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IUPsyS Executive Committee Report

International Union of Psychological Science Assembly

04 July 2022

1. INTRODUCTION

This mid-term report summarises key activities of the Executive Committee (EC) of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) since the 2021 Assembly held virtually on 19 and 21 July 2021. During the past year the focus of the President and Executive Committee has been on implementing the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. Details of these activities are described in this Executive Summary and the Assembly documents.

The President's strategic priorities during the reporting period have focused on the five pillars of the Strategic Plan and associated actions, namely:

1. Growing our global footprint and impact as a broker/convener of psychological science to deal with issues of critical importance to the international psychological community and humanity.
2. Engagement with National and Regional Members.
3. Increasing regional activity and engagement to enhance IUPsyS' impact and relevance.
4. Improving the global visibility and profile of IUPsyS.
5. Developing IUPsyS' operational capacity and financial underpinnings to enable the enactment of the Action Plan.

2. MEMBERSHIP

IUPsyS comprises National Member organisations, with not more than one National Member per country. It currently has 93 National Members, seven Regional Members, and 19 Affiliates (see Appendix 1 for a list of countries with National Membership, as well as Regional Members and organisations that are affiliated with IUPsyS).

3. GOVERNANCE

IUPsyS has based its financial operations in Canada since 1952 and its registered place of business is in Montréal, Québec, Canada. IUPsyS was incorporated on 20 November 1992 as a not-for-profit organisation under Part III of the Québec Companies Act. On 26 August 1993 IUPsyS signed a formal agreement with the Government of Québec which recognises IUPsyS as an international Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) with full rights and obligations.

The following **Executive Committee** has served for the 2021-2022 period: President, Prof Pam Maras (United Kingdom); President-Elect, Prof German Gutiérrez (Colombia); Secretary-General, Dr Ann D. Watts (South Africa); Treasurer, Dr Amanda Clinton (USA); Members: Prof Gregoire Borst (France), Prof Simon Crowe (Australia), Dr Ricardo Gorayeb (Brazil), Dr Rozainee Khairudin (Malaysia); Prof Brigitte Khoury (Lebanon), Dr Martina Klicperová (Czech Republic), Prof Prakash Padakannaya (India), Dr Marizaida Sanchez-Cesareo (Puerto Rico); Dr Hanako Suzuki (Japan); Prof Andrew Zamani (Nigeria).

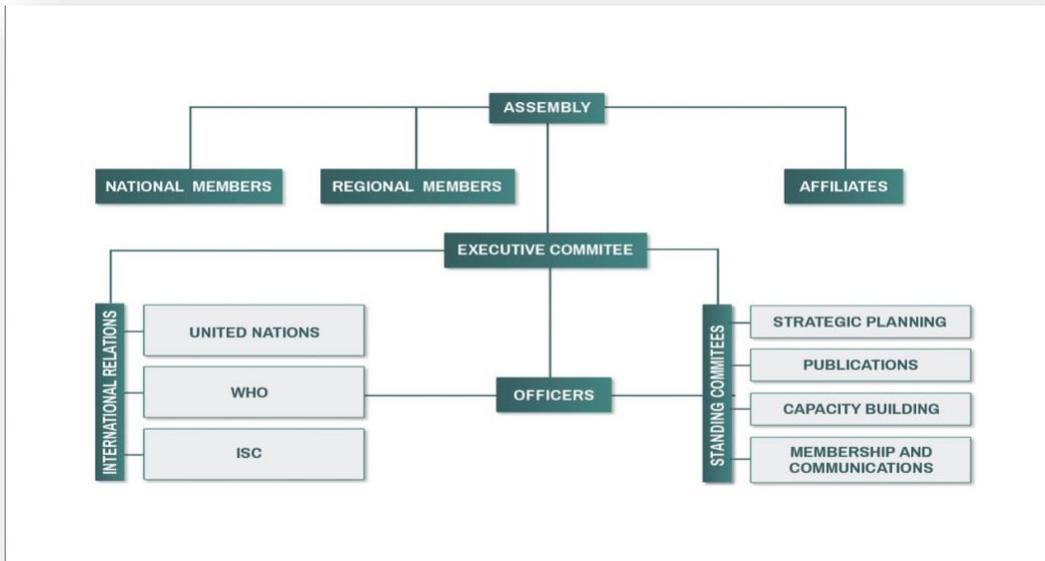
The **Officers** are the President, President-Elect, Secretary-General, and Treasurer.

