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Dear ITC members and friends,

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I am very happy to be able to provide an update of the work of the ITC after its noticeable presence during the 11th European Congress of Psychology from July 7-10, 2009 in Oslo, Norway. At this conference, a separate strand was developed by the ITC in cooperation with EFPA's Standing Committee on Tests and Testing and this strand of the program contained many papers, symposia and other test-related events. I believe it was an excellent contribution to the science and practice of testing by the ITC and I want to thank all of those who contributed.

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ITC Conference in Hong Kong, July 2010

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After the last successful conference of the ITC in Liverpool in 2008, the ITC has been working very hard to prepare for the next biennial conference which will be held soon in Hong Kong, from July 19 to 21, 2010 at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin. The theme of the conference is Challenges and Opportunities in Testing and Assessment in a Globalized Economy. Through the strong leadership of our council member Professor Fanny Cheung from the Chinese University of Hong Kong (she is serving as Chair of the organizing committee), we were able to attract a number of outstanding key note and workshop presenters. The preliminary scientific programme is available from our website dedicated to the Hong Kong conference--www.ite2010hk.com. Already about 400 delegates have confirmed their attendance; many have submitted exciting paper proposals on cross-cultural and international studies from across the globe. An ITC booth will be available at the conference, where ITC senior members will be present for you to chat with and learn more about the work of the ITC. We are looking forward to hosting a vibrant and interesting conference in this exciting part of the world!

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The 2010 General Meeting of the Membership of the ITC (full, affiliate, and individual ITC members and non-members who are interested persons in the work of the ITC)

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The general meeting will be held during the ITC Conference in Hong Kong on Tuesday July 20, as per our amended constitution. During this meeting we will hold elections for the new President-elect and several other ITC council positions. Information on the nominations process was provided by our secretary Ron Hambleton about one month ago to all of our members. Those who wish to stand for election or appointment to the Executive committee or council, must

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be ITC members. They may be self-nominated or nominated by other ITC members. A statement acknowledging willingness to be nominated, commitment to serve if elected, and a summary of qualifications should be sent to the secretary at the latest by June 20th. (Ron Hambleton's email address is rkh@educ.umass.edu.) Please take note of this meeting and we certainly hope to see you. Our last general meeting in Berlin in 2008 was well-attended.

ITC at the Conference of the IAAP in Melbourne, July 2010

If you attend the 7th ITC Conference you may want to combine it with attendance of the 27th International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP), which will be held from July 11 to 16, 2010 in Melbourne, Australia (<http://www.icap2010.com>). The ITC will be presenting several symposia, and several ITC members are delivering key-note addresses.

The 2012 and 2014 ITC Conferences

The 2012 ITC conference will be held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, from July 3-5 with pro-conference workshops on July 2. The theme of the conference is Modern Advances in Assessment: Testing and Digital Technology, Policies, and Guidelines. Please check out www.itc2012ams.com for more details on the 2012 conference. Until now, all ITC conferences have been organized by the ITC Council. For 2014, we decided to try out a new procedure—full and affiliate members were invited to submit proposals to host the conference. We are very happy to announce that the 2014 ITC Conference will be held in San Sebastian, Spain, with Prof. Paula Elosua from the University of the Basque Country as chair of the organizing committee. More on this conference will follow later.

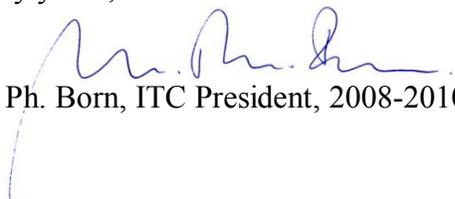
The International Journal of Testing

Under the leadership of Professor Stephen Sireci from the University of Massachusetts in the United States and Professor Rob Meijer from the University of Groningen, The Netherlands (co-editors) IJT has thrived. As a significant and timely improvement, IJT has become an online journal (<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/>) too. With the help of high-quality manuscripts coming from authors from many parts of the world and our two co-editors, and the service of many reviewers, I am convinced that the IJT will continue to flourish and serve our members and the international testing community well. I strongly invite you to consider the IJT as an important outlet for your research initiatives in the area of testing. The IJT is dedicated to publishing manuscripts that are interesting to an international audience in all domains of testing, such as testing issues in work, educational and clinical settings.

I am very happy to observe how prominent the topic of testing is in many parts of the world. Our 20 full, 44 affiliate, and 400 individual members come from all over the world. With the upcoming conference hosted in Hong Kong, I hope the ITC and its members will have a major impact on testing on Asia, as well as other parts of the world. The topic of testing cannot be underestimated, as it is having a major impact on people's lives.

Dear members and friends, I would like to end this ITC update by thanking you for your interest and contributions to the work of the ITC. Such interest and support is essential for the ITC to continue to influence testing practices around the world.

Sincerely yours,



Marise Ph. Born, ITC President, 2008-2010