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APPENDIX
APPENDIX A
REQUEST LETTER
RE: INFORMATION: PhD/DPSYC PROGRAMME IN SPORT PSYCHOLOGY

1. My name is Lourens Human, I am a counselling psychologist and lecturer in the Department of Psychology at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. I am currently the coordinator of the MA Counselling Psychology course within the Department. Students who complete this degree can register as a counselling psychologist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa. I am currently also busy with my PhD degree in psychology of which the title is: "In conversation with sport. A social constructionist process towards the development and implementation of a PhD in sport psychology".

2. Currently in South Africa students who have completed their undergraduate studies, and are in possession of a BA (Honors)(Psychology) degree can further their studies in professional psychology on a masters level in one or more of five areas: clinical, counselling, industrial, educational and research psychology. Students who have successfully completed their masters level studies, can then
register with the Health Professions Council of South Africa as a psychologist in one or more of the following categories: clinical, counselling, industrial, educational and research. At present the psychology profession is busy with a restructuring process and in the near future the situation will most probably look a bit different.

3. In the Department of Psychology at the University of Pretoria, we offer MA degrees in clinical, counselling and research psychology. The Department also offers a PhD degree in psychotherapy. At this stage the Department does have an undergraduate course in sport psychology, but would also like to develop and implement a PhD degree in sport psychology, consisting of course work, practical work, research and supervision. As a member of the staff within this Department, I have undertaken to develop and implement a PhD in sport psychology within the Department as my own PhD degree in psychology. It is a very relevant topic, as we as South Africans are a sport loving country and I am of the opinion that our current training in clinical and counselling psychology is not sufficient enough to equip students to work within the world of sport. Furthermore, as professional psychology in South Africa is contemplating more specific registration categories with the Heath Professions Council of South Africa, I foresee the possibility of sport psychology becoming such a specialist category.

4. I received your name from Dr. Nicola Appelcryn of the South African Sports Commission. Dr Appelcryn indicated to me that you might be a person who could make a valuable contribution to this study. I was wondering if it would be possible for you to share your thoughts with me regarding a PhD in sport psychology. If so, would it be possible for you to write an essay on the following:

The South African Sports Commission has indicated that you might be able to make a valuable contribution to the development and implementation of a PhD in sport psychology. If you are prepared to participate in this study, I would appreciate it if you could write me an essay on how you see a PhD in sport psychology that is sensitive and suitable for the South African context.
As I am working from a social constructionist epistemology, I am not following the traditional way of giving a lot of structure via questions to the essay that I have requested form you. I would really like to keep the essay as open as possible, so that you can share your thoughts with me in the way that suits you best.

5. Various universities from other countries have responded in a very positive way in supplying me with information regarding sport psychology programmes abroad. I would appreciate it if you would participate in this study, because in doing so, the PhD in sport psychology will also have a substantial input form psychologists within South Africa.

6. If you do decide to participate, you can e-mail your essay to me at the e-mail address at the bottom of this letter.

I would appreciate it if you could assist me in this regard.

Thank you,

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APPENDIX B

INVITATION LETTER
21 May 2002

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Dear Lourens

I am writing to invite you to visit USQ during 2003 to observe the delivery of our MPsych/DPsych programs in Sport and Exercise Psychology. Unfortunately, I am not able to contribute financially toward a visit but I can assure you of a warm welcome. I would very much appreciate it if you were able to give a presentation to our students on the progress of sport psychology in South Africa.

Sincerely

Peter C. Terry PhD
Program Coordinator, Sport and Exercise Psychology
APPENDIX C

LETTER OF APPROVAL
Dear Prof Marchetti-Mercer

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO INCLUDE A MODULE ON SPORT AND EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY IN THE ACCREDITED MA COUNSELLING DEGREE

With reference to previous correspondence in the above regard I wish to advise that the Education Committee of the Professional Board for Psychology considered the matter at its recent meeting.

The Committee resolved that the application by the University of Pretoria for approval to include a module on sport and exercise psychology in the accredited Master's degree in counselling psychology, be approved.

Please quote the abovementioned reference number in all correspondence to Council.

Yours sincerely

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MANAGER: PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR PSYCHOLOGY