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Scope of the Committee’s Work:

As in previous years, the majority of the committee’s work in international contexts has been conducted throughout a wide range of activities. These include:
(1) Speaking engagements around the world;
(2) Editorial work and international publishing projects (books, journals, editorial boards, etc.);
(3) The organization of international conferences or sessions at conferences (at APA meetings as well as at many others around the world);
(4) The reviewing of research proposals for international funding agencies;
(5) Evaluations for tenure, promotion, etc. internationally;
(6) The initiation of new collaborative international research projects or ongoing participation in them;
(7) The holding of offices or fellowships in international academies and research centers.

The full list of these activities is rather long, but the following will give a sense of the committee’s coverage: Participation in an ongoing international research project on Implicit Bias and Philosophy at the University of Sheffield, UK; Participation in the Semantics and Philosophy Conference in Europe, 4, at the University of Bochum; Organization of the 2012 Soochow University Lectures in Philosophy: "New Directions, East and West" in Taipei, Taiwan, and the 2013 Soochow Lectures: "Epistemic Angst: Radical Skepticism"; Organization of the conference on International Philosophical Dialogue: Virtue Ethics and Virtue Epistemology", also held in Taipei; Organization of a Workshop on Virtue with invited speakers from the U.S.A, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Taiwan; Organization of a session "Value and Norm" at the 2013 World Congress of Philosophy in Greece; Presentation of a session on ‘Politics and Knowledge’ at the Romanian Academy, Iasi, Romania; Presentation of a session on Physicalism in Twentieth Century Philosophy at the Encuentro Binacional de Filosofía, UACJ, Ciudad
Juárez, Chihuahua; Presentation of a session on The Metaphysics of Knowledge at the 2nd Bonn Humboldt Award Winners’ Forum, Bonn, Germany; Delivery of the Humboldt Lecture at the University of Cologne, Germany; and Organization a major international session at the APA Pacific Division sponsored by the CIC. Beyond this sampling, committee members also presented papers at: the University of Vienna, Austria; the 34th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg, Austria (and at the upcoming 35th); The Fifth International Conference on Memory at the University of York, UK; various universities in Australia, New Zealand, and Canada; and The International Conference on Metaphysics and Religious Thought, New York. Members also continued to represent philosophy in the contexts of other disciplines, e.g. music (in London, Oxford, and Montreal), literature (in Cambridge), visual studies (Glasgow), and interdisciplinary aesthetics (Finland), among others.

Members the past year served as referees for over two dozen journals internationally, served on the Editorial Boards of a good number (e.g. The Australasian Journal of Philosophy, The Journal of Applied Philosophy, The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism, The Nordic Wittgenstein Review, The Journal of Comparative Literature and Aesthetics, India), served on the Editorial Boards of some major publishing initiatives (e.g. The International Encyclopedia of Ethics, The Oxford Encyclopedia of Aesthetics, etc.), and edited a journal (Philosophy and Literature) that regularly receives submissions from around the globe and that is internationally distributed. In addition, members have reviewed research proposals for funding agencies throughout Europe, Great Britain, Australia, China, Japan, Canada, and the United States. Members continue to regularly publish articles in international journals and collections.

As in previous years, members of the committee had sessions devoted to their recent books at international conferences (e.g. at the University of Cologne, Germany), and also as in previous years, some members of the committee hold dual appointments internationally (e.g. the University of California and the University of Vienna). Members continue to hold offices and committee memberships on philosophical organizations around the world; these include membership of the Council of the Australasian Association of Philosophy (and President of the AAP), Fellow of the Australasian Academy of Humanities, member of the Institut Internationale de Philosophie, Co-Chair for The Philosophy of the Life Sciences for the 24th World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, and Executive Director of Soochow Philosophy Center in Taipei. Members also received awards in support of international research, including among others the Humboldt Research Prize of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany, and some of our members from abroad held research appointments in the United States, e.g. Visiting Research Scholar at Rutgers University.

Plans for the Future:

The international presence of the APA, through the committee’s individual and collective efforts, remains strong, and we expect to continue to build our network of contacts, activities, and services around the world in the coming years. We have a number of sessions for future APA meetings at various stages of development now and will be placing these on all divisional programs as we move forward. We remain grateful for the
support of the National Office of the APA and all of the Divisions, and we warmly welcome advice from the APA membership on any international activities where we might be of assistance or make a contribution.