



August 20, 2015

Dear Members of the Board of Directors,

**RE: Third IPCP Progress Report and Second Draft of the International Declaration on Core Competences in Psychology**

The Working Group for the International Project on Competence in Psychology (IPCP) has released its third Progress Report and a second draft of the **International Declaration on Core Competences in Professional Psychology**. They are seeking input/feedback from IAAP and other organizations of psychology as they work to finalize "a global agreement on [...] competences that define professional psychology."

This is the last opportunity to comment on the draft International Declaration before a "final" version is submitted to IAAP and the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) with a request for adoption at the International Congress of Psychology (ICP) in Yokohama in July 2016. While it will be possible to suggest or request additional changes when the document is considered for adoption, it will be quite difficult to do so.

I will be responsible for forwarding your views on behalf of the Association to the Chair of the IPCP Working Group. Therefore, I would kindly ask you to submit your feedback directly to me ([janel.gauthier@psy.ulaval.ca](mailto:janel.gauthier@psy.ulaval.ca)) with a copy to Milton Hakel ([mhakil@bgsu.edu](mailto:mhakil@bgsu.edu)) who will be in charge of posting comments on our private web site for sharing among Board members.

The deadline for submitting feedback is **December 1, 2015**.

You will recall that you were asked in December 2014 to review and comment the second Progress Report and the first draft of the "**International Declaration on Core Competences in Psychology**" issued by the IPCP Working Group. Many of you sent comments and suggestions to me. I am pleased to confirm that all of them were given serious consideration at an IPCP meeting held in Auckland, New Zealand, last February. Actually, several changes were made to the first draft of the International Declaration as a result of your feedback.

I look forward to hearing again from you. I trust that your response – be it brief or detailed, general or specific – will help us to arrive at an agreement that can be unanimously adopted without amendment by both IAAP and IUPsyS at the ICP in July 2016.

Yours sincerely,

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