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The Association of Test Publishers (ATP)

The purpose of the Association was to advocate for test publishers at the US federal and agency levels. Over the years, its impact was felt by some of our members, especially the clinical test publishers to rethink ATP membership. Their uneasiness culminated in clinical test publishers exiting the membership makeup is the first sign of a changing ATP's profile.

The first real change in the membership makeup occurs when IT certification companies with global testing programs joined. For them, ATP serves as a platform to promote and disseminate their products and services. As such, the ATP is not only a forum for test publishers but also a valuable resource for organizations that rely on standardized tests.

The ATP’s role in advocating for the interests of test publishers is not limited to the US. The association has expanded its reach to include members from regions outside of the US. This has been possible due to the increasing global demand for standardized tests and the need for professional organizations to represent the interests of test publishers worldwide.

In the future, we will tune in for news on each of these important associations, so get to know them!

The International Test Commission (ITC)

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NCME publishes the premier academic journals concerned with educational measurement—the Journal of Educational Measurement, Educational Measurement: Issues and Practice, and Educational Testing Service's Bulletin. The NCME's mission and purposes include promoting measurement excellence in education and providing leadership within the field of educational measurement. NCME is fair and equitable for all students have become essential elements of NCME's mission and purposes.

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The American Psychological Association (APA)

The APA is the leading scientific and professional organization representing psychological science and professionals who are concerned with the advancement of the understanding of behavior and mental processes and the application of that knowledge to behavioral and mental health.

The Association for Psychological Science (APS)

The APS is a membership organization that promotes scientific research in psychology and the dissemination of these findings to the public and to other fields where psychological knowledge is relevant.

The International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP)

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