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Dear Colleague:

One of my goals as 2008 President of the American Psychological Association (APA) is to encourage psychologists and psychology to embrace an international and interdisciplinary perspective. Indeed, our psychology is for all people and that view requires an international and multicultural perspective in all that we do. As part of this overarching goal, I intend to support an enhanced international presence at next year's APA convention in Boston. That is why I am writing to you. I would like to recognize and celebrate the Fulbright program as one way of fostering international experiences that are, in many cases, life changing. Your special role and contribution to this would make an important difference at the convention.

I cordially invite you to participate in APA's 2008 convention in a program designed to highlight the Fulbright experience. The convention takes place August 14 - 17 at Boston's convention center. We are currently in the process of planning the program but anticipate your participation in the following:

- A symposium highlighting the Fulbright experience with speakers including Fulbrighters and organizational representatives of the program;
- A post-symposium "event" during which Fulbrighters will have an opportunity to discuss their experiences and countries in more detail with convention attendees;
- A reception for international visitors at convention – at which you would be among the honored guests;
- Recognition in the convention opening ceremony and less formal introductions at the pre-opening Presidential reception;
- Invitations to the President's party; and
- Collaborative activities with the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), the Institute of International Education (IIE) and the Fulbright Academy for Science and Technology on programming.

In addition APA's Committee on International Relations in Psychology is developing a web-based film series of structured interviews on the Fulbright experience and will begin conducting the interviews at convention with those who attend.

I very much look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you at convention. I regret that it is not possible to offer financial support for your participation but can promise that the formal programming and informal gatherings will provide a stimulating and exciting forum. Also, your participation and experiences will inspire many others.

To help with planning the Fulbright events, we would like to know if you will participate in this program by the end of the year. Please let Dr. Merry Bullock, Director of APA's Office of International Affairs (mbullock@apa.org) know whether you will participate by 29 December, 2007.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan".

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