



CPA - Section 10 International / Cross-Cultural



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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to our fall issue. We will be reporting on the International and Cross-Cultural Psychology section business meeting which took place in Penticton. A variety of interesting ideas for section activities were shared and they will be further investigated by various section members. One idea which met with section approval is an award for student research in the area of international and cross-cultural psychology. Details appear in the newsletter further on.

MYSTERY COMMITTEE STRUCK:

Once again, a newsletter committee was established. Three new people indicated an interest in involvement with the newsletter. Unfortunately, neither the addresses or phone numbers of two of the three people were recorded by those at the section meeting. CPA itself does not have their addresses or phone numbers, which also means they don't receive the newsletter. So, if anyone knows the whereabouts of JOLAINE STATES or DAVID EVANS we would really appreciate it if you could tell them we're desparately looking for them, and could they please get in touch with the editor? Many Thanks!

Our found newsletter committee member is Randall Tonks who will be our B.C. regional representative. Randy can be reached through the Simon Fraser University Psychology Department (604) 291-3354, or through E-mail at tonks@sfu.ca

Once again, if you have any items of interest you wish to see in future newsletters, please send them along to current newsletter committee members or myself at the numbers above. We welcome conference announcements, book reviews, job ads, articles, or anything else of interest to section members. If you wish to reach the Editor, please write:

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ICCP SECTION STUDENT AWARD

The section will be offering an award for the best student research presented at the 1995 CPA convention in the area of international and cross-cultural psychology. The amount or form of the award has yet to be decided. Interested students should submit copies of their convention abstracts to Dr. Marta Young/ School of Psychology/ University of Ottawa/ PO Box 450 STN A/ Ottawa, ON Canada/ K1N 6N5. Ph. (613) 564-6877. Submissions can be in either French or English. Deadline: January 1, 1994.

MEETING OF THE CPA SECTION ON INTERNATIONAL AND CROSS-CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY

AT THE 1994 ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1994
PENTICTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

1. 1. Adoption of the Agenda
 1. -- Two items were added to the agenda: 1) a discussion of the potential involvement of the Section in the IACCP Congress in 1996
 2. 2) a discussion of a workshop on the teaching of cross-cultural psychology. -- The modified agenda was approved.
2. 2. Minutes -- Anand Paranjpe read the minutes. Approved.
3. 3. Business Arising

1. 1) A proposal had been made to examine the possibility of including cross-cultural sensitivity training as a criterion for accreditation. A committee will follow-up on this project (see 4.f below).
2. 2) A proposal had been made to invite John Berry as an invited speaker for the section. Marta Young will follow up on this.
3. 3) Chair section reports were presented. Anand Paranjpe moved that the reports be accepted. The motion was seconded by Paul Gronnerud. The motion was carried.

4. 4. Election of officers - 1994-1995 Chair: Marta Young
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5. 5. Suggestions for next year: To be followed up on by section meeting attendees.

- a) An inter-section symposium on Canadian and cross-cultural issues in the teaching of psychology was suggested. The proposed co-sponsor is the Community Psychology section. Marta Young will contact the Community Psychology section chair to explore the possibility.
- b) Several ideas were put forth for a section symposium. Yaya de Andrade suggested that the symposium be on the political dimension of trauma and cross-cultural research.

Anand Paranjpe suggested that the symposium concern the implications of cross-cultural research, including ways that we can promote our own research to granting agencies and how can we promote cross-cultural research generally.

- c) Yaya de Andrade suggested a one-day workshop on cultural aspects in psychology, to be presented by a team of scholars. This workshop would include a French Canadian aspect, i.e. a discussion of French/English culture, and the importance of these groups for cross-cultural psychology.
- d) Anand Paranjpe read Lynne MacLean's report. In her report Lynne asked for suggestions of how the section money should be spent. The following suggestions were made:
 - 1) Money should continue to be spent on the newsletter.
 - 2) A survey on cross-cultural courses in Canada was proposed. Gira Bhatt and Marta Young will conduct the survey. This motion was carried.
 - 3) An award was proposed for the best student paper. The choice of paper would be based on CPA abstracts. It was further suggested that faculty members create a fund and donate to this cause. A subcommittee would decide who will receive the award.
- e) It was noted that there is little opportunity to socialize with section members during CPA conventions and it was suggested that there be a social hour at the next convention. This meeting might include a wine and cheese party, etc.
- f) Yaya de Andrade suggested that a new activity be initiated by the section. The section could contact cultural organizations in the town in which the CPA convention takes place and ask them to present aspects of their folk culture.
- g) A committee was created to study the possibility of including cross-cultural sensitivity training as a criterion for accreditation. The chair is Christine Wong, and the members are Paul Gronnerud and Marta Young.

