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World Federation for Mental Health Plans Upcoming Events

by Ellen Mercer, MA
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Editors note: *APA is a member of the World Federation for Mental Health, a coalition of organizations and individuals. This article, written by WFMH Director for the Center for Transcultural Mental Health, Ellen Mercer, gives an overview of the mission and activities of the WFMH.*

The World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) is the only international, multidisciplinary, grassroots advocacy and education organization concerned with all aspects of mental health. The World Federation envisions a world in which mental health is a priority for all people.

Their public policies and programs reflect the crucial importance of mental health in the lives of individuals. The mission of the WFMH is to promote the advancement of mental health awareness, prevention,

advocacy, and best practice recovery focused interventions worldwide. The goals are as follows:

- To heighten public awareness about the importance of mental health, and to gain understanding and improve attitudes about mental disorders
- To promote mental health and prevent mental disorders
- To improve the care, treatment and recovery of people with mental disorders

The APA is a valued member of the World Federation for Mental Health and, as such, is an important collaborator in our outreach and programs. There are many ways that APA members can become involved in WFMH and obtain materials that are helpful to psychologists around the world. WFMH sponsors World Congresses every two years and World Conferences on the Promotion of Mental Health and Prevention of Mental and Behavioral Disorders on alternating years. There are also other conferences planned on an ad hoc basis; WFMH members are the first to hear about these conferences and have discounted registration fees.

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SENIOR DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Welcome to Spring



by Merry Bullock, PhD,
Senior Director

Spring is traditionally a time for new beginnings, and this spring is no exception in the Office of International Affairs at APA. We welcome a new staff member, Amena Hassan, as the International Communications Manager. Amena has been with APA for close to 5 years, and will use her web and writing skills to help bring you an updated Psychology

International and expanded web resources.

Our expanded staff is part of the new international GOALS initiative - see www.apa.org/international/goals for a full description. Since the announcement of GOALS, some members have wondered why APA should have an international initiative, assuming that this means APA is intending to become an international organization. This is a query that bears discussion. The most direct answer is that this is not GOALS' intent -- although many APA members and affiliates live outside the US, APA itself is not an international organization. Rather, the intent of GOALS is to anticipate and serve those of its members' needs that are international in scope.

One of these needs, expressed by queries to the OIA from members and affiliates, is for more comprehensive information on psychology around the world. For example, members want to know about conferences, workshops, summer schools and collaboration opportunities outside the US; they want to know how to go about obtaining education and training outside the US and whether this will be recognized in the US; they want to know how to find out information about psychology outside the US and in other languages. They also want to know how to be culturally sensitive -- as hosts to colleagues who visit the US, as colleagues to those who are living the US, or as psychologists who work in an increasingly internationally diverse society. The Office of International Affairs attempts to provide this information in its directories, website, and newsletters. Part of the GOALS initiative is to expand the informational resources available - to become a "one stop" portal with links to the rest of the world of psychology. Another informational function is to disseminate information about global policies, guidelines and resources, such as the recently released IASC Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings (see www.humanitarianinfo.org/iasc) or the recently developed

International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) policy on national recognition of psychology as a science-based, autonomous profession (see www.iupsys.org/policy.html).

In addition to serving its members directly, APA also represents its members' interests in a variety of ways through advocacy, and through the community of professional associations. Domestically, APA works to ensure that there is a steady funding stream for psychological science, that regulations pertaining to psychologists are fair and equitable, and that there are opportunities for the voice of psychology in the development and implementation of social, health, educational and other programs. As a member of the community of professional associations, APA works in collaboration with fellow associations to share information and to address pan-disciplinary issues (such as access to information, openness in scientific exchange, or educational initiatives). Internationally, APA interacts with its fellow national psychology associations, to share best practices or address mutual issues of education, capacity building or professional mobility. When asked, APA also provides information to international organizations concerned with a global perspective on issues that can be informed by psychology.

