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Dear Harry,

Re: Teaching Methods for Accelerated Language Training Course, Bristol, UK, 14-18 April 2008

I write to express my delight in meeting you and learning about the novel language teaching methods. It was one of the best weeks I have ever spent, learning something that could be extremely useful for a long time to come. I very much plan to use your cutting-edge techniques. I am occasionally asked (by the regional committees of the World Federation of Neurology and International Brain Research Organisation) to organise or instruct one-week courses on basic and clinical neurosciences in developing countries, particularly Africa. I believe the methods could be applied to teaching any of the sciences, particularly neurosciences or neuroanatomy, which as you know involves learning hundreds of structures and nuclei. I particularly liked the idea that neural stimulation through different sensory modalities can be so useful for rapidly acquiring more new information. Until having seriously reviewed the instruction given each day I had not realised how 'relatively straight forward' it could be, to not only learn a 'new language' of the brain but also to teach it to others. I have previously realised laughter can enhance learning but cannot remember having laughed so much in one week that made me learn more.

I thought your instruction on delivering short talks with 'punchy' messages is an important tool for learning and remembering facts. I also plan to implement methods you conveyed on how to take lecture notes and the use of idea mapping for preparing outlines for talks and seminars.

Thank you again for an amazing and exciting experience! Shukria and Asante sana (from my second and third languages)

With kind regards.

Yours truly,



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