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Abstract:

In the last years there has been a proliferation of research in the stress and coping area. Since it is consensual that stress is a universal problem it is important to understand possible health protections. Many authors from different countries are currently working on different instruments related to this area.

In this symposium five studies will be presented. These studies have the potential to create a forum that shows considerable advances in the utilization of different instruments in different countries and contribute to the stress and coping assessment.

The first presentation named “Detection of emotional problems that lead to stress in Mexican Adolescents” is presented by Arenas, Lucio, and Durán from Mexico. The objective of this study was to determine the areas with the highest levels of emotional problems in a sample of Mexican adolescents, using the latest version of the *Adolescent Self Descriptive Inventory*.

The second presentation entitled “Does multidimensionality of test anxiety hold across cultures? A cross-validation of the German Test Anxiety Inventory” is presented by Ringeisen, Buchwald and Hodapp. This study reports on the psychometric development of a cross-validated English version of the four-dimensional TAI-G.

The third presentation called “First Version of the Mexican Coping Inventory for Adolescents” is presented by Lucio, Villarruel and Villegas. This study describes the psychometric properties of a coping styles questionnaire developed for Mexican adolescents.

The fourth presentation named “Portuguese Version of Strategic Approach to Coping Scales (SACS)” is presented by Gonçalves, Marques-Pinto and Lima, from Portugal. This study objective was to adapt the SACS to the Portuguese population.

The fifth presentation designed “The Strategic Approach to Coping Scales (SACS) in a group of Mexican Students” is presented by Lucio and Villegas. This study assessed the psychometric properties of a Mexican adaptation of the SACS.

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