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communities? Through my interviews, I have observed of its mixture opinion from the Citizens, Coordinators, and Principles etc. Coordinators and Principles are hopeful through their designed program but Citizens have questions. Some interviewers questioned on Government willingness, are they really going to be succeed to wipe out “Mental Health” problem? One of my question was, on the eve of Canada’s 150 years in 2017, “Is Canada going to be Mental Health Problem Free Country in 2017”? Can we give this gift to Canada on her 150 years’ anniversary? I received negative answer from our Citizens but positive answer from School authorities. However, to the conclusion, I would say, I am also hopeful that Canada finally be “Mental Health Problem Free Country” in 2017 if we really work on it seriously.

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An Analysis of Metadiscourse in the Abstracts of English Academic Papers

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Abstract- As an important part in academic writing, meta discourse has got considerable attention in recent years. Abstract plays an important role in academic writings and it reflects the main contents of the whole papers. Based on the theory of metadiscourse and the classifications of Hyland, this study compared the different frequency and usage of metadiscourse in mathematical and linguistic academic papers. Two small abstracts corpora were compiled in this study including 30 mathematical and 30 linguistic abstracts of academic papers from Social Science Citation Index (SSCI) and Science Citation Index (SCI) journals. The results showed that there appeared more metadiscourse in the abstracts of linguistic academic papers than mathematical academic papers. Interactive meta discourse was adopted more than interactional metadiscourse in abstracts of the two disciplines. In the use of interactive meta discourse, both disciplines demonstrated the same trends in the frequencies of five sub-categories. Regarding interactional metadiscourse, hedges were the most frequently used meta discourse markers in linguistic academic papers while self mentions were most frequently used in mathematics. It is suggested that more interactive meta discourse should be used in abstracts of both arts and science academic papers.

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