



**Dear ITC Members and Friends,**

Since the successful 2012 ITC Conference in Amsterdam, the ITC Council has been busy at work to follow up on the actions we have set out to accomplish. The ITC International Conference has become an important venue for us to share cutting edge research and best practice on testing and assessment. The preparation for the next conference in San Sebastian, Spain in 2014 is in good progress and an exciting program has been lined up. We are already starting our preparation for the 2016 ITC Conference in Vancouver. Watch out for more information on these conferences from our Newsletter and website.

In addition to our biennial international conferences, ITC also runs testing and assessment tracks in other international and regional congresses, including the International Congress of Psychology, International Congress of Applied Psychology, and the European Congress of Psychology. We further decided to reach out to emerging regions where testing and assessment is fledging. Thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of the Conference Committee under the leadership of Aletta Odendaal, we have expanded our regional outreach with ITC tracks in regional conferences in 2013 to promote research and best practices in testing and assessment around the world. These included a special ITC address at the Conference of the Association of Psychology in Mozambique in May, and ITC tracks at the VI National Conference on Psychological Assessment/IX Iberian Latin American Conference on Diagnostic and Psychological Assessment held in Brazil in June 2013, the Iberoamerican SIP (Sociedad Iberoamericana de Psicología) conference, also held in Brazil in July, and the Asian Association of Social Psychology Conference in Indonesia in August. We thank the active participation of other ITC members in these outreach programs, including Barbara Byrne, Patrick Griffin, Tom Oakland, and Solange Wechsler.

In reaching out to the fledging testing community in the emerging economies, we recognize the tremendous needs for strengthening the professional expertise and standards in testing and assessment. We trust that the ITC guidelines and standards (<http://www.intestcom.org/guidelines/index.php>) could provide the basic framework for professional development in the local settings. In addition to our existing ITC Guidelines on Adapting Tests, Second Edition, ITC Guidelines on Test Use, ITC Guidelines on Computer-based and Internet Delivered Testing, and ITC Guidelines on Quality Control in Scoring, Test Analysis and Reporting of Test Scores, a number of new guidelines are in different stages of preparation: Avi Allalouf and Marise Born are finalizing the ITC Guidelines on Quality Control in Scoring and Reporting, David Foster is finalizing the Guide-lines on Test Security, and Alina von Davier is leading the development of Guidelines for testing in a non-native language.

To increase the ITC guidelines accessibility to the local professionals, we are calling upon our members to help to translate these guidelines into their local languages. Dragos Iliescu is helping us to coordinate these efforts under his leadership of the Research and Guidelines Committee. Please contact Dragos if you or your colleague can assist with the translation of the guidelines and with promoting them in your community.

In terms of publications, the International Journal of Testing is flourishing under the new editorship of Avi Allalouf and Stephen Stark, with April Zenisky as Associate Editor. The IJT is sent to all members of ITC. The electronic ITC Newsletter, Testing International, edited by Jan Bogg, is made available to all members



and friends of the ITC. Please add your colleagues who may be interested in receiving the TI to our mailing list. I am also happy to report that ITC has signed an agreement with Oxford University Press to publish the ITC International Handbook of Testing and Assessment, thanks to the efforts of Frederick Leong and the Publications & Communications Committee. The Handbook is co-edited by Fred Leong, David Bartram, Kurt Geisinger, John Hattie, Jacques Grégoire and me. It will contain about 30 chapters covering different domains, populations, and settings of testing from an international perspective, as well as methodological advances and challenges.

As members and friends of the ITC, your input will help us to further our mission of advancing research and practice in testing and assessment. We welcome your suggestions and active participation in any of our committees.

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