

## **Continuing Education Committee 2005 Annual Report**

Continuing Education Committee (2005): Jacqueline Wall, PhD (Chair); Bradley N. Axelrod, PhD; Rodney K. Goodyear, PhD; William G. Johnson, PhD; Robert J. Maiden, PhD; Shari K. Neul, PhD; Jeffrey M. Rankin, PhD; Melvin Rogers, PhD; Patricia Strasberg, EdD; Elizabeth Swenson, PhD, JD; David F. Tolin, PhD; Susana Urbina, PhD; Brent Van Dorsten, PhD; John E. Williams, PhD. Staff Liaison: Karen Kanefield

The Continuing Professional Education Committee includes 14 members, 9 of whom were male and 2 who were ethnic minorities.

### CEP Activities at the 2005 APA Convention in Washington, DC

- The CE Committee reviewed more than 80 workshop proposals, from which they selected 60 workshops for presentation at the 2005 convention in Washington, DC. A total of 799 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.
- 208 general convention sessions were offered for CE credit at the 2005 Annual Convention. Approximately 593 individuals completed the follow-up materials to request CE credit for their attendance. We anticipate offering 150 CE sessions at the 2006 convention in New Orleans, and are reducing the number to increase quality and make logistics and cost more manageable.

### Sponsor Approval System

During 2005, the Continuing Education Committee reviewed a total of 187 applications from organizations seeking approval as sponsors of continuing education for psychologists.

- 66 were new applications of which 18 were denied and 3 were deferred.
- The revised *Standards and Criteria* were approved by the Council of Representatives in February 2005 and became effective on April 1, 2005.
- As of December 31, 2005, 759 organizations were listed as APA-approved sponsors of continuing education for psychologists.
- CEC reviewed 25 applications for one-time course approval, of which 5 were denied.
- A roundtable for approved sponsors was held at the 2005 APA Convention in Washington, DC, and was attended by representatives from over 40 sponsors.

### Other Continuing Education Initiatives and Programs

- APA's Independent Study Program currently consists of 80 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.
- The CEP Office continues to offer Internet-based courses through the APA Online Academy. These programs blend audio and slide presentations. Thus far, there are three courses available: 1) HOPE: HIV Treatment and Adherence (a collaborative effort of the Office on AIDS and the CEP Office); 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; and 3) A course based on revisions to the APA Ethics

Code with a focus on how the current code, adopted in 2002 and effective in 2003, differs from its immediate predecessor.

### Continuing Education Committee Chairs

Jacqueline Wall, PhD served as Chair for 2004, and Patricia Strasberg, EdD served as Vice-Chair. At the October 2005 meeting the Committee selected Patricia Strasberg, EdD, to serve as Chair for 2005. Jeffrey Rankin will serve as Vice-Chair.