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On behalf of the International Association for the Psychology of Language Learning (IAPLL), it is my pleasure to inform you that you are the recipient of the **2020 Early Career Scholar Award**. Nominations were received from all over the world this year. After a lengthy nomination and evaluation process, the Executive Board decided to jointly award you and your frequent collaborator Dr. Phil Hiver this Early Career Scholar Award at the Annual General Meeting held in July 2020 in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the study of psychology in second language acquisition.

The Early Career Scholar Award is an international biennial award. It is the highest accolade the International Association for the Psychology of Language Learning bestows on scholars in the early stages of their careers (i.e., within 5 years of receiving their terminal degree). This award recognizes the most promising scholars in the psychology of language learning and teaching and their excellence in scientific research. A special committee of the Executive Board examines the research output and productivity of each nominee before selecting the early career scholar whose scholarly contribution has had the most significant impact on the field.

We hope that you can accept this award. Our original plan was to present the award to you in person during the next Psychology for Language Learning international conference (PLL4), but due to the current pandemic and travel restrictions the conference has been postponed to June 2021. We hope that you will be able to attend the award ceremony in person then.

We ask that you send us a 200–300 word bio and photo for the IAPLL website and promotion on social media.

Once again, I would like to congratulate you for this achievement. I wish you continued success in your future research endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter MacIntyre', is written in a cursive style.

Peter MacIntyre, IAPLL President
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