

 [IP--year end report by Louise Sundararajan](#) by Louise S. [2015, Mar 28]

Dear All,

It has been a very good year for IP. Let me mention a few highlights of 2014:

Gathering of the Tribes lunch at the APA Convention in August, Washington DC. Members increased from 89 at the end of 2012 to 169 at the present time. The most important achievement is the completion of the first phase of the Delphi Poll. The response rate was pretty high--70%. The results were analyzed both quantitatively and qualitatively, thanks to:

Quantitative analysis--Yeh Kuang-hui, Ph.D., Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.

Qualitative analysis--Radhika Lu Sundararajan, Ph.D., MD., Medical School, University of California, San Diego.

The results are very informative. The answers to the open questions are especially helpful in defining our visions. However, we can not share them yet, not until we complete phase two of the Delphi Poll, which will be launched soon--in the next email.

Let me conclude by sharing my vision of this IP community with you. This IP community is based on the model of the synergistic community of small scale societies as outlined by Katz et al.:

Katz, R., & Murphy-Shigematsu, S. (2012). Synergy, healing, and empowerment. Calgary, Canada: Brush Education.

One unique attribute of the synergistic community is the counter-intuitive use of valuable resources, namely that they come in abundance instead of scarce. A recent experience I have is when I asked Ken Gergen to share with us Mark Freeman and his co-authored (with Josselson) paper that is published on the American Psychologist--psychology's flagship journal-- Ken sent me not one but three papers!. It's like you invested one dollar and you got a million in return. So far as intellectual capital is concerned, IP makes me feel like a millionaire thanks to the generosity of its members.

I attach Ken's note and papers so you know what I mean.

Enjoy!
Louise

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From: Kenneth Gergen

Hi Louise...you asked about the recent American Psychologist piece celebrating qualitative inquiry, and I am pleased to attach it here. I am also including two other manuscripts for possible interest. The publication on evaluating qualitative inquiry is

an argument against applying traditional positivist criteria across the board. In this sense, both publications are strong advocates of indigenous inquiry.

I include a third piece, now in press with the Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour for possible interest. The manuscript won an essay award, and makes an argument for a major shift in the way we might think about research. Action researchers are especially supported in this piece. I hope some of our group can draw nourishment.

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