## NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE SPANISH SPEAKING (NOSS)

MEET US AT OUR 4TH NATIONAL MEETING! (Event No. 1276)

At the 102nd APA Annual Convention

in the Councourse, Room 406B Los Angeles Convention Center

from 4 PM to 4:50 PM

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Dear Colleagues/Estimados Colegas:

We write to inform you that in the upcoming 102nd APA Annual Convention in Los Angeles there will be two events co-organized by two groups of neuropsychologists who work with the Spanish speaking populations. One is the Neuropsychological Organization for the Spanish Speaking (NOSS) co-founded by Dr. Gloria Morote, Dr. Antonio Puente, and myself at the NAN Convention in Dallas, Texas in November 1991, and the other group came together through the leadership of Dr. Marcel Pontón at the INS Annual Meeting of 1993 that was held in Galveston, Texas. The events will take place at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Level Two:

Friday 12, 4 PM-4:50 PM, South Meeting Room 304B. Event No. 1276 Discussion: Interest group on neuropsychological research and practice with Hispanic populations. Co-Chairs: Marcel O. Pontón, Ph.D. and Patricia Pérez-Arce, Ph.D.

Saturday 13, 3 PM-4:50 PM, Concourse Meeting Room 403B Symposium: Future of neuropsychology with Hispanic populations. Chair: Marcel O. Pontón, Ph.D., Discussant: Antonio E. Puente, Ph.D., Panelists: Ruben J. Echemendia, Ph.D./Sylvia M. Cognett/Josette G. Harris/Antonio Puente, Ph.D.; Patricia Pérez-Arce, Ph.D.; Gustavo J. Rey, Ph.D.

Be sure to attend both of these events. The meeting on Friday at 4PM will be a follow-up of our previous meetings. As you have been aware, many of us who are either practicing in the field of clinical

neuropsychology and/or are conducting research with Spanish speaking populations continue to seek an organized professional channel whereby we can be aware of advancements and research opportunities in the neuropsychology of culturally diverse populations, specifically of Latino/Hispanic cultures.

At the Friday meeting we hope to integrate into one network or national organization, the members of the two groups that have developed since 1991 as well as any other neuropsychologists working with the Spanish speaking. It is very important that we establish a formal structure with a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In this manner we will have one voice that can advocate for the needs of the communities we serve, whether through additional funding for research, training, and technical expertise, or by establishing sound guidelines in the ethical use of interpreters, clinical expertise, and relevant cultural parameters for test interpretation, for example. We might also be able to develop a fund to publish a quarterly newsletter to disseminate information, articles, and training opportunities as well as to recruit participants in research projects. One major project that is in the works is the revision of the EIWA using a national representative sample of individuals from different Latino populations.

Nos vemos en Los Angeles!

Estimadamente,

Patricia Pérez-Arce, Ph.D.

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