

Commission for Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology
(CRSPPP) 2002 Annual Report

Current membership of CRSPPP for 2003: Arthur Kovacs (Chair), Elizabeth Almaier, Elena Eisman, Raymond Folen, Patricia Hollander (Public Member), John Linton, Lisa Porche-Burke, Lynn Rehm, and Reiko True.

The following activities were conducted in 2002:

CRSPPP held its 10th annual meeting, April 26-28, 2002. During the annual meeting, CRSPPP reviewed, discussed and acted upon petitions for the recognition of proficiencies in the Assessment and Treatment of Serious Mental Illness and Sport Psychology. In addition, CRSPPP reviewed a petition for the continued recognition of Industrial and Organizational Psychology as a specialty. CRSPPP forwarded to the Board of Directors and the Council of Representatives motions to formally confirm the recognition of proficiencies in the Assessment and Treatment of Serious Mental Illness and Sport Psychology. A motion for the continued recognition of Industrial and Organizational Psychology as a specialty was also forwarded to the Board of Directors and the Council of Representatives. Action will be taken by Council at the February 2003 meeting. CRSPPP is guided by the Principles of Recognition approved by the Council of Representatives in February 1995 when evaluating and recommending action on petitions.

In addition, to the review of petitions during the past year, CRSPPP has reviewed and discussed revised drafts of the document that govern its procedures: *Procedures for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology*. Third party comments were received and reviewed during the April 2002 meeting. A final revised copy was prepared, approved by CRSPPP during a conference call meeting of June 2002, and sent to the Board of Directors in December 2002 for approval. Action will be taken by the Board of Directors in 2003.

CRSPPP continued to discuss and review revisions to its policy documents: *Policy on the Recognition of Specialties in Professional Psychology*, *Petition for Recognition of Specialties in Professional Psychology*, *Policy on the Recognition of Proficiencies in Professional Psychology*, and the *Petition for Recognition of Proficiencies in Professional Psychology*. These documents are currently available for public comment via the CRSPPP website. Comments will be accepted through the March 2003 Consolidated Meetings, with comments reviewed and integrated by CRSPPP. The documents will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for action later in 2003.

CRSPPP representatives participated in January and September 2002 meetings of the Council of Credentialing Organizations in Professional Psychology (CCOPP). Discussions focused on developing a set of core principles that defined specialization in the health service psychology specialties: definitions of terms and core principles, foundation and functional competencies expected of individuals practicing in the health service specialization.

CRSPPP held an Open Forum on its work during the 2002 APA Convention held in Chicago, IL. The agenda of the Forum reflected a discussion with participants on proposed changes to CRSPPP policy documents. Throughout 2002, CRSPPP continued to review and confer with

representatives of the various specialties and proficiencies in an effort to rewrite the current archival descriptions posted for public review at the CRSPPP website. During 2002, a petition was also submitted for the continued recognition of Clinical Neuropsychology by Division 40 (Clinical Neuropsychology). The period for public comment of this petition began on January 1, 2003.

Dr. Arthur Kovacs was elected to begin an additional term as Chair of CRSPPP in 2003.