

## ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Policy

The International Network works to promote lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender affirmative policies and practices at the national and international levels. Accomplishments and activities include:

- Successfully lobbying the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) to add lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender as indexing terms for program proposal submissions to the International Congress of Psychology
- Successfully lobbying the IUPsyS to adopt a policy that includes sexual orientation in regard to the free circulation of scientists
- Advocacy for the International Council for Science (ICSU) to include sexual orientation in its policy on the Universality of Science
- Advocacy for the World Health Organization to delete sexual orientation-related diagnoses in the “mental and behavioral disorders” chapter of the *International Statistical Classifications on Diseases and Related Health Problems*

### Programming

The International Network has worked to increase the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender psychology in the major international psychological organizations and congresses.

Accomplishments include participation in the 2007, 2009, & 2011 Inter-American Congresses of Psychology, the 2008 International Congress of Psychology, and the 2010 International Congress of Applied Psychology. Work is presently underway to generate programming for the 2012 International Congress of Psychology.

## MISSION

The International Network for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns and Transgender Issues in Psychology is composed of national, multinational, and international psychological associations that are cooperating to achieve the following aims:

- "To increase cross-cultural collaboration among psychological researchers and practitioners who are concerned about the mental health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender populations;
- "To increase knowledge among Psychologists and other mental health practitioners about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender populations;
- "To apply psychological research and Mental health practice guidelines that address the needs and concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender populations to international health policy;
- "To increase the number of national, multinational, and international psychological associations that formally reject the mental disorder conception of homosexuality and that promote mental health practice that is affirmative of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people."

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The International Network is a result of the 2001 International Meeting, *Sexual Orientation and Mental Health: Toward Global Perspectives on Practice and Policy*. Final report: <http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/resources/international-meeting.pdf>

For more information about the International Network and related resources, visit <http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/resources/international.aspx>

## About The International Network on Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Concerns & Transgender Issues in Psychology

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# Joining the INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

## What is involved?

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### MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the International Network on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues and Transgender Concerns in Psychology is open to organizations rather than individuals.

Psychological Associations may join the International Network by contacting the:

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender  
Concerns Office  
American Psychological Association  
750 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002-4242, USA  
(202) 336-6041 Telephone  
(202) 336-6040 Fax  
<http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/index.aspx>  
[lgbtc@apa.org](mailto:lgbtc@apa.org)

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### RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- Appoint at least one psychologist to represent the organization in the Network, however, the goal is to have two representatives from each member organization – one man and one woman – to promote equal gender balance among the Network Representatives.
- Network Representatives participate in the planning of Network activities and initiatives, and implementing the Network's Mission (provided on the back page of this brochure). Participation includes bi-monthly conference calls and the Net Rep listserv. The Network also attempts to hold in-person meetings at international Congresses.
- Help promote the Network and its policy and programming goals within the member organizations and among professional networks.

### CURRENT MEMBERS

American Psychological Association  
Australian Psychological Society  
British Psychological Society's Psychology  
of Sexualities Section  
Canadian Psychological Association  
Conselho Federal de Psicologia (Brazil)  
Colombian Society of Psychology  
Nederlands Instituut van Psychologen  
Association of Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual  
Psychologies Europe  
Psychological Society of South Africa  
Psychological Society of Ireland

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Individuals may stay apprised of Network plans, activities and issues of interest by subscribing to INET, an electronic forum. To join, send an email message to: [INET@LISTS.APA.ORG](mailto:INET@LISTS.APA.ORG) Leave the subject line blank. Write SUBSCRIBE [E-MAIL ADDRESS] [FIRST NAME] [LAST NAME] in the body of the message.