The legislative body of IUPsyS is its **Assembly**, which comprises National Members. The Assembly is held every two years to review the work of the Union and to provide input and guidance for its future work. The governing body of IUPsyS is its **Executive Committee**, which is elected by the Assembly. The **Secretariat**, headed by the Secretary-General, carries out the administrative functions of the Union and is the primary point of contact for information and updates.

As indicated in the organogram below, IUPsyS has the following four **Standing Committees**: Capacity Building, Membership and Communications, Publications and Strategic Planning.

IUPsyS has Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Consultative Status with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), as well as Official Relations with the World Health Organization (WHO). The IUPsyS is a founding member of the International Science Council (ISC).

IUPsyS Organogram



3.1 Governance Meetings

During the period 21 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 five Executive Committee and four Officers’ meetings have been held. These comprised virtual meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic and one face-to-face meeting. A decision was made to hold the 2022 Assembly virtually owing to the ongoing pandemic and related travel restrictions.

Detailed below are the dates and venues of the governance meetings held during the current reporting period.

3.1.1 Assembly

04 July 2022 Virtual

3.1.2 Executive Committee Meetings

2021-07-23 IUPsyS EC Meeting Virtual

2021-11-26 IUPsyS EC Meeting	Virtual
2022-02-25 IUPsyS EC Meeting	Virtual
2022-03-24 IUPsyS EC Meeting	Virtual
2022-06-07 IUPsyS EC Meeting	Virtual

3.1.3 Officers Meetings

2021-07-24 IUPsyS Officers Meeting	Virtual
2021-10-15 IUPsyS Officers Meeting	Virtual
2022-01-27 IUPsyS Officers Meeting	Virtual
2022-05-21/22 IUPsyS Officers Meeting	Cape Town, South Africa

4. SECRETARIAT

Secretary-General Ann D. Watts
Executive Officer Karl Swain
Administrative Assistant Vanitha Karien

The Secretary-General fulfils both governance and management roles. A Secretariat under the oversight of the Secretary-General provides administrative and logistical support for IUPsyS activities and operations and manages IUPsyS' day-to-day financial responsibilities. As reported previously, implementation of the actions detailed in the current Strategic Plan require increased operational capacity, which is a key action of the Plan's fifth strategic priority. In line with this, Dr Karl Swain has been appointed Executive Officer effective 01 May 2022. He has been appointed for an initial four-year term, with an option to for an extension thereof. An Administrative Coordinator will be appointed to replace him. The Union is still looking for a suitable person to assume the role of Digital Communications Officer and a call for a Bulletin Editor will be issued after the Assembly.

4.1 IUPsyS Archives

Secretary-General Ann D. Watts

IUPsyS Archives were established in 2011 and are situated at the Adolf-Würth-Centre for the History of Psychology at the University of Würzburg, Germany. The Secretary-General oversees the Archives, with the assistance of a liaison to the Archives who is based in Europe. The current liaison is Peter Frensch of Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, who has both a history with IUPsyS and expertise in the history of psychology. Archival material that is deposited in Würzburg quadrennially has mostly been digitalized. Ways of ensuring the accessibility of the Archives (for instance via IUPsyS' revised website) and updating them, are being continuously explored within the context of the Strategic Plan. The establishment of a video library/archive that includes, *inter alia*, interviews with IUPsyS Past Presidents and Awardees, Summits and webinars is planned and will be actioned by the new Secretary-General.

5. FINANCES

Treasurer Amanda Clinton
Secretary-General Ann D. Watts

IUPsyS' day-to-day financial responsibilities and operations are managed by the office of the Secretary-General, while the Treasurer exercises oversight over financial operations of the Union. IUPsyS' Auditors are Mizgala & Co. located in our legal venue, Montréal, Canada. The Auditors are reviewed regularly, and the next review will take place during the second half of this quadrennium.

