

Reports

Report of the Treasurer July 31, 1990 to July 1, 1992

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At the last International Congress of IACCP in Nara, Japan, in 1990, the net worth of the Association was \$23, 151.69, a 23% decrease from a net worth of \$30,173.00 reported in 1988. At that time it was noted that several expenses had increased substantially, particularly the level of support for the Witkin/Okonji fund and for the publication of the *Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin*. After examining the recurring expenses of the Association and the commitments for sponsorship of upcoming meetings in developing countries, the Executive Committee decided to increase dues and expand the dues categories such that the greatest increases were for members at the highest income levels. These changes have successfully increased revenues and have not discouraged membership of less financially-able members. Indeed, a number of IACCP members have contributed to a sponsorship fund to provide membership fees for those who are unable to pay. This fund has enabled a number of new members from developing countries to join IACCP during the past two years.

Membership Records

Currently in the IACCP data base, there are records for almost 900 members, with 635 identified as active members, dues paid within the previous three years. Of these active members, 394 are from non-USA countries, and 241 are from the USA. At the time of the last Treasurer's Report in 1990, membership records indicated 369 active members. These data, however, were considered somewhat unreliable due to problems experienced with the computer previously used for record keeping. Membership records that were lost during the use of the previous computer and during the transfer to the new computer are assumed to have been recovered over the past two years, and

the new computer system has proven highly reliable.

Current records indicate 37 new members joined IACCP in 1990, 57 in 1991, and 50 for the first half of 1992. These data suggest an increase in new members across the three year period during which reliable membership data are available. Efforts to recruit new members have been successful, particularly in countries where there was little or no previous IACCP representation (e.g., Bangladesh, China, Cote d'Ivoire, Malaysia, Nepal, Poland).

An analysis of the records of members who have failed to renew their memberships, those who have not paid dues since 1989, indicated that 65% were from countries other than the USA (N=156), and of these, 39% were from developing countries (N=61). India had the highest number of non-renewing members with 23, but 21 other developing countries also were represented in this group. While there are no concrete data to indicate the reasons for non-renewal, the large proportion of members from developing countries represented in this group suggests that meeting the financial requirements for membership may discourage some from continuing membership. Additional means for supporting members from developing countries should be investigated, perhaps through foundations or expansion of the sponsorship fund.

Publications

The majority of IACCP members subscribe to both the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology* and the *Cross-Cultural Psychology Bulletin* (N=557, 88% of membership) while a smaller number (N=78, 12%) only subscribe to the *Bulletin*. About 16% of the membership (N=104) subscribed to the *Cross-Cultural Psychology Monographs* last year, and numbers are expected to increase for 1992.

The number of complaints about receipt of publications has declined since membership records were moved to the new computer. In 1991 there were only 16 complaints as compared with

60 in 1989. Some members, however, continue to have problems, particularly with receipt of the *Journal*. Efforts are continuing to work closely with Sage Publications to insure reliable delivery of the *Journal*. Since mailing labels are supplied to the Editors of the *Bulletin* and the *Monographs*, members seem to have fewer problems with receipt of the *Bulletin* and the *Monographs* than with receipt of the *Journal*. For the *Journal*, a mailing list is sent to Sage Publications which is entered into their computer with the list being upgraded quarterly. This two-step process used with the *Journal* leads to greater possibility for error.

Tax Status

As reported at the Nara meeting, IACCP has applied for tax exempt status as a non-profit organization with the United States Internal Revenue Service. This status will exempt IACCP from paying income taxes in the USA. In addition, tax exempt status will permit members in the USA to make donations to IACCP and to receive tax deductions for their donations. Moreover, once this status has been activated in the USA, similar inquiries regarding such designation in other countries should be explored to provide an additional incentive for members to support IACCP through donations. Tax deductions may be beneficial in the development of a book donation program in which psychologists donate books from their personal libraries to psychology departments with fewer resources.

Michael Borden, a certified public accountant, has been retained to file a reapplication for tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service. The process was begun by an accountant in 1987 but was not completed. All filings have been completed and since there have been no negative reactions from the Internal Revenue Service at this time, it is assumed that there will be no problems with approval of tax exempt status for IACCP.

New Assistant to the Treasurer

As of May, 1992, IACCP lost one of its most dedicated staff members, Janice Templeton. Ms. Templeton has served as Assistant to the Treasurer since 1988 and she has just graduated from the Wake Forest University Master's program. Ms. Templeton has developed many of the new systems for membership record keeping and has given countless hours of dedicated, efficient service to the organization. She has carefully attended to every problem experienced by IACCP members, and she has been diligent and conscientious

in trying to improve membership satisfaction. Although Ms. Templeton's expertise will be greatly missed, she has spent a number of hours training her successor, Jennifer Slawinski, a first year graduate student. Ms. Slawinski is a very proficient, organized young woman who should perform as competently as her predecessor, and she is looking forward to working with the members of IACCP.