The Office of International Affairs provides staff support for APA's Committee on International Relations in Psychology - the group charged by APA with promoting an international perspective, facilitating international exchange and interaction, overseeing APA's activities in promoting psychology in the UN, and anticipating policy issues that might be of interest to APA and its members. The members of CIRP collectively possess broad expertise and experience in international collaboration and action, and, together with members of APA's international division and the international sections and committees of other divisions and groups, work to guide APA's international directions.

Please let CIRP and the Office of International Affairs hear from you as GOALS progresses (at international@apa.org). Ψ

The International Test Commission

by Ron Hambleton, PhD,
Secretary-General for ITS

The International Test Commission is an organization with a variety of members. Its full members include most of the major national psychological associations; its affiliate members include test publishers and developers, and its individual members include researchers, practitioners and test developers. The ITC has become most widely known for its Guidelines in the areas of test adaptation, test use and computer-based testing, and for its international conference every two years. The fifth such conference, held in Brussels in 2006, focused on test adaptation.



with the theme “Enhancing the value of test use” will bring together researchers, educators, psychologists, policy experts, testing specialists and those who use tests on a regular basis to discuss the impact of testing on people and society.

Topics to be addressed include methodological, technical, professional and ethical issues in relation to policy and practice issues within testing, and will include talks on the following: the value and utility of testing, policy and practice issues in testing, advances in testing, the availability and use of tests in small and developing countries and the impact of tests and testing on people and society.

The Sixth ITC Conference will be held in Liverpool, England, 14th-16th July 2008. Its focus is on the impact of testing on people and society. The conference,

As in the past, the conference will include invited lectures, workshops, symposia, paper sessions and posters and will cover the areas of work, health, leisure and educational contexts. For further details please see the ITC website at this address: www.intestcom.org Ψ

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- 2007 North American Conference on Transcultural Mental Health in a Changing World. October 2007 in Minneapolis, MN. For further information, contact Ellen Mercer: emercer@wfmh.com.

- Fifth World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and Prevention of Mental and Behavioral Disorders. “Mental Health and Wellbeing: It’s Everybody’s Business” Melbourne, Australia, 10-12 September 2008. For further information, contact mentalhealth@vichealth.vic.gov.au or the website at: www.vichealth.vic.gov.au

WFMH has put research findings into practice by bringing new science-based knowledge to community-based prevention, identification, and treatment of mental disorders, as shown in our World Mental Health Day (October 10 of each year) packets which have been prepared since 1992 and published in a number of different languages. These packets are available on the WFMH website for free download at: <http://www.wfmh.org>. Anyone wanting a packet mailed to them should contact wmhday@wfmh.com. The 2007 theme will focus on transcultural mental health and will be available in the summer of 2007. Previous World Mental Health Day themes are as follows:

- 2006: Building Awareness - Reducing Risks: Mental Illness and Suicide
- 2005: Mental and Physical Health Across the Life Span
- 2004: The Relationship between Physical and Mental Health

- 2003: Emotional and Behavioral Disorders of Children and Adolescents
- 2002: The Effects of Trauma and Violence on Children and Adolescents

The website (www.wfmh.org) also has materials available on the following topics:

- Breaking Through Barriers: Depression Awareness Campaign Website
- Keeping Care Complete: Caregivers’ Perspectives on Mental Illness and Wellness
- Body and Mind: Metabolic Syndrome and Mental Health
- Physical Symptoms of Depression: The Painful Truth
- Without Boundaries: Challenges and Hopes for Living with ADHD
- And soon to come: an international information and awareness packet on Recognizing and Understanding Schizophrenia in Young Adults. For more information, contact info@wfmh.org.

