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Re: Human Ethics Application

The human ethics application for the following research project has been approved by the SoLaSS Research Committee.

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Title: ***Transient Impacts of Binaural Tones on Mood and Focus***

Discipline: **Social Sciences Discipline**

The ethical values and principles apply to all University activities, to all its staff and student researchers including those visiting for short periods, and to any research agreements or partnerships that the University establishes. **The University's human ethics will be compliant with the laws of individual University member states, particularly in relation to privacy, confidentiality, ownership, intellectual property requirements, research permit requirements and human rights.**

All research conducted by persons affiliated with the University of the South Pacific will be carried out only with the prior, free, and informed consent of all persons concerned, whether individuals or communities, based on adequate information. The consent may be withdrawn by a particular individual or community at any time for any reason without disadvantage or prejudice.

If the research is being conducted in one of the USP member countries which is not your 'home' campus, please ensure that you register your presence with the Campus Manager or their representative when you enter the country, providing them with an information sheet on your research. The Campus represents the University's presence in that country.

Where research involving human subjects/participants is proposed by a researcher at the University of the South Pacific, agreement must be obtained from those subjects or their spokesperson(s) in advance of the proposal being submitted to the University Research Ethics

Committee, who will require written evidence of such an agreement. Where appropriate, this must be translated into a language that is readily comprehensible by potential participants. The rights of participants must be emphasized and their questions all answered satisfactorily and respectfully.

Please note that it is the researcher's responsibility to submit relevant application forms for research permit purposes. These must be submitted as annexes with the first progress report form. Also, be reminded that progress reports are expected at end of each six-month period throughout the duration of the project.

Congratulations. We wish you every success in your research project.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Afshin Akhtarkhavari', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Prof. Afshin Akhtarkhavari,
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