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Conference Report

Dear CIPL,

The International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS) is held once every four years. I am happy to report that, with the support of CIPL, I was able to attend the 20th ICPhS, which was held this year in Prague, Czech Republic, from August 7th to 11th. During this week-long conference, I had the opportunity to attend countless oral and poster presentations, many of which were directly related to my own areas of research. Being surrounded by research on phonetic sciences and hearing about others' research projects, particularly with connections to laryngeal categories, sound change, and language acquisition, provided useful insights and inspiration for me as I go on to write my dissertation.

During the conference, I also had the opportunity to present a poster, titled "Tracking speaker-specific speech rate: Habitual vs. local influences on English stop voicing", which showed results of ongoing work being done in collaboration with Dr. Yoonjung Kang at the University of Toronto Scarborough. We received many helpful comments and valuable feedback on our work, which will help us as we move forward with our research.

In addition to learning from leading experts in the field and presenting my own work, ICPhS was a unique opportunity for me to make connections with scholars from all over the world. It was a wonderful experience to see and be part of new connections being made and old ones, strengthened. This conference provided the ideal environment to create networks for opportunities beyond my degree and I am grateful to CIPL's support in making this experience possible for me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Connie Ting", with a stylized, cursive script.

Connie Ting