WFMH welcomes new organizational and individual members to receive regular updates of activities and programs and member rates at meetings. Please see <http://www.wfmh.com/support/membership/index.html> for additional information. Ψ

Developing Substance Abuse Research Infrastructure in Central and Eastern Europe

by Robert A. Zucker, PhD,
Director of the University of Michigan
Addiction Research Center

A University of Michigan project for Developing Substance Abuse Research Infrastructure in Central and Eastern Europe brings together psychologists, psychiatrists, and other clinical and biomedical scientists with the goal of improving the substance abuse research infrastructure in Central and Eastern Europe. Funded by the NIH Fogarty International Center and the National Institute on Drug Abuse in collaboration with the Polish Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology (IPN), the vehicle for development is a three-tiered training program to increase the cadre of independent and collaborative researchers working in Poland, Slovakia, Latvia and the Ukraine.

The first program tier brings early career psychologists, psychiatrists, and other behavioral and biomedical scientists from their home country to Ann Arbor for a year of mentored research training, followed up by a second year of program-supported pilot research at the investigator's home institution. The second tier is a series of shorter term fellowships for mid-career and more senior scientists to spend 2-3 months in the United States for focused training and the development of collaborative relationships with American colleagues. The third program tier, a yearly workshop series held in one of the host countries, is open to all levels of substance abuse scientists from graduate students to more advanced and senior researchers. The curriculum involves short term research training on specialized research issues (study design, statistical power, ethical issues in the conduct of human research, design of clinical trials, etc.) as well as poster sessions where attendees present their work. Senior collaborators from the US and foreign sites also use the workshop contact to fine-tune their programs, identify new fellows, and build new collaborations.

The long term intent for all these activities is the development and extension of research programs for the evaluation of existing treatment and prevention programming (for the conduct of new clinical trials in these areas, the conduct of more basic research on etiology and clinical course, and the development of increased educational programs to sustain the learning that is initiated by training program exposure). A secondary outcome, already successfully accomplished,

is the fostering of research collaborations between program graduates and US scientists.

The collaboration began in 2001 and in its first five years only involved the United States and Poland. In 2006, the program was extended to include collaborations with the Institute and Centre for Treatment of Drug Dependencies in Bratislava, Slovak Republic, the Department of Psychiatry and Narcology at Riga Stradins University in Riga, Latvia, the Clinical and Social Narcology Department at the Ukrainian Scientific Research Institute of Social, Forensic Psychiatry and Narcology, in Kiev, and with the Department for Prevention and Treatment of Drug Addictions at the Institute of Neurology, Psychiatry and Narcology of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the Ukraine, in Kharkov.

Now funded through 2011, the program has already had substantial impact: Eight trainees have spent a year in the United States; three have already received external funding of projects begun during their fellowships, with some funding

coming from the NIH, some from the European Union, and some from agencies of the Polish government; 81 scientists and scientist-clinicians at different levels of training have attended the yearly workshops; and a new curriculum on substance abuse research has been introduced at the Medical University of Warsaw. The curriculum now exposes all medical students to substance abuse clinical and basic research content. An initiative for matching funds has been negotiated with the two Polish

government agencies which support substance abuse research, in order to support the re-entry projects and a new Addiction Psychiatry Section in the Polish Psychiatric Society has been created, which provides an interest group on addiction disorders, allows information exchange, and fosters new scientific collaborations. In addition, a series of planning meetings initiated at the workshops with senior scientists and the directors of the major Polish substance abuse funding agencies has led to the formation of a Polish scientific society on the addictions (officially named the Polish Society for Research on Addictions). Along with a formal mission statement and a new set of by-laws, the Society will be having its first scientific meeting this September in Warsaw, with a current membership totaling a little under 100 members. Ψ

Robert A. Zucker, PhD Director of the University of Michigan Addiction Research Center and Professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology at Michigan is the program director. The program's overseas collaborator and project director is Czeslaw Czabala, PhD. Czabala is also a psychologist, former deputy director of the Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology (IPIN) in Warsaw (Poland), Associate Professor of Psychology and Head of the IPIN Department of Clinical Psychology and a Professor of Psychology at the University of Krakow.





