rest of the Americas if it were an exclusive US institute.

2. Revision of the National Standards for High School Psychology Curricula

CIRP commended the scope of the revisions of the national standards. They noted that the current wording carries an implication of less variability in psychological processes than a broad, multicultural perspective would suggest. Their simple suggestion was to pluralize the terms that referred to processes – e.g., “discuss the ways; describe the processeses, and so on – to emphasize that there may be more than one model.

CIRP also encouraged the writers of the standards to reach out to the international community for examples of phenomena for inclusion in the curriculum.

3. Proposed Changes to CRSPPP Procedures for Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology

CIRP reviewed the item. CIRP was satisfied that their earlier concerns about adding cultural specificity to the definitions of proficiencies had been addressed (especially on pages 68 and 69).

CIRP encouraged CRSPPP to invite national associations of psychology to make public comment, and encouraged broad international dissemination of the procedures.

4. Guidelines Regarding Psychologists' Involvement in Pharmacological Issues

CIRP will recommend to the movers of this item that the guidelines be made accessible to national associations for comment.

5. Revision of the Model Act for State Licensure of Psychologists

CIRP declines to comment. CIRP initially discussed possibly international implications of the model act but then concluded that because this was US-based legislation about licensure in US states, there were no relevant direct international implications.

6. *Guidelines for Psychological Evaluations in Child Protection Matters*

CIRP noted that the guidelines must make reference to international documents and conventions relevant to child protection, such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child. They also noted that the Guidelines needed to address evaluation issues for refugee and immigrant children. Issues to be addressed include how to cope with different child-rearing patterns and disciplinary practices, different norms regarding age-appropriate behaviors and responsibilities, and cultural variability in defining the upper boundary of childhood.

CIRP noted that there needed to be stronger language recognizing (a) that Child Protection is a global concern and (b) with globalization in the US population, psychologists need to acquire sensitivity to the variety of cultural practices that impact on child rearing. CIRP suggested expanding the paragraphs 220-226 concerning immigrants and different cultural standards. They suggested adding the notion of using a cultural broker to increase professional awareness and sensitivity.

CIRP suggested that the document be explicitly applicable to a broad realm of trauma, including economic deprivation, child trafficking, immigrant status, and the like.

CIRP noted that the reference list needed updating to be current and relevant, and that it was important to add international references, including resource material available from global agencies such as UNICEF.

7. *APA Draft Resolution on Endorsement of the Concept of Recovery for People with Serious Mental Illness*

CIRP suggested adding a statement addressing cultural variation in responses to serious mental illness. Specifically:

- Whereas ... awareness of cultural variation in the expression of serious mental illness and attitudes toward serious mental illness exist...

8. *Task Force on the Interface Between Psychology and Global Climate Change*

Dr. Flattau, Dr. Johnson, and Dr. Kitayama will review the Report of the Task Force on the Interface Between Psychology and Global Climate Change.

9. *Science and Human Rights Coalition*

This item asks Boards and Committees to identify human rights activities they are currently involved in and to suggest activities in which APA might become involved. Clinton Anderson will forward the responses to CIRP and to BAPPI for review during the spring 2010 meeting.

10. *Proposed Guidelines for Assessment of and Intervention with Individuals Who Have Disabilities*

CIRP discussed the international implications of some of the guideline language and had a number of suggestions (page numbers refer to those of original report). These include:

- Providing guidance on how to travel internationally
- Recommended reviewing the WHO classification system and linking assessment and training for interventions to disability. Page 7, paragraph 3 is unclear; CIRP recommends rewriting it.
- Noted that at the UN, the term “disabled” has been abandoned for the term “challenged”
- P. 20, para.2, Guideline 9 generally: should acknowledge that some family members are rejecting or they may exploit a child’s disabilities (children used to beg for family; children intentionally maimed for family purposes)
- Guideline 10: reporting abuse; look at long term consequences of reporting
- P. 22, para.2: “Abuse and neglect may be the initial cause of disability, may exacerbate on existing disability, and may ~~cause~~ contribute to depression and other ~~secondary conditions~~ emotional difficulties ...”
- Guideline 10: Recommend more carefully considered language about the consequences of involving the victim in the reporting process. Who is there for them while this is going on?
- Concluding Statements: Needs to include language on the size / type of office furniture and equipment in offices nationally and internationally
- Some areas are missing and should be added, including body image issues and sexuality
- Page 40, para.2: “First, psychologists are uniquely positioned to help individuals with disabilities become ~~self-determined~~ self-determining citizens...”
- “...clients who have disabilities maintain their skills and knowledge about disabilities...”

