

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007**

1. Executive Summary

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| <p>2. Background & Composition of National Committee</p> <p>3. (Please indicate if any of the members of the committees have previously been capacity building candidates)</p> | <p>Dr Saths Cooper (Chair, Vice President: IUPsyS, Past President: PsySSA, Board Member: IAAP, Johannesburg)</p> <p>Ms Fatima Bhamjee (University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg)</p> <p>Dr Brett Bowman (School of Psychology, Wits Univ, Johannesburg) Capacity Building Candidate 2006, Athens</p> <p>Prof Norman Duncan (Head: School of Human & Community Development, Wits Univ, President Elect: PsySSA, Johannesburg)</p> | <p>Prof Thoko Mayekiso (Dean: NMMU, Port Elizabeth)</p> <p>Prof Lionel Nicholas (Psychology Chair: Univ. of Fort Hare, East London)</p> <p>Prof Kopano Ratele (Institute of Social & Health Sciences: UNISA, Johannesburg) Capacity Building Candidate 2002, Singapore</p> <p>Prof Patrick Sibaya (DVC: Univ. of Zululand, Empangeni)</p> <p>Ms Shahnaz Suffla (Medical Research Council/UNISA, PsySSA Exec, Cape Town)</p> <p>Dr Ann Watts (Entabeni Hospital: Durban, Treasurer: PsySSA)</p> <p>As indicated in last year's Report, Brett Bowman and Fatima Bhamjee have been invited to serve on the Committee.</p> | <p>The Committee will meet with the Secretary General of the Union, Prof Pierre Ritchie in May when he visits South Africa. It will meet with the Union leadership and General Assembly Delegates in Berlin in July and will hold its Annual Meeting in August in Johannesburg. In its role as the XXX Executive it will also hold teleconferences during the year.</p> |
| <p>4. Participation by South Africans in Union activities</p> | <p>The Chair participated in an Officers Meeting of the Union in April in Rome and Officers/Executive Meetings in July in Jena.</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Officers Meeting is scheduled for 23-26 April in Paris, Officers/Executive Meetings 18-20 July and the Union's General Assembly for 21/23 July in Berlin during the XXIX International Congress of Psychology in Berlin. |
| <p>3.1. Size of local community</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • >6420 (Post Masters) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 80 candidates receive Masters Degrees annually, insufficient to positively influence the psychologist: population ratio in the country. |

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| 3.2 South Africans serving on Unions or its subsidiary bodies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair serves as Vice President of the Union and on the Board of the International Association of Applied Psychology. All Committee Members are in the leadership of the Union's XXX International Congress of Psychology to be held in Cape Town in July 2012 (cf, list below). | The Chair has been nominated for President of the Union, to be decided at the 2 nd session of the Union GA on 23 July. |
| 3.3 Attendance of International Congresses/Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of conferences attended Number of South African delegates Number of papers presented by South Africans (indicate any special invitations, e.g. keynote/ plenary talks) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some Members and other Scientists attended and participated in the II Middle Eastern/North African Regional Conference of Psychology held in Amman in April, the European Federation of Psychological Associations Conference held in Prague in July, the American Psychological Association Convention held in San Francisco in August and the National Academy of Psychology-India held in Kanpur in December. As the Committee does not receive reports of academics receiving grant support from the NRF, it is unable to provide any actual figures, save the attendance by its members and a few other academics known to the Committee. Greater co-ordination is again urged in order for accurate reporting. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A strong South African presence is expected at the XXIX Berlin International Congress of Psychology at all levels of participation (keynote, invited symposia, podium and poster presentations), as this is where the official handover by Germany to South Africa occurs. |
| 3.4 Capacity Building with regard to Membership of National Committee and involvement of young scientists in International Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee has encouraged its Members and other young scientists to participate in capacity building events, especially those organised during the Annual South African Psychology Congress, which last year was held 28-31 August 2007 in Durban. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Fatima Bhamjee (University of Johannesburg) and Dr Kgamadi Kometsi (Wits) are Capacity Building Candidates to the XXIX Berlin International Congress of Psychology in July. |
| 3.5 Organisation of Union related Conferences in South Africa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the Committee Members are in the leadership of the quadrennial XXX Cape Town 2012 International Congress of Psychology. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The XIV Annual South African Psychology Congress will be held at the Emperors Palace, Johannesburg 26-29 August. |
| 3.6 Contribution by members to key documents and publications (please indicate why they are regarded as key) | Members have contributed comments to the International Declaration of Ethical Principles, which is critical against the backdrop of psychological involvement/intervention in detainee/interrogation situations post-911, and inculcating a common understanding of minimum ethical principles with both human and animal subjects. Other documents, like the ICSU draft on Freedom and Responsibility in Science, which has relevance to the decisions taken at the last SA ICSU Meeting iro refusal of visas to scientists by certain western countries. | The International Declaration of Ethical Principles will be adopted at the Union GA in July and the Report on Freedom and Responsibility in Science will serve at the ICSU GA in Maputo. |
| 3.7 Report back on recommendations made during the in depth review (indicate what were the | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The matter of refusal of visas has been taken up at the Union Executive Meeting and there has been strong condemnation expressed, with the Union using its good offices to intervene where it can. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Members will continue to raise this and other issues germane to the free flow of scientists and their scientific assertions in the fora available to them the world over. |

