

## News from National Members and Affiliates...

### U.S. NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE IUPsyS

The U.S. National Committee for the International Union of Psychological Science (USNC/IUPsyS), housed at the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, represents the nation's psychological science community to the Union. The USNC/IUPsyS is composed of preeminent scientists in various areas of psychology as members and includes liaisons from U.S. professional societies. This network of scientists advances the committee's goal, which is to develop and foster international partnerships, enhance the capacity to contribute to transnational research and create a diverse, globally-oriented scientific workforce operating across disciplinary and national boundaries.

A recent major activity of the USNC/IUPsyS was convening a workshop addressing ways of overcoming challenges to effective international collaborative research in the social and behavioral sciences and education (and preparing summaries of the event). This September 2013 workshop was attended by 50 individuals from fields related to psychological science, including leaders of successful transnational projects. The workshop followed a 2006 workshop that identified benefits and obstacles in international collaborations. For more information, see:

<http://www.nap.edu/catalog/12053/international-collaborations-in-behavioral-and-social-sciences-research-report-of>.

Participants at the 2013 workshop discussed ways that universities and other organisations could address common challenges. These include strengthening infrastructure to support international collaboration, fostering relationships among collaborators, dealing with authorship and cross-cultural dissemination, developing strategies for anticipating and resolving conflicts, dealing with challenges of new technologies, and building intercultural competence. Judith Torney-Purta and Oscar Barbarin co-chaired the workshop. The report, *Building Infrastructure for International Collaborative Research in the Social and Behavioral Sciences: Summary of a Workshop*, was issued by the National Research Council in December 2014. It was presented in January 2015 at the U.S. National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. to an audience of psychological scientists, joined by National Academy staff, advisors on science policy, and funders.

The report-in-brief is available at [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/cs/groups/pgasite/documents/webpage/pga\\_153487.pdf](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/cs/groups/pgasite/documents/webpage/pga_153487.pdf)

The full report may be downloaded at: <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/18970/building-infrastructure-for-international-collaborative-research-in-the-social-and-behavioral-sciences>.

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USNC/IUPsyS members and staff at the release of the workshop report, "Building Infrastructure for International Collaborative Research in the Social and Behavioral Sciences". From left to right, Sonia Suchday (USNC/IUPsyS Chair), Charles Super, Ester Sztein, Lois Peterson Kent, Oscar Barbarin (workshop co-chair), Judith Torney-Purta (workshop co-chair), and Merry Bullock.



Co-chairs of the workshop committee Oscar Barbarin and Judith Torney-Purta offering remarks at the presentation of the workshop report