IUPsyS' financial status remains sound. As reported at the 2021 Assembly, during the previous reporting period, there was a focus on reducing IUPsyS' financial risk by increasing its financial reserves. During the past year IUPsyS' financial reserves have been further increased to ensure sufficient capital to fund its current operations in the event that the usual sources of funding are not available or severely curtailed, as well as to have capacity to operationalise the current Strategic Plan. In line with the fifth pillar of the Strategic Plan, that includes establishing sustainable funding sources to support the Plan and associated actions, the Treasurer is developing a strategy for this.

IUPsyS received a unqualified auditor's report for the audited financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2021. This means that in the Auditors opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of IUPsyS Union as at each year-end, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organisations.

The accounting work of the Executive Officer Swain during the reporting period is acknowledged.

6. STANDING COMMITTEES

The 2021 Assembly approved the creation of a new Standing Committee on Membership and Communications and Article 20 of the Statutes was amended to accommodate this. IUPsyS thus has four Standing Committees: Strategic Planning, Membership and Communications, Publications, and Capacity Building.

6.1 Standing Committee on Strategic Planning

Chair: Pam Maras, United Kingdom

Members: Amanda Clinton (Treasurer); Germán Gutiérrez (President-Elect); Ann D. Watts, South Africa (Secretary-General)

The President is responsible for coordinating IUPsyS' strategic planning and the implementation of strategic priorities together with the Secretary-General, other Officers, and the Executive Committee.

6.1.1 Structure of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan

As noted previously, the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan's principal goal is to provide the road map for operationalising the IUPsyS mission, namely the "development, representation, and advancement of psychology as a basic and applied science nationally, regionally and internationally" (IUPsyS Statutes, Section 1, Article 5) to serve humanity. The Plan has thus been guiding the policies, programs, and activities of IUPsyS since its adoption.

A reminder that the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan comprises the following five pillars or strategic objectives, each with specific set of actions that are guiding the Plan's implementation.

1. **Grow our global footprint and impact as a broker / convener of psychological science to deal with issues of critical importance to the international psychological community and humanity**
 - a. Identify issues of critical importance to the global psychology community and humanity for interrogation and intervention (e.g., actions / advocacy / policy development) (*Host global summits and webinars on key global issues, International Congresses of Psychology, publications, emergency situations*)
 - b. Convene Forums of Global Leaders to provide “think tanks” to inter alia assist and guide IUPsyS in identifying key global issues and priorities for psychology in the service of humanity, as well as on how psychology can contribute to the development of public policy (*Global Thought Leaders and Past Presidents’ Forums*)
 - c. Engagement with other international organisations and global entities (*UN, WHO, ISC, UNESCO, OECD*)

2. **Engagement with National Members**
 - a. Improve engagement with National Members (*Membership Committee, National Members’ Forum, Members’ Portal on website, consolidate membership benefits*)
 - b. Identify opportunities for National Members to be involved in IUPsyS activities and events (*Emergency Situations, International Congresses of Psychology*)
 - c. Capacitate Students / Emerging Psychologists / Young Leadership within National and Regional Member Organizations (*International Congresses of Psychology, publications, webinars*)
 - d. Engagement with Affiliates (*Draw on their expertise as required for IUPsyS activities and events*)

3. **Increase regional activity and engagement to enhance IUPsyS’ impact and relevance.**
 - a. Consolidation and further development of existing Regional Members
 - b. Identify and support the formation of new regional groups

4. **Improve the global visibility and profile of IUPsyS**
 - a. Develop an effective Communications Strategy to ensure that IUPsyS is viewed as Psychology’s Global Voice (*Develop effective communication tools that include a restructured website, social media and marketing strategies, an improved Bulletin, and a revised brand identity*)

