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INTRODUCTION TO THE SYMPOSIUM ON CULTURAL DELUSIONS

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It is a pleasure to highlight the extraordinary spirit of cooperation between Prof. Asai and myself in promoting, during the Tokyo Congress, a deeper exploration of the connection between culture and delusion.

During the preliminary correspondence with him and Prof. Akiyama, aimed at planning the presentations by Italian scholars in Cultural Psychiatry, Prof. Asai kindly agreed to serve as Moderator 2 of the “Culture & Delusion” symposium. In the course of our email

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exchanges, he proposed inviting two Japanese lecturers in order to offer the audience a truly joint symposium between PRCP and WACP.

Sharing the presentations with local scholars in Cultural Psychiatry appeared to me as clear evidence of genuine cooperation between the two Associations. In line with our mission, we therefore decided to withdraw two Italian lecturers in order to make room for Professors Kumazaki and Ueno. This proved to be a wise decision, as we began a lively and fruitful correspondence that helped us develop a real exchange of perspectives and a deeper understanding of the different approaches to the symposium topic.

While this process was ongoing, Prof. Asai informed me that Prof. Murai had expressed interest in the symposium's content. I was, of course, honored by Prof. Murai's interest and invited him to join us as discussant.

Below, you may appreciate the result of these premises and be in a position to share your opinion on what we organized. I would venture to say that the symposium was a true success, considering the high number of attendees, the excellent quality of the presentations, the thoughtful and engaging questions from the audience, and Prof. Murai's warm and insightful comments.

Prof. Asai and I, as Moderator 1 and Moderator 2, decided to limit our role to briefly introducing the speakers, leaving them the responsibility of offering the audience a fresh perspective on an ancient question: how to engage with innovations that lie outside the mainstream of psychiatry.