

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

DIVISION 17 – SOCIETY OF COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Division 17 Office/Chair Position: Co-Chairs, International Section

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INFORMATIONAL REPORT: This section of the report is strictly informational in nature. Its function is to inform the Executive Board what you have accomplished since the Midyear Meeting.

The mission of the International Section is dedicated to encouraging, promoting, and facilitating a scientist-professional model of Counseling Psychology in international contexts in the United States and around the globe.

Based on a wide array of feedback, we identified an ambitious list of goals for the first year. We are happy to report progress on several fronts.

1. We have a web manager, Arlette J. Ngoubene-Atioky (ajn3@Lehigh.EDU), and have already established a website: <http://www.internationalcounselingpsychology.org>.
2. We have also established two listserves, and Robert Kizer (REKizer@umkc.edu) as our listserve manager. One is an information-only list where Section leaders can inform the membership about key issue, while the other is a discussion list that everyone in the Section can use.
3. We also have set a goal to establish good working relationships with Division 52 (International Psychology) of the APA, and we are in the process of exploring ways we might collaborate in convention programming and other ways. We are meeting with their leadership at the San Francisco convention.
4. We remain in close with communication with Division 16 (Counseling Psychology) of the International Association of Applied Psychology as well, and will again co-host the International Scholars Welcome and Breakfast at the Annual APA Convention.
5. We have a Newsletter editor, Ayse Uruk (ayseuruk@purdue.edu); we launched our Newsletter this spring, and which we aim to distribute online every spring and fall. We invite students and professionals to submit articles and announcements for the Newsletter.
6. We have developed a form to collect information about our membership. In addition, we are in the process of collecting dues from our members.
7. We developed a symposium for the SF convention titled “ International Counseling Psychology: Collaboration in a Flat World”. In addition, we have a array of other hospitality suite activities again this year, such as the International Scholars Welcome and Breakfast, International Students Orientation and Mentoring, Taiwan Psychology Network, International Leaders Meeting in

Counseling Psychology, International Section Business Meeting, and International Executive Board Meeting.

8. We have been very active in participating in the planning for the upcoming 2008 International Counseling Psychology Conference in Chicago.
9. We have established two awards for international scholars and students, the Counseling Psychology International Lifetime Career Award, and the Counseling Psychology Graduate Student Research Award.
10. We are holding our third annual meeting of international leaders in counseling psychology at the San Francisco APA convention.
11. We are in the process of involving more members of our Section in various projects. We continue to have a strong interest in encouraging, promoting, and facilitating international issues in counseling/counseling psychology in the United States and around the globe.