

AASP SGM “Wisdom Psychology”

October 27-28, 2018

The First Small-Scale Group International Meeting on Wisdom Psychology, of which the theme is Diversity in Wisdom: Insights from Psychology, was successfully held in international lecture hall, the first floor of Tin Ka Ping south building in old campus of Nanjing normal university on October 27-28, 2018. The conference was hosted and sponsored by the Asian Association of Society Psychology, co-hosted by the School of Psychology of Nanjing Normal University and the Institute of Moral Education of Nanjing Normal University. It was also co-organized by Jiangxi Education Publishing House and Shanghai Education Publishing House.



After reviewing by the academic committee of the conference, 28 abstracts that written by scholars at home and abroad were accepted, covering various fields and perspectives of wisdom psychology research, showing the latest research results of wisdom psychology. In addition to 25 the teachers and students representatives from Nanjing Normal University, 58 out-of-school delegates attended the conference as well, including 8 international friends from Canada, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Poland and the remaining came from domestic universities, Jiangxi Education Publishing House and Shanghai Education Publishing House. These universities are University of Waterloo, University of Toronto Peking University, Capital Normal University, China University of Political Science and Law, National Chengchi University, Nanjing Normal University,

Southwest University, Beijing Technology and Business University, Southeast University, Fujian Normal University, Hangzhou Normal University, East China Jiaotong University, Jiangxi Science and Technology Normal University and so on.

These two days have been short but fulfilling. Six invited presentations and three special seminars were held. Professor Michel Ferrari introduced a cross-cultural wisdom study using an integrated design approach, which revealed the similarities and differences in adjective classification, the nomination of the wiser, and the result of wisdom-related scale among subjects from different countries; Dr. Grossmann considered wisdom as a metacognitive framework for wise reasoning and introduced his research findings on context-dependent perspectives; From a comparative perspective, Professor Su Yanjie discussed the definition and evaluation of human and animal wisdom, as well as some related research; Based on principle of brain cognitive of Chinese wisdom, Professor Luo Jin introduced the insight experiments for brain function vividly; Based on practical problems, Professor Wang Lixia paid attention to students' mental health, and put forward wise outlook on life that integrates knowledge with practice, emotion with intelligence, and body with mind; From the perspective of culture, Professor Wang Fengyan introduced the research process of wisdom psychology in his team for more than ten years, the latest progress about the wisdom theory of an integration of virtue and smartness, also put forward 15 constructive suggestions on the future direction of wisdom psychology development. In the three seminars, 21 scholars from six countries have given their wonderful presentations. The contents were rich and diverse, including both theoretical and empirical methods, presenting the current vibrant research ecology of wisdom psychology. I believe everyone has a lots of the exchanges and the collision of ideas, which made the campus full of strong academic atmosphere in the two-day meeting schedule.