

*ZPID-Workshop - Satellite Conference at the XXIX International Congress
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Workshop

European Psychology Publication Issues

Welcome in the Name of ZPID
Objectives
Ideas and Visions

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- Founded in 1977 at the University of Trier
- non-profit organization - co-founded by the Federal Republic of Germany and the German States
- 30 scientific and administrative staff
- Psychology information center for the German-speaking countries (i.e., Austria, Germany, parts of Switzerland)
- Products: electronic databases, web-resources, prints, e.g.,
 - PSYINDEX: exhaustive documentation of psychological literature, tests, manuals, AV-media from the German-speaking countries
 - PsychLinker: annotation of quality psychology web resources
 - PsychSpider: psychology web search engine
 - PsychData: archive for primary research data and metadata

The Idea of the Workshop: Objectives

Some Turning Points in the History of Languages in Sciences

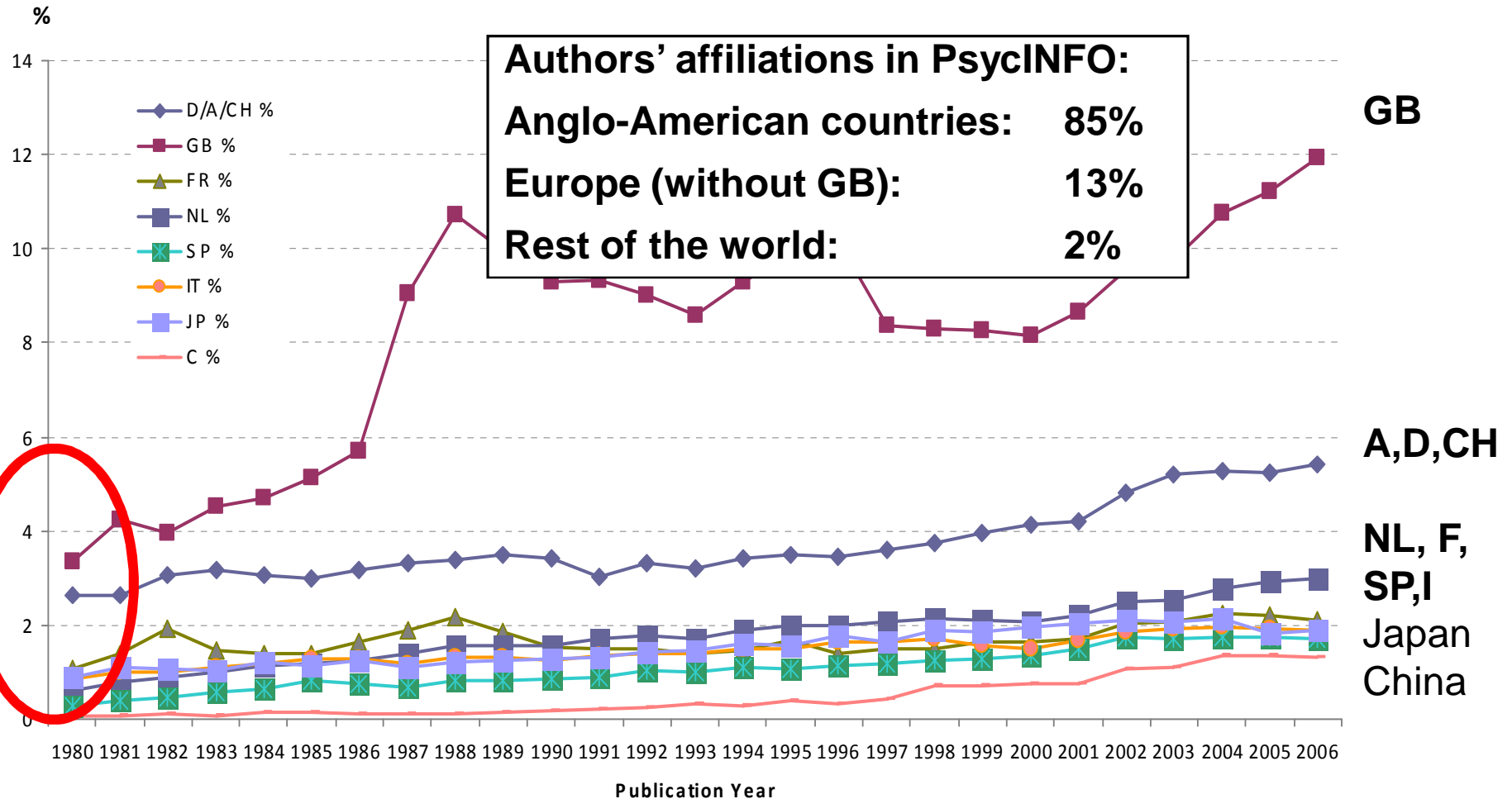
- Classical Greek: 500-200 BC → 300 years
- Latin: 200 BC - 18th century → 2.000 years
- Various national languages: 18th - 20th century → 200 years
- **Anglo-American idioms: second half of 20th century → 50 plus x years**

Some Problems of Anglo-American Dominance in Psychology Publications

- Limitations of research topics and areas: dominance of basic research
- Limitations in methodology: dominance of experimental designs
- Publish (in English) or Perish - a contemporary dogma?
- A priori differences in evaluation prospects: good for basic experimental researchers, bad for applied non-experimental researchers
- Biases in US-American databases → Excursus