5. **Develop IUPsyS’ operational capacity and financial underpinnings to enable the enactment of the Strategic Plan**
 - a. Identify and set-up an integrated digital platform through which all aspects of the Union’s operations can be run and which integrates with and / or includes inter alia the website, communication and financial platforms, and the Archives. (*Identify and activate a digital platform for the IUPsyS’ virtual office*)
 - b. Increase human resource capacitation and support as required during the implementation of the Strategic Plan, as well as to create a sustainable operational base for the IUPsyS (*Identify human resources required for IUPsyS’ operations and events*)
 - c. Establish sustainable funding sources to support the IUPsyS Strategic Plan and associated actions (*Finance Committee, identify external funding sources for particular IUPsyS activities as relevant, encourage IUPsyS membership to*

provide support in the form of resources for Union activities in which they are involved, e.g., venue, technical support, participant support)

Operationalisation of the actions aligned to the Strategic Plan since the 2021 Assembly are described in relevant sections of this report, and will also be reported to the Assembly. The following key aspects of the Plan that were prioritised for implementation during the current reporting period are nevertheless highlighted:

- Increase human resource capacitation and support by appointing an Executive Officer as well as disseminating a call for a Digital Communications Officer and developing calls for a Bulletin Editor (see Section 4) and a Book Series Editor (see Section 6.2.1.2).
- Development of a new branding identity and logo that will be presented to the Assembly. The Executive Officer has led this process and focused on modernising IUPsyS' brand image whilst maintaining a strong sense that IUPsyS is a global scientific organisation. A further objective has been to standardise the use of the logo and branding elements across a range of media types and various graphic executions.
- Development of a strategy for sustainable funding sources to support the IUPsyS (see Section 5).
- Emergency Situations (see Section 6.1.2)

6.1.2 Emergency Situations

The Ukraine crisis has been the focus of the work in this area during the current reporting period. IUPsyS issued a Statement on the Conflict in Eastern Europe on 03 March 2022. The Officers have also continued to keep abreast of and respond to statements and actions being made by other organisations such as the United Nations, World Health Organisation, and the International Science Council, throughout the conflict and stand in solidarity with these organisations and the international community in this regard. The Union has also contributed to initiatives promoting human rights and wellbeing. IUPsyS is a signatory to the ISC "Science in Exile Declaration and Call to Action" and is involved in the International Science Coalition of organisations work to consider how the Ukrainian crisis can help the international scientific community support refugee and displaced scientists in the future.

The Union has also engaged with National and Regional members, and Affiliates to expand our web portal, [Psychology Resources in Emergency Situations](#), to include resources relevant for the current Ukraine crisis and national, regional and global emergencies.

IUPsyS will also be promoting new strategic initiatives during the second half of the quadrennium under the leadership of the new President Germán Gutiérrez. These will include *inter alia* support programmes for behavioural scientists in challenging situations as a result of circumstances such as conflict and in line with the Union's commitment to the ISC Science in Exile Declaration noted above. Members will be informed of these initiatives as they unfold.

6.1.3 Elections Committee

Chair: Saths Cooper

Members: Charles Super, USA; Maria Luisa Ramirez, Colombia

On 04 October 2021, IUPsyS issued a call for nominations for the Executive Committee with a deadline for applications of 03 December 2021. Nominations were requested from IUPsyS National Members for the following positions:

- Secretary-General
- Three Executive Committee Members.

The First Report of the IUPsyS Elections Committee was disseminated on 10 December 2021 and is available [here](#).

6.2. Standing Committee on Publications

Chair: President Pam Maras, United Kingdom

Members: Gregoire Borst, France; Marizaida Sanchez-Cesareo (Puerto Rico); Rozainee Khairudin (Malaysia); Abigail Gewirtz (USA, ex officio)

This Standing Committee guides the Union's publications programme. The Standing Committee has engaged electronically and via online meetings.

6.2.1 Publications

Publications constitute a significant part of IUPsyS' activities. IUPsyS' five-year Publications Agreement with Wiley ends on 31 December 2023 and the incoming Executive Committee will develop a Request for Proposals for a Publisher.