COLLABORATE!

Delegation to Vietnam and Cambodia

by **Norine Johnson, PhD**

In November of 2006 I had the opportunity to lead a People to People professional delegation of psychologists to universities and hospital sites in Ho Chi Mien City in Vietnam and Phnom Penh in Cambodia. We were the first official delegation of psychologists to visit these particular university and hospital sites. Founded by President Eisenhower, People to People is mostly known through its high school student exchange program and was established as a way to forge peace in the world through cross-cultural exchanges.

During the course of the delegation, one of my responsibilities as leader was to suggest discussion topics and to invite fellow psychologists with interest and expertise in those areas. The professional program I planned included significant dialog about post-traumatic stress as well as, sexual abuse of women and the impact of psychological issues on health.

In Ho Chi Minh City our professional exchanges included the Vietnam National University and Benh Vien Tam Than, a large public mental hospital. In Cambodia the programs we visited were all located in Phnom Penh. These included the Royal University of Phnom Penh, the Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, and the Cambodian Women's Crisis Center. The following description of our professional visits is drawn in large part from our delegations' journal which was compiled by the delegation's co-leader Cammarie Johnson and edited by Dr. Mary Halas. I asked Cammarie, a specialist in the psychological treatment of autism spectrum children and adolescents, to co-lead the delegation.

Vietnam National University

At Vietnam National University three faculty members, Dr. Nguyen Phuong (who trained in the United States), Dr. Huang Mai Khanh, and Nguyen Thi Thanh Hang informed the delegation of the structure of higher education in

Vietnam, the Vietnamese family structure and the education and training of psychologists. We learned that the study of psychology in Vietnam currently culminates in a BS or BA. At the Educational Psychology Department at the Vietnam National University, there are 170 program graduates and 100 students currently enrolled

Present day Vietnamese education is overseen by the Communist Party Central Committee, National Assembly and the Ministry of Education and Training. Although there is currently an increased emphasis on higher education, with increased funding and greater autonomy, access to higher education is still low with 6 to 12% of the population receiving some exposure to higher education. Presentations from our delegation at Vietnam National University included a description of Uri Bronfenbrenner's ecological model as a culturally sensitive assessment tool, description of the use of a Participatory Action Research framework as a valuable multicultural approach to activate parents within an educational setting, discussion of PTSD, and discussion of challenges of the 21st Century.

Benh Vien Tam Than Hospital

Dr. Le Quoc Nam, Chief of the Community Psychiatry Department presented us with information about Benh Vien Tam Than, the HCMC mental hospital. Summaries were recorded by Drs. Mary Halas and Ellen Faryna for our journal. This small hospital is the only inpatient mental health facility servicing the 8 million people in Ho Chi Minh City and the staff of 317 health care professionals is responsible for the 16% of the population with mental health disorders -- over one million people.

During our tour we saw the range of issues this dedicated staff faced daily. The physician guiding my section of the delegation informed us the line of people that stretched all the way down a long hall and curved around the pharmacy, was the approximately 400 patients who came weekly for their medications. Most were standing, some were lucky enough to wait on benches, and almost all were accompanied by their families. We learned that a family member frequently stays in the hospital with a patient and that each small cot size bed was shared by three patients. Not all the beds had mattresses

A tour of the pharmacy revealed a small room, similar to a 1950s drugstore with painted white open shelves and a small wooden desk. The shelves were practically empty. The chief psychiatrist shared openly their needs for medication, sufficient staff to service their clients, and for increased personnel and training in psychotherapy which does not currently exist.

When members of our delegation talked later, each one of us expressed tremendous respect for the staff. We have committed to telling their story in the hope of interesting others in helping to provide ongoing ways for the staff to receive the journals, books, consultation and training in current methods of psychotherapy appropriate for their

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population, medication, and other medical and psychology tools (which research has indicated valuable in helping patients with a range of mental health issues).

Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital

At the Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, we again met dedicated staff, committed to servicing the needs of their patients. Cambodia has had the benefit of more interaction with other countries -- several of the staff had been educated abroad and they spoke of the educational support they received from European countries. The staff had a broad understanding of both the needs of their patients and the current methods for treatment. What they lacked were resources. As our recorder, Dr. Mary Halas wrote in our journal, the staff expressed these needs explicitly; "We are hungry for knowledge...we do not have Internet access in the hospital; our state run library for the hospital has no books. We want books (in English) on sexual abuse, drug abuse, and domestic violence.... We would like to learn more and more."

The hospital director reinforced this. After 1979 there were only 50 doctors left in Cambodia and no psychiatrists. In addition, there is still significant stigma attached to mental illness, especially in women. Mental health patients are primarily supported by their families except for victims of domestic violence who do not receive family support. We also learned that Cambodia has a program to train general practitioners in psychiatric disabilities. During this visit members of our delegation had presentations on health psychology.

Cambodian Women's Crisis Center

Cambodia, not yet recovered from the ravages and inhumanity of the Khmer Rouge, continues to suffer from violence perpetuated today upon some of its women and children both by family members and by sex traders. Statistics vary, but hundreds of kidnapped women and children are returned to Cambodia monthly after being expelled from Thailand and other neighboring countries when disease makes them no longer marketable in the "sex trade industry". In addition to these victims, untold others are abused regularly within their homes primarily by male relatives.

The Cambodian Women's Crisis Center was established to provide safety, recovery, and training for abused women and their children. With staff, such as Sin Ly Pao, who was one of the Centers three founders, they treat 1800 clients a year, providing a full range of services beginning with assessment, daily counseling, expressive therapies, and medical assistance (as well as training women in marketable skills). We were privileged to be allowed to visit one of the secure homes for the women and had an opportunity to see the children studying, playing, and seemingly happy with their mothers inside a barbed wired compound in the outskirts of Phnom Penh. The location of the compound is kept secret for the women's protection. During this visit, our delegation members presented work with holocaust survivors with a focus on counter transference issues.

The Royal University of Phnom Penh Psychology Department

Our final professional exchange was hosted by Ms. Nhong Hema, Head of the Psychology Department at the University of Phnom Penh. In August Ms. Hema will be a guest of the delegation to the APA Conference in San Francisco and we hope that many who are members of the International Psychology Community will join us in welcoming her to the US and hearing her story of psychology in Cambodia. The audience included faculty and students from the Royal University of Phnom Penh along with mental health providers from the community. In addition to the discussion, our delegation presented information on the history of psychology and health psychology.

Cultural experiences

In addition to our professional exchanges, our group experienced an immersion in the landscape, history and culture of our host countries. Our cultural experiences in Vietnam included a visit to the Vietnam War Museum, a trip down the Megong Delta, shopping, and for the non-psychology guests, while we were engaged in professional meetings, a trip to the country side to see the rubber trees and the startling remnants of the extensive underground tunnels the Viet Cong had dug into the countryside outside of the then Saigon.

In Cambodia, our cultural experiences included visiting cultural settings such as the Angkor Wat ruins, and sites of the terrors of the past including Security Prison 21 in Phnom Penh and the Killing Fields of Choeng Ek outside the city. The horrific murder and displacement of Cambodian citizens during the Khmer Rouge rule defies imagination. The people we met in Cambodia had all suffered enormous, brutal loss of numerous family members. Their strength and forbearance attest to the resiliency engendered by their valuing of family, both immediate and extended and the role of religion in their lives. Although the professionals and students spoke often of how they are resource poor and need the input of our knowledge, we certainly have an equal amount to learn from them.

