

## **Continuing Professional Education Committee 2002 Annual Report**

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### CPE Activities at the 2002 APA Convention in Chicago, IL

- The CPE Committee reviewed more than 90 workshop proposals, from which they selected 51 workshops, covering 23 content areas, for presentation at the 2002 convention in Chicago, IL. There were a total of 1,582 enrollments in the CPE workshops. Evaluation data from workshop participants continue to reflect a high level of satisfaction with the quality and value of these programs.
- CE credit for general convention sessions continued at the 2002 APA Convention in Chicago, with 53 sessions offered for CE credit. Approximately 1500 individuals took the initial step to claim CE credit (i.e., swiping in/out of session). Approximately 675 of these individuals completed the follow-up materials to request CE credit for their attendance. We expect 75+ sessions to be approved for CE at the 2003 convention in Toronto.
- The 6th annual Distinguished Speaker CPE Seminar was held on Saturday evening during the convention. Mark Zelig, PhD, ABPP, Vladimir Nacev, PhD, and Scott Allen, PhD spoke on the topic "*Providing Psychological Service During Traumatic Events: How to Prepare for Duty.*" 107 psychologists attended. A dessert reception followed the presentation, providing an opportunity for participants to converse with the speakers. This event will continue to be an annual event at the APA convention.
- The Committee hosted an Open Forum that allowed APA-approved sponsors and potential applicants to ask questions about APA approval and the procedures of the Sponsor Approval System. SAS Staff and Continuing Professional Education Committee members were present to review the *Criteria and Procedures Manual* and the application process. Representatives from approximately 20 APA-approved sponsors attended the forum.

### Sponsor Approval System

During 2002, the Continuing Professional Education Committee reviewed a total of 284 applications from organizations seeking approval as sponsors of Continuing Professional Education for psychologists.

- 134 were new applications of which 104 were approved, 25 were denied, and 5 were deferred. Of the currently approved organizations submitting an application for continued approval, 1 was denied.
- CPEC held a policy meeting in February 2002 to begin drafting a revision of the *Criteria and Procedures Manual* (last revision was in 1996). A second policy meeting is scheduled for January 2003.
- As of December 31, 2002, 720 organizations were listed as APA-approved sponsors of continuing education for psychologists.
- The Sponsor Approval System began offering one-time course approval in August 2002. This is for organizations offering one-time programs that do not wish to pursue sponsor approval, e.g., international conventions, grant supported topic national topic conferences.

### Other Continuing Professional Education Initiatives and Programs

- The Office of CPE hosted the 4th Annual CPE Winter Weekend, "*The Aftermath of Terror: Psychology's Role and Ethical Practice: Addressing Complex Dilemmas*," February 7-10, 2002 in Orlando, Florida. The APA Office on Continuing Professional Education established a collaborative agreement with APA Division of Psychologists in Independent Practice (Division 42) for joint program planning for the event and the concurrent hosting of the Division 42 Executive Board meeting during the conference.
- APA's Independent Study Program currently consists of 55 programs developed from APA publications. A collaborative agreement between APA and the APA Insurance Trust continues to provide APA members with discounted programs that offer CE credits in addition to a reduction in liability insurance premiums.
- The Office of CPE began to develop in 2002, and will institute in 2003, two pilot programs of multimedia, on-line CE. Working with the APA Ethics Office, the first will be an in-depth review of the newly adopted APA Ethics Code. The second will center around the 2002 Distinguished Speaker Seminar topic, "*Providing Psychological Service During Traumatic Events: How to Prepare for Duty.*"
- APA Independent Study Programs are now available for purchase online, with the option of purchasing an online version of exams that may be completed and submitted electronically. This includes, selected articles in the *American Psychologist* that are available for CE credit exclusively at CE-Online.

### Continuing Professional Education Committee Chairs

Alan M. Goldstein, PhD served as Chair for 2002, and Ellen L. Nuffer, EdD served as Vice-Chair. At the September 2002 meeting the Committee selected Ellen L. Nuffer, EdD, to serve as Chair for 2003. John W. Hall, PhD will serve as Vice-Chair.