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| recommendations and what progress has been made to attend to them.) | | |
| 4. Value to the Community and Benefit to South Africa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee has taken seriously its various roles and has focussed on fostering better understanding of psychological concepts and the utilisation of psychological interventions at the different levels of policy formulation and direct and indirect intervention within all spheres of government, where it has reach and influence. | <p>The Committee is preparing for a review of all aspects of psychological science in the country and has engaged with Prof Pierre Ritchie (Secretary General of the Union), Dr Norman Anderson (CEO of the American Psychological Association and Prof Janak Pandey (former VC, Allahabad University and Past President of the National Academy of Psychology-India) to consider being part of the review, which will be reported on in August 2009.</p> |
| 5. Public Society Interfaces and Outreach Programmes – self initiated or facilitated by ICSU | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members are regularly interviewed by the print and electronic media on matters of public concern, especially those impacting on our nascent democracy. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee will encourage others, especially experts in the various fields, to be more accessible to the South African polity. |
| 6. Research Highlights/ New Initiatives in South Africa (indicate what benefits will these bring for SA) | <p>Members of the Committee are involved in various research endeavours, and most of them attended a workshop in November held at the University of the Witwatersrand to investigate the aetiology of school violence.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A proposal is being developed to consider the multifaceted aspects of the aetiology of school violence nationally, using the methodologies most appropriate to uncover this insidious phenomenon that continues to baffle our society. |
| 7. Science Education (Any activities involving teachers, students, school curriculum development, graduate student development) | <p>Members are involved in a variety of initiatives at the university, local, provincial and national levels. Most of these are reported on within individual institutional contexts, but the Annual Report of the learned society is attached for exemplification of this and other continuing education efforts.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These will continue, especially under the auspices of the national learned society. A special issue of the South African Journal of Psychology will be dedicated to new authors, ie, those who have not published and workshops and other activities in this regard will occur. |

2) **Scientific Committee:**

Chair: Norman Duncan (WITS, Johannesburg)
Vice Chair: Basil Pillay (UKZN, Durban)
Members: Lionel Nicholas (Fort Hare, East London)
Cheryl de la Rey (CHE, Pretoria)
Kopano Ratele (UNISA, Johannesburg)
Tamara Shefer (UWC, Cape Town)
Tyrone Pretorius (Monash, Johannesburg)
Don Foster (UCT, Cape Town)
Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela (UCT, Cape Town)
Sylvester Madu (Univ of Limpopo, Pholokwane)
In Attendance: Brett Bowman (Emerging Psychologists Programme Chair; WITS, Johannesburg)
Composition: 3 Black Female, 6 Black Male, 2 White Male

3) **Local Organising Committee:**

Chair: Shalnaaz Suffla (MRC/UNISA, Cape Town)
Vice Chair: Umesh Bawa (UWC, Cape Town)
Members: Nokhuthula Shababala (UCT, Cape Town)
Debbie Kaminer (UCT, Cape Town)
Desmond Painter (Stellenbosch)

Composition: 2 Black Female, 1 Black Male, 1 White Female, 1 White Male

4) **Secretariat:**

Chair: Ann Watts (Entabeni Hospital, Durban)
Vice Chair: Fatima Bhamjee (UJ, Johannesburg)
Members: Shalnaaz Suffla (MRC/UNISA, Cape Town)
Buiswa Molefe (NRF, Pretoria)
Nosipho Thathi (PsySSA, Johannesburg)

Composition: 4 Black Female, 1 White Female

5) **Finance Committee:**

Chair: Patrick Sibaya (UniZul, Empangeni)
Vice Chair: Ann Watts (Entabeni Hospital, Durban)
Members: Fatima Bhamjee (UJ, Johannesburg)
Lionel Nicholas (Fort Hare, East London)

Composition: 1 Black Female, 2 Black Male, 1 White Female