6.2.1.1 International Journal of Psychology (IJP)

Editor-in Chief: Abigail Gewirtz, USA

Associate Editors: Martin Obschonka, The Netherlands; Timothy Piehler, USA; Liqi Zhu, China; Antonio Zuffiano, Italy

Managing Editor: Diane Timba, USA

The *International Journal of Psychology* ([IJP](#)) was established in 1966, is a peer-reviewed academic journal that is published bimonthly and is the only global general psychology journal. The journal "advances psychological research of interest and relevance for the human condition around the world and serves as the outlet for internationally relevant basic and applied research in scientific psychology". IJP's two-year Impact Factor for 2021 is 2.291, an increase of 0.291 from the 2020 Impact Factor of 2.0, whilst IJP's five-year Impact Factor is 2.403.

The Editor-in-Chief's second term ends on 31 December 2023 and the incoming Executive Committee will develop a call for a new Editor-in-Chief. A new Associate Editor, Dr Antonio Zuffianò, Assistant Professor, Sapienza University of Rome, was appointed this year.

Highlights of the current reporting period include the following three additional special issues that were underway in 2021:

- The second issue of the *Psychological implications of the 2020 Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic around the world* special issue (Martin Obschonka, Abigail Gewirtz, Liqi Zhu, Editors);
- *Innovations and New Discoveries in International Migration Psychology* (Eugene Tartakovsky, Guest Editor); and
- *Psychology and Human Rights* (Derik Indoe, Polli Hagenaars, Waikaremoana Waitoki, Elison Santos and Ava Thompson, Guest Editors).

The Annual Report of Editor-in-Chief provides additional information regarding the status of the journal. The Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editors and Managing Editor are acknowledged for their exemplary work.

6.2.1.2 Book Series

In line with the Strategic Plan and as per the IUPsyS Agreement with Wiley for a book series, the Standing Committee has drafted a call for a Book Series Editor that will be disseminated after the Assembly.

6.2.2 Presidential Communications

The President sent communiqués to the membership during the current reporting period on 03 March 2022 regarding the IUPsyS Statement on the Conflict in Eastern Europe, and on 17 June 2022 regarding Psychology Resources in Emergency Situations, as well as a video cast message in December 2021 (see the IUPsyS YouTube channel [here](#)).

6.3 Standing Committee on Membership and Communications

Chair: Ann. D Watts (Secretary-General)

Members: Ricardo Gorayeb (Brazil), Hanako Suzuki (Japan), Brigitte Khoury (Lebanon), Karl Swain (South Africa, ex officio)

The Standing Committee on Membership and Communications was formed in 2021 to support the Unions' strategic priority of increased and improved engagement with National and Regional members, Affiliates and stakeholders in order to meet their needs and *inter alia* increase the Union's visibility. Key to this is the development of an effective Communications Strategy. The Standing Committee has thus focused on developing a Strategy that includes the use of tools such as the website, social media, the Bulletin, brochures, and marketing material. Restructuring and redesigning of the IUPsyS [website](#) will proceed using IUPsyS' new branding identity and logo (see Section 6.6.1). The Standing Committee developed a Call for a Bulletin Editor (see Section 4) that will be disseminated following the Assembly and is assisting the Union's search for a Digital Communications Officer, the latter who will assist in actioning the Communications Strategy.

6.4 Standing Committee on Capacity Building

Chair: Germán Gutiérrez, Colombia (President-Elect)

Members: Simon Crowe (Australia), Martina Klicperova (Czech Republic), Prakash Padakannaya (India), Andrew Zamani (Nigeria).

During the current reporting period, the main issues addressed by the Standing Committee have been developing a plan for engaging with the Regional Members and organisations detailed in Section 6.3.2 that takes cognisance of their particular interests, needs and capacities, as well as proposals for actions of mutual interest; increasing Affiliate membership of the Union to assist with and support *inter alia* discipline-specific work and policy statements based on psychological science; developing a protocol for cross border tele-psychology; and emerging psychologists' programmes.

6.4.2 Regional Members

6.4.2.1 Arab Union of Psychological Science (AUPsyS)

6.4.2.2 Asean Regional Union of Psychological Societies (ARUPS)

6.4.2.3 Asia Pacific Psychology Alliance (APPA)

APPA is hosting a virtual mini conference on “Psychological regulation across the Asia Pacific: A work in progress” on 07 and 14 August 2022.

