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## Welcome Message from John Hattie, President, International Test Commission

It is my great pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the International Test Commission and to invite you to attend the next International Test Commission conference to be hosted in Amsterdam, 2012.

This conference goes to the heart of all matters relating to testing and measurement, unlike many regional events it brings together the best people from around the world allowing you to hear and meet those at the forefront of our discipline and practice, and is being held in a vibrant and fun location. It follows a series of 7 previous conferences and the last in Hong Kong exemplified the value of meeting in an animated and personal atmosphere; hearing of the work sponsored by the ITC; and talking about how others have resolved various concerns common to our interests.

The ITC forms an Association of national psychological associations, test commissions, publishers and other organizations, and is committed to promoting effective testing and assessment policies and to the proper development, evaluation and uses of educational and psychological instruments.

Having the conference in Amsterdam brings the ITC back to Europe, where most of the previous conferences have been held. There will be delegates not only from Europe, US, and other developed countries, but one feature is that delegates come from around the world -- Africa, South America, the boom in members from Asia following the Hong Kong country, and of course (given my location) Australasia and the Pacific. Amsterdam is one of my favourite cities -- the museums, restaurants, night life, (moving out of the way of) bicycles, canals, markets in the part, and other attractions. The conference is organized with the support of the University of Amsterdam, which was founded in 1632 and is one of the largest European universities. In short, a wonderful place to meet up with each other.

I very much am looking forward to see you in Amsterdam in 2012.

John Hattie

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