Members of our delegation have kept in touch since our return as it will take a long time to absorb what we saw and learned in both Vietnam and Cambodia. I am particularly thankful that APA has such a vibrant community interested in International Psychology. Please join us in our gathering in San Francisco and we would like to hear from any of you who have traveled professionally to either HCMC, Vietnam or Cambodia, for we have learned that you make the road by walking it. Ψ

Norine Johnson, PhD, is a former president of the American Psychological Association (APA). Dr. Johnson has authored more than 95 publications and presentations in areas of women, child, and adolescent psychology. She received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Wayne State University and did her postdoctoral work in a two-year program for mental health planners/administrators sponsored by Harvard Medical School.

PSYCHOLOGY IN ACTION

Volunteering Abroad, NGO Style

by **Amena Hassan, Communications Manager
for International Affairs**

Many psychologists, in seeking to “give psychology away” look for ways to volunteer their services. A growing number are seeking to do that work internationally – by operating with those non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that provide humanitarian aid, education, training and other activities in support of global well being. Psychologists who wish to volunteer may be interested to know of organizations that serve as a bridge to the world of international NGOs. Two examples of such organizations are SalusWorld and NGOabroad. Each serves to match psychologists with appropriate NGOs, and offers information and guidance about preparing for international NGO work.

SalusWorld matches mental health professionals with international NGOs in need of psychosocial workers. They also provide pre-departure training for volunteers, and conduct workshops and support for those returning from international work. In addition, SalusWorld develops psychosocial projects in support of international humanitarian organizations, provides trauma training for mental health professionals, and offers mental health consultation.

Elaine D. Hanson, a licensed clinical psychologist, attorney, and executive director of SalusWorld came to her position after working in war-torn Bosnia and Herzegovina and South Africa. When in those countries, she supervised psychology students working with NGOs and developed the seeds of SalusWorld’s training and support programs. Currently a lecturer at the University of Colorado in Boulder, CO, Hanson described how SalusWorld came about:

“We are a group of clinical psychologists who had experience working with victims of war here in the United States and became seriously concerned about the current status of affairs,” said Hanson. “War is a situation where civilians become significantly impacted and we attempt to help those underserved victims who are affected by it. We’ve become a global society.” Hanson stresses that it is the local authorities or locally based NGOs who are the experts in international contexts. Her group helps volunteers get involved in those situations only with their assistance. “To think that we’re not impacted by what happens to people in other countries is naïve, but we must also understand that we can’t go over there and help out as the ‘mighty experts’,” she emphasizes.

One of the objectives of SalusWorld is to match volunteers with smaller NGOs that usually cannot afford additional staff. SalusWorld attempts to nurture a more personal contact

between an NGO and the individuals traveling to that area. Volunteers begin establishing a relationship with the NGO before they even leave the ground (through SKYPE for online, low-cost teleconferences). To accommodate volunteers who



cannot leave their careers or income for a lengthy period of time, SalusWorld assignments are generally short, ranging from four to eight weeks.

Hanson has also accompanied fourth and fifth year psychology doctoral students as they have applied their skills abroad. She notes that these experiences have given them knowledge far beyond the classroom and changes lives. “It’s not until they get on the ground and see [the situation] for themselves that they start developing a sense of meaning for what they do. Psychologists are really needed and respected in these instances. I think the students come home more compassionate people, after being out of their comfort zones, with an improved sense of empathy. What they go through is a true immersion program, rather than a tour. They experience everything from learning how a water system works to not really grasping the language. It creates a real sense of self-awareness and a respect for cultural diversity. The experience working with underserved populations in countries torn by war, natural disasters or epidemics, allows a

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psychologist to witness the meaning of trauma to the citizens of these nations. In the process, people also establish life-long friends and become citizens of the global community.”

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Another group facilitating involvement with international volunteer work is NGOabroad. This organization matches skills to international needs and assists professionals and other volunteers to enter international work. Ann McLaughlin, Founder and Director of NGOabroad, is a social worker with 27 years of experience. She turned to international humanitarian work in the early 1990’s in an effort to combine her expertise and a concern for a rapidly changing world environment. McLaughlin leads the effort to match volunteers with projects that encompass everything from working with traumatized refugees to helping women who have been victims of sex trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual abuse.