6.4.2.4 Caribbean Alliance of National Psychological Associations (CANPA)

The 5th Caribbean Regional Congress of Psychology that was scheduled to be held in Saint Croix, US Virgin Islands, 17-20 November 2020, was post-postponed to 2021. This was held online 15-19 November 2021. IUPsyS President Maras delivered a welcome message. The Union hosted a symposium entitled *Cross-Border Telepsychology: Regional Perspectives to Inform a Global Psychological Framework* on Wednesday 17 November 2021 at CRCP 2020+, chaired by the Secretary-General. One of the recommendations of the symposium was the appointment of a work group to develop a global protocol for cross-border telepsychology and the Standing Committee on Capacity Building is considering the way forward for this.

6.4.2.5 Central American Union of Colleges and Associations of Psychology (UCCAP)

6.4.2.6 European Federation of Psychologists’ Associations (EFPA)

The 17th European Congress of Psychology is being held 05-08 July 2022, Ljubljana, Slovenia

6.3.2.7 Pan-African Psychology Union (PAPU)

The 2nd PAPU Congress was held virtually from 28 to 30 March 2022. The PAPU Assembly was held virtually at the time of the Congress. IUPsyS Past President Saths Cooper remains President, and IUPsyS EC member, Andrew Zamani of Nigeria, was elected President-Elect, Seth Oppong (Botswana) Secretary, and IUPsyS Secretary-General Ann D. Watts was re-elected Treasurer.

7. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES OF PSYCHOLOGY

The flagship event in international scientific psychology is the IUPsyS International Congress of Psychology (ICP) which is held every four years. The first ICP was held on the centennial of the French Revolution from 06-12 August 1889 in Paris. The ICP is organised by a national host committee under the auspices of IUPsyS and in consultation with the IUPsyS Executive Committee. The Executive Committee appoints a liaison to each ICP.

7.1 32nd International Congress of Psychology (ICP2020+)

Liaison: Secretary-General Ann D. Watts

ICP2020+ was successfully hosted by the IUPsyS National Member in the Czech Republic as a virtual event. The strength and resilience of the ICP2020+ team for their ongoing work during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic is commended. A final report will be presented to the Assembly by the ICP2020+ team.

7.2 33rd International Congress of Psychology (ICP2024)

Liaison: Secretary-General Ann D. Watts

As agreed during the 2021 Assembly, the 33rd ICP will again be hosted in Prague, Czech Republic, 21-26 July 2024. The ICP2024 team will provide an update on preparations for the Congress during the Assembly.

7.3 **34th International Congress of Psychology (ICP2028)**

Liaison: TBC

The 34th ICP was awarded to Melbourne, Australia during the 2021 Assembly.

8. **AWARDS**

8.1 **Quadrennial Awards**

IUPsyS bestows four Awards every four years at the International Congress of Psychology. The four awards are as follows:

The current recipients of these Awards are:

- Lifetime Career Award
- Major Advancement in Psychological Science Prize
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu Achievement Against the Odds Award
- Young Investigator Awards: Basic Science and Applied Science

Details regarding the IUPsyS Quadrennial Awards may be viewed [here](#).

9. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

IUPsyS continues to make its contribution to global psychology and its development through strong relations with entities such as the United Nations, World Health Organization, and International Science Council. It also continues to pursue opportunities for collaborations that will advance psychological science and its applications to human wellbeing. During the current reporting period the Executive Committee has focused attention on the organisations and initiatives detailed below.

9.1 **United Nations (UN)**

Main Representatives: President Pam Maras and President Elect Germán Gutiérrez

IUPsyS has Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Consultative Status with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI). The Union is also a member of The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations ([CoNGO](#)) and the Psychology Coalition at the United Nations (PCUN). President-Elect Gutiérrez is a member of the Board of CoNGO.

IUPsyS' involvement in the UN is being revisioned within the context of the Strategic Plan and includes the identification of how the Union can impact Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and beyond.