Summary

In summary, through increases in dues and greater attention to recruiting new members, IACCP has recovered from the slight financial setback experienced two years ago. While this news is very encouraging, IACCP should continue to consider ways to improve the financial stability of the organization and to support membership by those not financially able to participate.

Report of the Treasurer

August 1, 1990 to July 1, 1992

Balance carried forward	\$23,423.09
I. Revenues	
A. Dues and Subscriptions	33,231.00
B. Interest (Cash Investment, \$1792.43 Certificate, \$1503.38)	3,295.81
C. Final Transfer from J. Trimble	229.10
D. Royalties, <i>Growth and Progress in Cross-Cultural Psychology</i>	257.10
E. Reimbursements from Nara (W/O unused, \$1100), Newcastle (\$1000), Debrecen (\$500), & Nepal (\$500) Advances	3,100.00
F. Donations for Nepal Proceedings	400.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$63,936.10
II. Expenses	
A. Journal Subscriptions	8,856.00
B. Bulletin Advances	9,000.00
C. Monograph Subscriptions	1,560.00
D. Employee Salaries (J. Templeton)	2,249.00
E. Treasurer's Operating Expenses	
1. Printing	491.27
2. Telephone	17.80
3. Copy Duplication	307.70
4. Return Check Fees & Bank Charges	103.67
5. Mastercard/Visa Fees	143.55
6. Mailing	414.25
7. Supplies	308.62
8. Computer Supplies	91.00
F. President's Account (Travel, Supplies, Phone)	1,900.00
G. Secretary General's Account (Stationery)	351.00

H. Witkin-Okonji Memorial Fund	2,500.00
I. Meeting Advances and Support	
1. Nara	43.00
2. Debrecen	500.00
3. Nepal	500.00
4. Liège	1,000.00
5. Yaounde Workshops	1,000.00
6. IACCP/IUPsyS Seminars	1,350.00
J. Legal Fees	75.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$32,761.86
III. Draft Balance	
A. Revenues minus Expenses	
(\$63,936.10-\$32,761.86)	
(\$19,265.77 in Cash Investment,	
\$11,908.47 in Certificate)	\$31,174.24
TOTAL NET WORTH (July 1, 1992)	\$31,174.24



IUPsyS-IACCP Advanced Training Seminars

Report to the Executive Committees of the
International Union of Psychological Science
and the International Association for
Cross-Cultural Psychology

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The aim of this project is to promote the exchange of expertise in psychology between various economic regions in the world and to increase the participation of psychologists from economically less affluent countries in international scientific meetings. Within the context of the project seminars are organized in which theoretical and methodological developments of a particular field are reviewed. Two seminars were held in conjunction with major international meetings of IACCP and IUPsyS in Belgium, July 1992.

In Berlin Dr. Ute Schoenpflug and Dr. Klaus Boehnke organized a seminar on Life-Span Development from a Cross-Cultural Perspective with top ranking experts as speakers. The meeting took place from July 25-August 1. There were 18 participants of which 15, all from less affluent countries, received financial support.

The other seminar, on Coping with Adverse Conditions, was organized by Dr. Guus van Heck and Dr. Fons van de Vijver and held in Tilburg, Netherlands, from July 25-August 2. There were 14 participants of which 13 were from economical-

ly poor countries. Next to theoretical issues research techniques were emphasized in this seminar, including the analysis on an interactive computer system of a data set collected by the participants prior to the seminar.

The 28 psychologists who received funding also participated in the IACCP conference in Liège (July 14-19) and the International Congress of Psychology in Brussels (July 20-25). The seminars and the opportunity to attend these congresses were highly valued by the participants.

Financial contributions of the following organizations and institutions to the Advanced Training Seminars have been received.

- UNESCO, Paris
- UNESCO Center Netherlands
- American Psychological Association
- Japanese Psychological Association
- Royal Society (UK)
- International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS)
- International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP)
- Anonymous, personal research grant to Ute Schoenpflug*
- Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, for two Asians*
- Deutsche Stiftung für Internationale Entwicklung*
- Max Planck Institute Berlin, for young East Europeans*
- Free University Berlin, material expenses*
- Universitas Foundation, for Indonesian participation**
- Faculty of Social Sciences, Tilburg University**
- Department of Psychology, Tilburg University, material expenses**

This generosity, without which the project could not have taken place, is highly appreciated by the seminar organizers and participants.

The successful organization of the two seminars points to the feasibility of this new project. Recently, IUPsyS and IACCP have committed themselves to the continuation of this activity. The International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) intends to have such seminars in conjunction with its international congress in Spain, 1994.

Note. * For Berlin seminar; ** for Tilburg seminar. The administration of the Social Sciences of Tilburg University was in control of the finances. A more detailed report can be obtained from the coordinator, c/o Psychology, Tilburg University, P.O. Box 90153, 5000 LE Tilburg, Netherlands.