“We are looking for people with work and life experience and they don’t have to be professionals, though most of them are,” she states. “In working with AIDS orphans or mentoring street kids, I’m happy to have parents and grandparents who are just good with kids.” Her non-traditional approach encourages people to apply from a variety of backgrounds although she also stresses the need for people with skills in psychology, counseling, drama and art therapy. “There are a growing number of initiatives within counseling but they have to be adapted to a country and culture and that’s actually what’s exciting. Some countries may not even believe in talk therapy so how you help them move on makes all the difference. We’re much more focused on the grassroots efforts within a country because that’s really where the rubber meets the road.”

According to McLaughlin, the trend within countries has been leaning towards bottom-up, grassroots activities to solve problems and create much needed social service structures such as schools and hospitals. “When I began my whole examination of what was going on in the world, I noticed how there has been a tremendous trend toward citizens’ taking the initiative, whether that was in Indonesia or Bolivia. You can now see those changes happening from the bottom up where the citizens themselves see something going on and want to do something about it. Every volunteer program that we have was started by the people and was not something that the governments decreed.”

To find out more or for additional information on how to volunteer through these organizations, please visit <http://salusworld.com> or <http://www.ngoabroad.com>. Ψ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outstanding International Psychologist Awards for Division 52

The Division will be presenting two Outstanding International Psychologist Awards this year. One award is given to a psychologist from the United States and the second award is for a psychologist outside the United States. Both awards give recognition to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to international psychology either through significant research, teaching, advocacy, and/or contributions to international organizations.

Procedure for the Awards

Each April the Secretary of the Division and the Division webmaster announce a call for nominations for both awards to our Division, CIRP, and the APA office of International Affairs with a two months deadline. Nominators are asked to provide names and brief statements concerning the nominees. The nominating committee makes award recommendations to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee may suggest additional candidates and approves the final nominees. The nominees are presented to the Board for final approval. Nominees will then be contacted to provide additional background and information as needed. In any given year the Board may decide not to give these awards. Recognition of the awardees will occur at the APA meeting of the Board.

Deadline

Nominations for the Division 52 Outstanding International Psychologist Award should be made by June 1, 2007 and should be sent to Dr. Joy Rice jkrice@wisc.edu.

Apply Now for 2007 APA International Travel Grants

The APA Office of International Affairs administers two travel grants.

The International Conference Travel Award covers or partially covers conference registration fees at international psychology conferences held outside the US and Canada. APA and APAGS members are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to: (a) Contribution to the conference program (e.g., 1st author, symposium chair, roundtable moderator); (b) Have not attended an international conference in 2005 or 2006; (c) Early career or graduate student psychologist. Applicants must submit an Application form (download at www.apa.org/international/awardintravel.html), Conference submission information, including confirmation of participation, and a Letter from your Department Chair indicating need. The submission deadline for round II is June 15, 2007.

The APA Convention Travel Grant for International Affiliates covers the registration fee at the Annual APA Convention. Eligible applicants are APA International Affiliate members. Preference will be given according to: (a) 1st author presentation at the APA convention; (b) Affiliate from a low income or a restricted currency country; (c) Have not attended an APA convention in the past 2 years. Application requirements include: Application Form (download at www.apa.org/international/awardintravel.html) and affiliate number. The submission deadline is **June 15, 2007**. ψ

Web Resource Launched for International Convention Attendees

The APA Office of International Affairs has launched a comprehensive Web resource for international presenters and visitors to the August 17-20, 2007, Convention in San Francisco. The information at www.apa.org/international/convention.html is designed to help with the process of obtaining a visa for entering the United States to attend the meeting. General information, a sample invitation letter, links to relevant US government agencies, and contact information for other APA offices can be found on the site. There is also section "Especially for International Visitors" where information about specific activities and social events can be found. ψ

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