Psychology Day at the United Nations

Psychology Day at the UN celebrates psychology within the context of the UN and provides an opportunity to share Psychologists' activities at the UN and the role psychology plays in addressing concerns of global importance with UN Permanent Missions, agencies, NGOs, and the private sector. Psychology Day also introduces Psychologists and psychology students to psychology's current and potential involvement

in UN activities and issues. During the current reporting period IUPsyS contributed to the 15th Annual Psychology Day at the United Nations, entitled *Building Hope: Contributions to a Roadmap for Climate Change*, 21 April 2022 (details of which may be viewed [here](#)).

9.2 World Health Organization (WHO)

Main Representative (Psychology): Secretary-General Watts

Representatives/Editors: Pierre Ritchie, Geoffrey Reed, Andreas Maecker, Brigitte Khoury

The IUPsyS Official relations with WHO are renewed triennially and the Union's work with WHO is currently guided by the 2020-2022 plan for collaboration with WHO's Department of Mental Health and Substance Use. The 2023-2025 plan for collaboration has been submitted for review with positive initial feedback. At the request of WHO, this collaboration between WHO and IUPsyS will support WHO's Thirteenth General Programme of Work, notably Strategic Priority 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage. The two main areas of collaboration are to:

- (1) Provide technical support to WHO in the implementation and training of psychological intervention for low resource settings; and
- (2) Provide support in the implementation of the WHO Comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan (2013-2030), including technical expertise and advocacy.

In line with the Union's strategic priority of increasing engagement with membership by increasing their involvement in Union activities, the IUPsyS' global network of national and regional members will have an opportunity to assist in providing the support, as required, by WHO during the triennium. The Secretary-General attended the 75th World Health Assembly (WHA) on 22-28 May 2022.

9.2.1 2022 World Mental Health Report: Transforming Mental Health For All

On 17 June 2022 WHO launched the first World Mental Health (WMHR) report since 2021. During the launch of the *2022 World Mental Health Report: Transforming Mental Health for All* the WHO noted that whilst approximately one billion people across the world have mental health conditions, responses are insufficient and inadequate, especially in low income countries. The comprehensive report thus draws on the latest evidence available to highlight why and where change is most needed and how it can best be achieved. It is a call to action for stakeholders to work together to deepen the value and commitment given to mental health, reshape the environments that influence mental health, and strengthen mental health care systems (WHO, 2022).

Devora Kestel, Director, Department of Mental Health and Substance Use, will join the Assembly to highlight key aspects of the report for delegates. The launch of the WMHR may be viewed [online](#).

9.2.2 Global Mental Health Fellowship (GMHF)

Co-Chairs: Ann D. Watts (IUPsyS); Amanda Clinton (APA)

As one dimension of the support IUPsyS provides to WHO, IUPsyS and the American Psychological Association (APA) created the jointly funded APA-IUPsyS Global Mental Health Fellowship to enable a duly qualified Psychologist to work directly with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. To date five Fellows have been selected: Brian Hall, University of Shanghai, China; Claudi Bockting, Universities of Amsterdam and Groningen, The Netherlands; Lorenzo Lorenzoni-Luaces, Indiana

University, USA; Brandon Gray, University of Vermont, USA; and Sita Patel, Palo Alto University, USA. The selection process for the sixth Fellow is currently underway. Feedback from the Fellows is that the Fellowship afforded them valuable exposure to global mental health and the WHO work in this area, whilst WHO has indicated that the Fellows provide important support for their work.

9.3 International Science Council (ISC)

The International Science Council ([ISC](#)) is a “non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together over 200 international scientific unions and associations as well as national and regional scientific organizations including academies and research councils”.

The President represented IUPsyS at the 2nd ISC General Assembly 2021 held virtually from 11-15 October 2021. She also represented IUPsyS in the ISC response to UNESCO statement on [Open Science](#) and continues to engage on behalf IUPsyS in follow up ISC Open Science meetings.

IUPsyS has signed and endorsed the ISC [Science in Exile declaration](#) and advocacy campaign aimed at supporting at-risk, displaced and refugee scientists, and the call for action encompassed within the declaration.

