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Hello Louise,

Thanks for the paper from Marsella.

I am just curious to know about the deliberations that happened, on 7th, I mean the meeting of IP Task Force during APA convention. Looking forward for an update.

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IP Task Force,

I was very pleased to attend the Society for Humanistic Psychology's Awards Ceremony at the APA convention in Washington, DC last week where Louise received the Abraham Maslow Award. I was one of the nominators of Louise for this award and was extremely pleased she was selected. I am sure that everyone on the task force knows how well deserved this award is. Louise has made so many important contributions to the field of psychology and humanistic psychology. Founding the Indigenous Psychology Task Force is just one or many of these contributions.

Congratulations, Lousie!

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Kiran and All,

Thanks for the reminder to update. Our APA get together on 8/7 was truly wonderful. Everybody who signed up came, except for those with time conflicts--Paul Wong and wife, and Sarah Kamens. Most regrettably, Joan Koss, who went through all that trouble to make the arrangement for our brunch, could not make it because she was wheelchair bound due to a recent car accident. Then there were folks who wanted to come at the last minute--Joe Gone made it, but Richard Bargdill did not, because I did not receive his email inquiry about the time and place of the brunch till I came back from APA. For those who made it to the brunch, the conversation was cozy and enjoyable. Rick Shweder and many others, at the brunch and afterwards, told me their ideas about IP--ideas which I cannot reproduce right now as my brain is still in my partially unpacked suitcase.

The brunch was of course only the beginning of the excitement at APA.

My experience this year is that IP sells. First, I submitted two Cross-Divisional Proposals (the new, privileged program this year): One on the mainstream topic of emotion regulation with a panel of big shots such as George Bonnano, Jack Mayer, and David Barlow; the other on an IP topic--Ethnic Minority Groups on Death and Dying. It was the IP proposal that outcompeted the mainstream topic to be selected for the cross-divisional program. Second, I used IP to add another dimension to a mainstream research--the cognitive mindfulness paradigm of Ellen Langer. In the symposium on Mind, Body, and Creativity, Fathali Moghaddam presented the notion of creativity as more collective than individualistic; and Sayyed Mohsen Fatemi and I presented an empirical study, in Iran, of the Chinese version of a relational mindfulness. If you think this is far out, we had quite a few people contacting us after the session to collaborate in the next round of replication. Another strategy I used was to infiltrate mainstream psychology: In the symposium on Emotion Regulation, I added an IP paper to the panel of mainstream researchers (Barlow, Mayer, Bonnano, etc.). Kuang Hui Yeh and his students presented a paper on proper voicing, which was an empirical study of the Chinese notion of emotion refinement in contrast to emotion regulation. This paper got the rest of the panel listening very attentively; and I noticed a few busy taking notes.

I have heard of other exciting programs also. Scott Churchill told me that the discussion in

his Mixed Method session was so exciting that he felt like crying. I hope others will share their experiences also. There were so many outstanding IP-related programs this year. Take a look at these programs archived on our website:

<http://www.indigenoupsych.org/>

Look up the Resources page, click on the link of APA Convention there.

Lastly, I am grateful for Louis Hoffman's nomination for me to receive the Abraham Maslow's Award. Maureen O'Hara's endorsement at the award ceremony made me cry. Whatever I did to earn the award, I wish to thank the IP community for the inspiration.

With appreciation,

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 Hello Louise

Congrats again on your Marlow award!

Thank you so much for the update. It is heartening and very encouraging to note that you could make some inroads in the mainstream sessions.

Let's keep going.

Regards

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