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It was an incredible honor for me to be able to attend and present at the International Meeting of the Psychometric Society (IMPS) in Bologna, Italy. This event is widely regarded as one of the most renowned conferences in the field of educational measurement, and so it is with great pride that I say my submission was accepted and that I was able to present at this conference in-person.

At IMPS, I presented a paper titled, "Using Item Scores and Distractors to Detect Test Speededness". This is a project I have been working on in recent months with my advisor, and the plan is for it to eventually become a chapter in my dissertation. Sharing this work at IMPS gave me the opportunity to receive feedback from individuals outside of my home institution. I found this experience to be extremely humbling and valuable, as it allowed me to interact with those with different backgrounds and perspectives.

Following my presentation, several audience members approached me to offer ideas for extensions of this research. One conversation that really stood out to me was with someone who has access to a wide variety of data sets. She suggested that I reach out to her after the conference, at which point we may discuss a future collaboration.

I am incredibly grateful to those who helped make this travel possible. Not only did this conference open my eyes to the latest developments in the field of educational measurement, but it also gave me the chance to meet and interact with several prominent researchers. As I begin my final year of graduate school, I am all too aware of how important it is for me to form these meaningful connections. It is my hope that the relationships that were formed at this conference will only deepen in the years to come, thus allowing me to immerse myself more fully in this network of brilliant researchers.

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