On 15 June 2022 the President participated in a high-level online conference, "The Ukraine Crisis: Responses from the European Higher Education and Research Sectors", jointly organised by ISC, Science for Ukraine, All European Academies (ALLEA) and Kristiana University College. Speakers included representatives from Ukraine, 'Science for Ukraine', and the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. The President has also been invited to participate in the Science in Exile Crisis Group that will review actions and a report arising from the Conference to inform policy for this and future situations.

On 09 June 2022, the International Science Council announced the creation of Fellowships and the appointment of 66 [Foundation Fellows](#) who were recognised for their outstanding contributions to promoting science as a global public good. Past President Saths Cooper was one of the 2022 cohort to receive this prestigious honour. He served as an inaugural member of the ISC Governing Board 2018-2021 and as Deputy Chair of the ISC Committee on Freedom & Responsibility in Science.

9.3.1 Committee on Data (CODATA)

IUPsyS Representative: President Pam Maras

ISC's Committee on Data ([CODATA](#)) promotes global collaboration to improve the availability and usability of data for all areas of research. The President is the IUPsyS Ambassador to CODATA's Digital Representation of Units of Measure ([DRUM](#)) initiative.

attended the CODATA virtual General Assembly on 15 and 16 November 2021.

The President convened an IUPsyS symposium during the SciDataCon at International Data Week that took place on 20-23 June 2022 in Seoul, South Korea. The conference was held as a hybrid event, in-person and virtually. The symposium was entitled, “*Psychological Science serving humanity: A symposium of the International Union of Psychological Science*” that addressed IDW level themes and included the following speakers and topics:

- President Maras (UK), The integration of psychological science into solutions to global problems
- President-Elect Gutiérrez (Colombia), Global collaboration projects: Addressing the limitations of a behavioural science based on the study of the minority world
- Cary Kogan (Canada) and Geoffrey Reed (USA/WHO), The ICD-11: Better Data for Better Mental Health
- Susan Michie (UK), Covid19: Lessons learnt about trust, engagement, and behaviour
- Kevin Durrheim (South Africa), A word embedding method for studying polarization and the language of opinion-based groups.

9.3.2 Standing Committee on Gender Equality in Science

IUPsyS Representatives: President Pam Maras; Past EC Member Ava Thompson

President Maras and Past Executive Committee Member Thompson joined the [Standing Committee on Gender Equality in Science](#) in 2020, which arose from [The Gender Gap in Science Project](#) of the then ICSU and subsequently ISC. Following this project, several international organisations decided to act together to further promote gender equality in science by continuing and enlarging the work accomplished by this project, and in particular by supporting women and girls' equal access to science education and fostering equal opportunity and treatment for females in their careers. The Committee was therefore formed to promote gender equality in science.

The SCGES and IUPsyS co-hosted a webinar on June 13, 2022, entitled, "Toward Gender Equality in Science: Perspectives from Psychology". A recording of the webinar is available [online](#). The speakers were as follows:

- President Maras (UK): Toward Gender Equality in Science: Perspectives from Psychology
- Vindhya Undurti (India): Gender Equality in Psychology: An intersectional feminist perspective from India
- Isabelle Régner (France): The influence of gender stereotypes on cognitive performances and hiring decisions.

10. CONCLUSIONS

The achievements recorded in this report highlight the strategic priorities addressed and key activities undertaken during the 2021-2022 period. They reflect the continued leadership and active participation of the IUPsyS Executive Committee, membership, and stakeholders in actioning the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and the framework it provides to fulfil the IUPsyS' mission to development, represent, and advance of psychology as a basic and applied science nationally, regionally and internationally in the service of humanity and as *Psychology's Global Voice*.

Ann D. Watts
Secretary-General
July 2022

Appendix 1

IUPsyS National Members

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| 1. Albania | 25. Egypt | 49. Macao | 73. Slovakia |
| 2. Argentina | 26. Estonia | 50. Malaysia | 74. Slovenia |
| 3. Australia | 27. Finland | 51. Malta | 75. South Africa |
| 4. Austria | 28. France | 52. Mexico | 76. Spain |
| 5. Bahamas | 29. Georgia | 53. Mongolia | 77. Sri Lanka |
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