

## **Continuing Education Committee 2006 Annual Report**

Continuing Education Committee (2006): Patricia Strasberg, EdD (Chair); Bradley N. Axelrod, PhD; Sally Oakes Edman, PhD; David S. Glenwick, PhD; Rodney K. Goodyear, PhD; Robert J. Maiden, PhD; Greg Neimeyer, PhD; Jeffrey M. Rankin, DMH; Nadine Revheim, PhD; Melvin Rogers, PhD; Elizabeth Swenson, PhD, JD; Susana Urbina, PhD; Brent Van Dorsten, PhD; John E. Williams, PhD. Staff Liaison: Karen Kanefield

### CEP Activities at the 2006 APA Convention in New Orleans, LA

- The CE Committee reviewed 73 workshop proposals, from which 52 workshops were presented at the 2006 convention in New Orleans, LA. A total of 607 individuals registered for CE workshops. Evaluation data from workshop participants continue to reflect a high level of satisfaction with the quality and value of these programs. Three preconvention workshops were also held.
- 172 general convention sessions were offered for CE credit at the 2006 Annual Convention. Approximately 394 individuals completed the follow-up materials to request CE credit for their attendance. We anticipate offering 175 CE sessions at the 2007 convention in San Francisco.

### Sponsor Approval System

During 2006, the Continuing Education Committee reviewed a total of 230 applications from organizations seeking approval as sponsors of continuing education for psychologists.

- 64 were new applications of which 13 were denied and 2 were deferred.
- The revised *Policies and Procedures Manual* was approved by the Council of Representatives in February 2006 and became effective on February 19, 2006.
- As of December 31, 2006, 751 organizations were listed as APA-approved sponsors of continuing education for psychologists.
- CEC reviewed 39 applications for one-time course approval.
- A roundtable for approved sponsors was held at the 2006 APA Convention in New Orleans and was attended by representatives from approximately 20 sponsors.
- In November 2006, several members of the Continuing Education Committee and the Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice, along with staff members from the Education and Practice Directorates, met to discuss issues related to acceptable continuing program content. CEC members shared the preliminary documents developed during its September 2006 policy meeting. The two committees plan to meet again in 2007.

### Other Continuing Education Initiatives and Programs

#### **Online Academy**

The online Academy hosts seven programs, four of which were developed in 2006:

- APA's Ethics Code: An Introduction and Overview
- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Fibromyalgia: Theory, Assessment, and Treatment
- Taking Care of the Hated and Hateful Patient
- Evidence-Based Psychotherapy Relationships
- HOPE: HIV Treatment and Adherence
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Niagara Conference on Evidence-Based Treatments for Childhood and Adolescent Mental Health Problems
- The Proper Focus of Evidence-Based Practice

Three additional programs, recorded at the 2006 convention, will be available by April 2007:

- Evidence-based Group Treatments for Survivors of Catastrophic Trauma
- Antidepressant Treatment Update
- Clinical Health Psychology Institute - Expanding Psychology Practice to Primary Health Care: Evidence, Skills, and Issues

### **Independent Study Programs**

Ten new book-based programs were implemented in 2006 and 15 are under development for release in 2007. The Independent Study catalogue, which includes information about all book, DVD, and Online Academy programs, will be mailed to approximately 109,000 members as an insert in the February 2007 *Monitor on Psychology*.

Three new programs based on the APA DVD/Video series are under development for release in 2007 and are as follows:

- Cognitive Therapy
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Working with Headaches

### Diversity Training

The Continuing Education Committee participated in the diversity training that was conducted during the March 2006 Consolidated Meetings. The Committee also seeks diverse members through the Call for Nominations process.

### Continuing Education Committee Chairs

Patricia Strasberg, EdD served as Chair for 2006, and Jeffrey Rankin, DMH served as Vice-Chair. At the October 2006 meeting the Committee selected Jeffrey Rankin, DMH to serve as Chair for 2007. Sally Oakes Edman, PhD will serve as Vice-Chair.