

 [Year end report](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 19]

Dear All,

Please find attached a draft of my report on the IP Task Force, to be published on APA's International Psychology Bulletin. Note that the "you" in the attached article refers not to you who is reading this, but to the audience of the International Psychology Bulletin. Please send suggestions for correction ASAP, before the submission deadline of 12/15. This report, once finalized, shall serve as the end of the year report of the Task Force.

Thanks for making this a productive year for the Task Force,

Louise S.  [Task Force on Indigenous Psychology 12 12](#)

 [Comment by Louise S.](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 21]

Dear All,

Thanks for your input. I would like to respond to the suggestion of anthropology professor Joan Koss: "The only addition that might be of interest is to list the topics and give brief content of the most intense discussions between members." Some of the interesting discussions are posted on the Discussion page of the IP website:

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

In particular, our debate on the APA delegation to China got attention! Merry Bullock, Senior Director of the Office of International Affairs, APA, has this to say after she read our discussions:

>As the APA staff person who is the liaison to Academics abroad and the APA International Learning partner program I read with interest the discussion on the planned APA trip to China. I am not sure at this point whether it will take place (little response) but would more than welcome your input into making sure that it is indeed an appropriate undertaking. As you may know, a group of chinese psychologists (including Buxin Han, Kan Zhang, Yufang Yang) visited at APA for several days last October, and we are in regular contact. There is much history in APA-Chinese relations at the organizational level, and individually we have been talking with each other for at least a decade with visits on both sides. All that said, there is no limit to our appreciation of insight from colleagues who have experiences in china in helping understand nuances and develop a visit that would exemplify the learning and exchange goals of the program.

Thank you all for a great year in IP!

Louise

 [Comment by Peter Ping Li](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 21]

Dear Louise:

Your draft year-end report is well-written.

The only comments I have are: (1) I do not why you single out "Northern Europe" rather than "Europe" as a whole, and (2) I think you can be explicit about the approach of IP: to be culture-specific first, and then move from there toward more culture-generic, but never culture-free. I do not believe that any social research can be culture-free. The best it can be is more culture-generic in the sense that its core abstract ideas are relatively culture-free, but the concrete applications of those ideas are meaningful only in the culture-specific context. I call this geocentric as a yin-yang balance between ethnocentrism and polycentrism.

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 [Comment by Dr Waseem Alladin](#) by Louise S. [2012, Dec 21]

Dear Louise

Many congratulations! Thank you very much for your hard work in producing the helpful report. Incidentally I agree with the important points that Peter makes!

Happy Holidays to all!

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