11. *Final Report of the Task Force on Appropriate Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation*

CIRP discussed items CC-11, CC-12 and CC-13 together. CIRP expressed strong appreciation for the quality of the report and reference list, and its appropriate focus on research. CIRP recommended approval of the document with the addition of a small number of editorial comments as follows:

- The title needs to be changed to reflect that this document explicitly focuses on the United States
- CIRP recommended that if the International LGB Network has not already reviewed the document, it be asked to do so.

In addition, if there are more extensive revisions undertaken, CIRP did have a number of additional comments, including:

- CIRP noted that it still would like to see emphasis on positive cultural frameworks that incorporate LGBT issues, such as reference to religious organizations, cultures and countries that are gay-affirmative.
- CIRP noted that the revised documents did expand some on the socio-cultural issues raised.

12. *Resolution on Appropriate Affirmative Responses to Sexual Orientation Change Efforts*

CIRP recommended that Council adopt this resolution as APA policy with the following additions:

- 1. addition of an additional “whereas” statement as follows: (Line 104, p. 633 in the Cross-Cutting Agenda Book): Whereas recent research on families that are not supporting predicts distress, families that are affirmative promote positive outcomes.
- 2. Addition of an additional “therefore” of “therefore parents are advised to provide affirmative support”
- 3. Line 63, p. 631 – add “national origin”

13. *Resolution on Data About Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity*

CIRP commended the contents of this resolution and recommended adoption by Council as APA policy

14. *Final Report of the Working Group on Multicultural Competency in Geropsychology*

CIRP commended the working group for this document. They recommended including national origin as a diversity category. They recommended internationalizing research on older adults – inform the research and policy perspective by reviewing status and activities for older adults around the world. Dr. Kaslow will provide references.

CIRP also recommended adding a much broader vision of possible funders of work on aging, including US agencies, Veterans Affairs, NSF, and NIA.

15. *Proposed Resolution on Emancipating and Rehabilitating Enslaved Persons and Prevention of Future Slavery*

CIRP supports the resolution in principle but found that the present wording and document is weak. They made a number of suggestions for strengthening the content and force of the resolution including:

- replace “urges” with “advocates”
- highlight the issues more strongly
- include reference to guidelines for therapists
- Reference a broader research base

- Reference bilateral governmental agreements
- Expand the purview of the resolution to acknowledge the enormous international issues represented – e.g., to include migrant workers and witness protection programs
- Include more information about psychological causes and sequelae

Calls for Nominations

16. *Raymond D. Fowler Award for Outstanding Contributions to APA – Member*
This item was referred to the awards subcommittee

17. *Call for Nominations: 2010 Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Concerns*
This item was referred to the conference call

Information

18. *Proposed APA Designation Process for Postdoctoral Psychopharmacology Education and Training Programs*

Supplemental Items

19. *Appointment of Preliminary Reviewers of the Report of the Task Force on the Psychosocial Effects of War on Children and Families Who are Refugees from Armed Conflict Residing in the United States*

Drs. Black and Quintana will review the task force report.

20. *Call for Questions to the President-elect Candidates*

CIRP will submit its questions for the 2010 president-elect candidates to the Election Office by June 1, 2009.

29. International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS)

There was no organizational report. Geoffrey Reed, the senior staff seconded by IUPsyS to WHO (and supported by APA), met with CIRP to provide an update on WHO activities. He is part of the core team in the mental health division. He is working with IUPsyS Executive Committee member Ann Watts, PhD (South Africa) and Maria Malena Mora, PhD (Mexico) on developing a global mental health partners network to provide expert advice. The individual in the expert network will become a nucleus for field trials for the ICD database.

CIRP member Dr. Flattau will send Dr. Reed the 1988 NRC report on **Behavioral Measures of Neurotoxicity**.

