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Message from your International Test Commission President

Dear ITC members and friends,

I am very happy to be able to provide an update of the work of the ITC after the very successful 6th ITC Conference in Liverpool last year from July 13-16. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Dr. Iain Coyne from the University of Nottingham in England, and his hard-working and enthusiastic committee, for the excellent work they did in making the conference the great success that it was. Many hundreds of hours of hard work were involved, which often remain invisible to most of us. I would also very much like to thank all of our members and friends who participated actively with their numerous contributions to the academic program.

Because of his workload at the University of Nottingham, Dr. Coyne stepped down as ITC Council member after many years of important service to the ITC. One of his projects has been the coordination of the development of ITC's Computer Based Testing Guidelines which appear to be receiving wide use around the world. I am happy to inform you that in the Fall of 2008, the ITC invited Dr. Dragos Iliescu from Rumania, DD Testcentral Bucharest, to fill the vacancy on the council. The December 2008 issue of *Testing International* contains an interesting article by him on ethical aspects of psychological testing in Rumania.

2010 ITC Conference in Hong Kong

After the successful Liverpool conference, the ITC started working hard on its next biennial conference. This upcoming conference will be hosted in Hong Kong from July 19 to 21, 2010 at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin. The theme of the conference will be Challenges and Opportunities in Testing 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 have already invited a number of outstanding key note and workshop presenters. Many of the details of the conference so far and more to come can be seen at our website dedicated to the Hong Kong conference--www.itc2010hk.com. I want to invite you to attend the conference and submit your work in the broad area of testing. Conference proposals are now being accepted. If you attend the 7th ITC conference you may want to attend too 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, as always, be presenting several symposia during this upcoming ICAP conference.

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)

The meeting will be held at the ITC Conference in Hong Kong, as per our amended constitution. During this meeting we will hold elections for the new President-elect and several other ITC council positions. More information on the officers' nominations and the agenda for the General Meeting will follow in due course. Please take note of this meeting and we certainly hope to see you at the meeting. Our last general meeting in Berlin in 2008 was well-attended and very interesting for attendees.

The 2012 and 2014 ITC Conferences

It has been decided that the 2012 ITC conference will be hosted in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Up until now, all ITC conferences have been organized by the ITC Council. In 2014, we will try out a new procedure—full and affiliate members have been invited to submit proposals to host the conference. Proposals will be considered at the 2009 council meeting. We will keep you posted on further developments regarding the hosting of the conference in 2014.

The International Journal of Testing

Since the summer of 2008, the official journal of the ITC, the International Journal of Testing (IJT) has two new co-editors. Professor Stephen Sireci from the University of Massachusetts in the United States and Professor Rob Meijer from the University of Groningen, The Netherlands took over this important role from Professor John Hattie, University of Auckland, New Zealand. Under John's leadership the IJT content was first-rate, each journal came out on time, and the turn-around time for reviewed manuscripts was shortened, which resulted in decisions for most reviewed manuscripts within three months. After the handover from John, Stephen and Rob this year have issued their first IJT volume, which is Volume 9. The turn-over of the journal was handled smoothly and the journal appears to be moving forward with the same high standards that were established by John. The new issue of the journal which has been published in the last few days was a special issue on the topic of test adaptation methodology and includes a sampling of papers from the 6th ITC Conference held in Brussels. With the help of high quality manuscripts coming from authors from many different parts of the world and our two new co-editors, I am convinced that the IJT will continue to flourish and serve our members and the international testing community. In the meantime, six new editorial board members have been welcomed, coming from a range of different countries from all over the world. 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 publish manuscripts which are interesting to an international audience in all domains of testing, such as testing issues in work, educational and clinical settings.

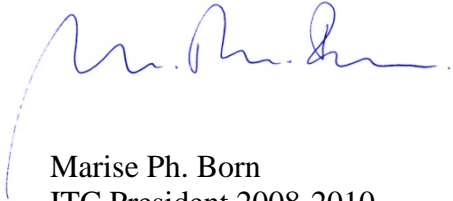
Visibility of ITC during upcoming ECP Congress in Oslo, July 2009

During the 11th European Congress of Psychology from July 7-10, 2009 in Oslo, Norway the ITC will be visible through many papers, symposia and other events. We are especially grateful to our council member, Dave Bartram from SHL in England, for his efforts in organizing the ITC contributions to the conference. This separate strand has

been developed in cooperation with EFPA's Standing Committee on Tests and Testing. I am very happy to observe how prominent the topic of testing is within the Oslo conference since this topic 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marise Ph. Born". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the main text.

Marise Ph. Born
ITC President 2008-2010