NOTES OF INTEREST:

APA GUIDELINES AVAILABLE:

APA Guidelines for Providers of Psychological Services to Ethnic, Linguistic, and Culturally Diverse Populations, August 1990. Developed by the Board of Ethnic Minority Affairs, Taskforce on the Delivery of Services to Ethnic Minority Populations. The guidelines are available from the Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs, American Psychological Association.

International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) Membership Information:

The aims of the IACCP are to facilitate communication among persons interested in cross-cultural psychology; to further the advancement of research, methodology, and application in cross-cultural psychology; and to pursue more effectively the universal validity of psychological theories in all branches of psychology and related disciplines. Membership fees include the Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology (JCCP) and/or the Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin (CCPB) and are based on income. Non-member journal subscription fees should be sent to the Treasurer of IACCP. Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin fees: \$20 US individual; \$25 US institutional. Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology fees: \$38 US individual; \$104 US institutional. Please make cheques payable to IACCP. Anyone wishing to join the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology should contact the Secretary General for application forms and general information about the association. Addresses: Treasurer, Dr. Deborah I. Best, Dept. of Psychology, Wake Forest University, Box 7778 Reynolda Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109 USA. Secretary-General, Dr. Colleen Ward, Dept. of Social Work & Psychology, National University of Singapore, Kent Ridge, SINGAPORE 0511.

First International Congress on Licensure, Certification, and Credentialing of Psychologists: An invitational congress hosted by THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL PSYCHOLOGY BOARDS, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA Spring, 1995.

The Congress will provide a unique opportunity to witness the extraordinary developments occurring internationally in licensing and credentialing of psychologists. Information: Henry P. Edwards, Ph.D./ First International Congress on Licensure, Certification and Credentialing of Psychologists/ c/o Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards/ PO Box 4389, Montgomery, AL/36103-4389 USA. Telephone: 1-205-832-4580. FAX: 1-205-269-6379.

IVth European Congress of Psychology: Athens, Greece. July 2-7, 1995.

Organizers: the European Federation of Professional Psychologists Association by the Association of Greek Psychologists and the Hellenic Psychological Society. One of the main purposes of the congress is bring together psychologists engaged in teaching, research, and practice in all parts of Europe, although psychologists from throughout the world are particularly welcome. The topics covered in the congress will include all aspects of psychology -theory, research, teaching, practice- and most major areas of the discipline. Official language: English. Important Addresses: 1). Congress Programme Secretariat, The University of Athens, Department of Psychology, School of Philosophy, Panepistimiopolis-Ilissia, 157 84 Athens, GREECE. Tel: (301) 7249192, 7249008 x2533,2534. Fax: (301) 7248979. E-mail: PPY20@GRATHUN1.BITNET. 2). Congress Organizing Bureau, Erasmus Horizon Association, 14 Nikis Street, 105 57 Athens, GREECE. Tel: (301) 3235033 -3233144. Fax: (301) 3247825 -3247048. Tlx: 215359-225236.

XXVI International Congress of Psychology: Montréal, Canada. August 16-22,1996.

Information: Secretariat, XXVI International Congress of Psychology,c/o Conference Services, National Research Council Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1A 0R6, or call M. Laurier Forgette, Conference Services, NRC (613)993-9432 to get on the congress mailing list.

XIIIth International Conference of IACCP: Summer,1996.

An initial offer to host this conference close to Montréal, the site of the 1996 conference of IUPsyS, has been received. The Executive Council has decided not to make a firm commitment yet. This means that other proposals will also be considered.

Address Changes:

Please send your address changes directly to the newsletter editor, as CPA does not always send these along in time for the next issue. Thank you.