Dr. Reed also encouraged APA to support IUPsyS's forming formal relations with other parts of WHO, including those dealing with disability, women's rights and child protection.

30. U.S. National Committee for Psychology (USNC) Report

CIRP responded to a questionnaire from the USNC on pressing topics for consideration. CIRP generated a list of “hot” topics from their perspective (note, many of these may also be topics for research brochures for use in the UN and other international contexts):

- Interdisciplinary research: biological systems; climate change; sustainability, research relevant to NGOs
- Development of collaborative data bases
- International Mental Health: depression, Early Child Development, Women’s issues
- Trauma
- Domestic Violence
- Cultures in conflict
- Immigrant families and communities that receive them
- Returning military families
- OECD – promising measurement for social programs; work with DBASSE to develop common metrics by 2015
- Psychological science and the MDGs
- Reproductive health, rights of women
- Education
- Psychology’s role in peace and disarmament
- And so on!

CIRP suggested that the USNC suggest additional index terms for international congresses (if they are not already there): gender, diversity, ethics, civic engagement, and sustainability

31. International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) Report

CIRP received as information a report from Ray Fowler, IAAP president-elect and liaison to CIRP.

32. World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH)

CIRP received as information brochures about World Mental Health Day 2009 and the WFMH World Congress in Athens, Greece.

33. Psi Chi

Dr. Davis reported that Psi Chi is in the process of voting now to amend its Constitution in order to make Psi Chi the International Honor Society in Psychology. Voting ends on April 1, 2009. There are presently over 1100 psychology departments in the US in Psi Chi and one Canadian affiliate.

OIA staff will send Dr. Davis the APA high school and undergraduate curricula guidelines as well as materials on internationalizing the undergraduate curriculum.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Dr. Bullock reported on a possible initiative with the State Department visiting delegations programs. The staff for these programs are interested in interacting with APA to highlight areas of science and technology that might be covered in future visits.

CIRP made a number of suggestions of substantive areas:

- Disaster: disaster response, communication, preparation; psychosocial support for? first responders
- Trauma: domestic violence, genocide, technological intervention
- Grand Challenges: climate change, sustainable living, intercultural relations; national security
- Workforce issues: human capital

CIRP also suggested using the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as a framework.

This would include:

- Children's issues
- AIDS orphans
- Malnutrition
- Literacy
- Positive Youth Development
- Women and Climate Change
- Depression
- Medical Adherence
- School to Work transition
- Ageing
- Diplomacy

CIRP agreed to help prepare a briefing paper that would outline some of these areas with concrete examples, including examples of behavior change and attitudinal change, with an emphasis on prevention and on charting "what works." CIRP also suggested contacting Tracy Hall (hallta@state.gov) for further suggestions.

B. CIRP suggested that APA send a welcoming note to Susan Rice (US Ambassador to the UN) indicating APA's strengths and willingness to meet and to be useful at the UN.

C. CIRP suggested adding to an international multicultural series on videotape. Staff will discuss this with publications staff. One example was the presentation from Laura Johnson on Uganda that could be turned into a 15 minute film. This would serve teachers in promoting international awareness.

D. Paul Craig, Board of Directors, noted to CIRP a conference on Sub-Saharan Africa on Neurological disorders in mental health, organized by WHO in Kampala Uganda. CIRP will provide information on psychologists in Uganda.

E. CIRP discussed a number of ideas for future programs and discussion. These included:

- Facilitate the involvement of psychology faculty with short term teaching activities through Fulbright, study abroad programs and other opportunities
- Foster information about the value and feasibility of study abroad programs for psychology students by developing information for faculty and finding models of successful study abroad for psychology students.
- Disseminate information about MIRT (Minority International Research Program) opportunities
- Contact organizations to develop a liaison relation with CIRP
- Develop “retired professors” program
- Develop ideas for a “60-Minutes” program

F. CIRP met with the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (CEMA) to review the charge to CIRP and CEMA from the 2005 WCAR Task Force report. CIRP and CEMA agreed to form an ad hoc joint committee group to explore collaborations and next steps. The group will meet via conference call and e-mail.