**Feedback Sheet: Psychology Research Experience Pool**

Thank you for participating in the study! Your participation and the data that you contribute are valuable for our research. This feedback sheet is intended to explain to you the purpose and hypotheses of the study in which you have just participated.

In this experiment, we asked you to rate some words for pleasantness and other words for relevance to a grasslands survival scenario. Later, we asked you to recall as many of both sets of words as you could. Research has shown that words processed for relevance to survival are remembered better than other forms of word processing, like pleasantness-rating, possibly because of the evolutionary significance.

In this experiment, one group of participants was informed that their memory for the rated words would be tested, while the other group of participants was not informed about the memory test. We are interested in whether memory for survival-processed words is better than memory for pleasantness rated words even when people know there will be a memory test, or whether the memory advantage for survival-processed words is only seen when the memory test is a surprise.

We appreciate your participation in this experiment and hope that this has been an interesting experience. If you have any additional questions about this research or other research conducted in this lab, please ask the Primary Investigator (Dr. Kathleen Hourihan, khourihan@mun.ca; 864-8771).

If you have any ethical concerns about your participation in this study (such as the way you have been treated or your rights as a participant), you may contact the Chairperson of the ICEHR at icehr@mun.ca or by telephone at 709-864-2861.

Once again, thank you for your participation in this experiment.

If you would like to learn more about survival processing, please see the following articles:

Nairne, J.S., Thompson, S.R., & Pandeirada, J.N.S. (2007). Adaptive memory: Survival processing enhances retention. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, *33*, 263-273.

Nairne, J.S., & Pandeirada, J.N.S. (2010). Adaptive memory: Ancestral priorities and the mnemonic value of survival processing. *Cognitive Psychology, 61*, 1-22.