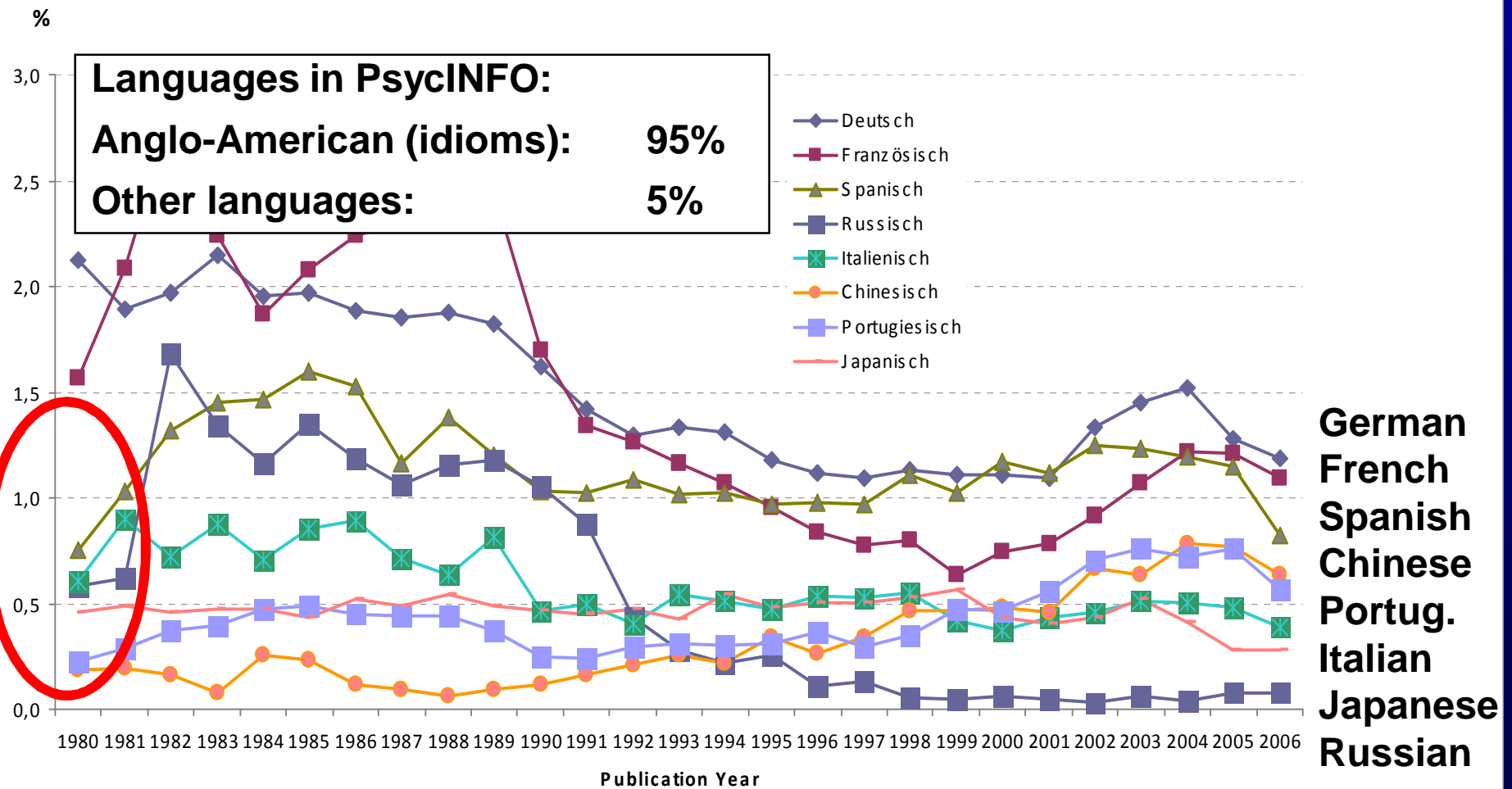
Excursus A: Authors' affiliation in PsycINFO

Figure 1: Proportions of national authors' affiliations in PsycINFO-documents for the time period 1980 – 2006 for various countries (excluding the United States of American, Canada, Australia and New Zealand).



Excursus B: Publication Languages in PsycINFO

Figure 2: Proportions of languages other than English PsycINFO-documents referring to (1980 – 2006).



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Consequences for Psychology Publications in an European Perspective - Objectives

- Optimization of European Psychology's international visibility
- Optimization of European Psychology's international reception and citation
- Complementation and enlargement of the international very visible "Anglo-American World of Psychology"
- Making the world of psychology and its publication outputs somewhat...
 - ... more realistic
 - ... more true "international"
 - ... more diversified and colorful

Ideas and a Vision: What direction to take?

Vision: European Psychology Publication Platform (EPPP)

- EPPP in direct analogy to the US-American databases? → rather not
- EPPP by linkages between national projects (Spain, France, German-speaking countries) → at least
- EPPP as a transnational European Psychology Project → The vision
 - Unique European publication platform, perhaps with sections
 - Quick online publication of all types of literature, tests, AV-Media, thesis, primary research data etc. - i.e., with references and add-on services
 - Peer-reviewed by experts and by registered users (open assessment)
 - Open access, without costs for authors and users
 - Multilingual, general with English metadata
 - International dissemination giving citation advices

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- **Online survey “European Psychology Publication Platform” → Martin Uhl**
- **Workshop-Statements of all invited participants from 14 European countries**
- **Synopsis and Action Plan → Moderation by Erich Weichselgartner**

Hoping our Workshop will succeed, becoming the

**first milestone of a transnational European Project for
the Optimization of the Visibility and Reception of
European Psychology Research**

• Thank you for your attention •

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Time Table

08:30 Günter Krampen (ZPID): Welcome

08:45 Martin Uhl (ZPID): EU-Online Survey - Results

09:00 Statements I - 5 Speakers

10:15 Coffee Break

10:30 Statements II - 5 Speakers

11:45 Lunch Break

12:15 Statements III - 4 Speakers

13:15 Erich Weichselgartner (ZPID): Discussion and Action Plan

14:00 End

