

Continuing Professional Education Committee 2004 Annual Report

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CPE Activities at the 2004 APA Convention in Honolulu

- The CPE Committee reviewed more than 100 workshop proposals, from which they selected 63 workshops for presentation at the 2004 convention in Hawaii. There were a total of 764 individuals who registered for CPE workshops, totaling 1,362 enrollments. 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 2004 APA Convention in Hawaii, with 155 sessions offered for CE credit. Approximately 1,705 of individuals completed the follow-up materials to request CE credit for their attendance. It is anticipated that the same number of sessions will be approved for CE at the 2005 convention in Washington, DC.

Sponsor Approval System

During 2004, the Continuing Professional Education Committee reviewed a total of 260 applications from organizations seeking approval as sponsors of continuing education for psychologists.

- 69 were new applications of which 17 were denied and 2 were deferred.
- CPEC held a policy meeting in February 2004 to continue its work on the revision of the SAS criteria. The revision was approved by the Board of Educational Affairs in March 2004, and presented to the Board of Directors in June 2004. The Board of Directors sent the criteria back to CPEC for further revision at its October 2004 meeting, and the Board of Directors subsequently approved the criteria in December 2004.
- As of December 31, 2004, 774 organizations were listed as APA-approved sponsors of continuing education for psychologists.
- CPEC reviewed 41 applications for one-time course approval, of which 5 were denied.

Other Continuing Education Initiatives and Programs

- APA's Independent Study Program currently consists of 70 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. APA Independent Study Programs are available for purchase online with the option of purchasing an online version or hardcopy version of exams. Purchasers who complete an online exam will immediately receive Documentation of Completion upon successful completion of the exam.
- In addition to the APA Independent Study Programs, the Office of CEP continues to offer courses via the Internet at the APA Online Academy. These programs blend audio and slide presentations. Thus far, there are two courses available: 1) HOPE: HIV Treatment and Adherence (a collaboration between the Office on AIDS and the CEP Office); and 2) Third Biennial Niagara Conference on Evidence-Based Treatments for Childhood and Adolescent Mental Health Problems. This course is a series of workshops and keynote presentations recorded at the conference. Coming April of 2005, the CEP Office will introduce a new course. This course will provide an in depth look at APA's Ethics Code with a focus on how the current code, adopted in 2002 and effective in 2003, differs from its immediate predecessor.

Continuing Professional Education Committee Chairs

John Hall, PhD served as Chair for 2003, and Edna Mulgrew, PhD and David Tolin, PhD served as Vice-Chairs. At the October 2004 meeting the Committee selected Jacqueline Wall, EdD, to serve as Chair for 2005. Patricia Strasberg, EdD will serve as Vice-Chair.