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President's Message

Greetings! I have been President less than three months and already there has been what seems to me to be a frenzy of activity in your organization. I have had the pleasure of participating in a number of these initiatives. Let me catch you up with a few of them.

Perhaps one of the most exciting events of the summer and fall was work done by an interorganizational task force who authored a consensus paper on role of neuropsychologists and rehabilitation psychologists in the evaluation and management of traumatic brain injury in military veterans. Dr. Michael McCrea chaired the task force that had representation from Division 40, Division 22 (Rehabilitation), the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology and the National Academy of Neuropsychology. The task force identified the contributions that neuropsychologists can make to the assessment and treatment of injured soldiers. The product of the task force is on the fast track for publication in *The Clinical Neuropsychologist* (due out in January) and has already gotten the attention of a number of politicians and organizations.

Members of the Practice Advisory Committee, chaired by Neil Pliskin, the Practice Directorate, and others have been diligently working to clarify the descriptions of our CPT billing codes for psychological and neuropsychological testing when technicians are used. New information about the codes arrived in the fall with implementation planned for January. Hopefully the codes will now work the way they were originally intended to work.

Many of you know that the State of New York in 2003 made use of technicians in neuropsychology practice illegal. Many attempts in recent years to reverse this unfortunate infringement on the scope of practice met with failure. However, due the groundwork of Drs. William Barr, Neil Pliskin, and many others, and a heroic last minute effort by many neuropsychologists in the trenches, we have made an important first step toward using technicians once again in New York. We owe a great deal to our neuropsychological colleagues in New York who fought this battle for us.

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From The Editor

I am very pleased to begin serving my term as Editor of the Division 40 Newsletter. Special thanks to Nancy Chiaravalloti for her assistance in this transition. As I embark on this endeavor, I have been asked to keep in mind a number of goals: 1) limit the number of pages, 2) keep it interesting, 3) decide what should be archived in print in the Newsletter and what should be available instead as web content, and 4) get everything in here that should be! With those goals in mind, and after discussions with William Barr and others, we are planning several changes.

First, we will keep clinical articles to a minimum and, instead, include more features that allow a greater number of members to participate in the Division’s activities. In this issue, for example, we are highlighting a number of early career activities.

Second, in our next issue we plan to initiate a column called “Milestones.” So please send me any major announcements (moves, promotions, etc.) that you may know about.

Finally, we will start to conduct interviews again with people who have made significant contributions to our profession. While these conversations can be illuminating in several ways, they are most important not because they look backwards, but because they help us to plan our future. I look forward to your contacting me at bonforrest@aol.com with suggestions for articles or any other suggestions about the Newsletter’s content and format.

Sincerely,

Bonny J. Forrest, J.D., Ph.D.

UCLA Receives \$22M Grant from NIH Roadmap Initiative to Establish the Consortium for Neuropsychiatric Phenomics

The National Institutes of Health has awarded \$22 million to a team of scientists centered at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA to fund the Consortium for Neuropsychiatric Phenomics (CNP). The CNP is a transdisciplinary, campus-wide effort to understand the biological bases underlying a variety of mental disorders, and comprises 8 linked awards that are being administered by multiple NIH Institutes & Centers (including NCRR, NIMH, NINDS, NIDA, and NLM). The CNP is one of nine new Interdisciplinary Research Consortia being funded nation-wide through this unique NIH Roadmap program, which spans all of biomedical science.

Phenomics is an emerging trans-discipline dedicated to the systematic study of phenotypes on a genome-wide scale. Following the “completion” of the human genome project, and particularly given the relatively recent increase in feasibility of genome-wide association studies, it is now of paramount importance to integrate knowledge and develop new experimental and analytic tools to understand phenotypes for complex disorders. The CNP focuses extensively on the study of neuropsychological phenotypes, based on the premise that these may offer better targets for gene and drug discovery than do the conventional diagnostic syndrome phenotypes that are currently the primary objects of research. The CNP team includes 52 investigators representing neuropsychology, psychiatry, neurology, cognitive neuroscience, basic neuroscience and neurobiology, neuropsychopharmacology, genetics, molecular biology, statistics, and computer science, most at UCLA. Subawards will support research in Finland (at the Universities of Helsinki and Oulu), at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and at the Medical University of South Carolina. CNP Director Robert Bilder is a clinical neuropsychologist and member of Division 40.

The CNP will be adopting a variety of novel approaches, in keeping with the NIH Roadmap Initiative’s theme “research teams of the future.” First, there is a focus on healthy variation in cognitive traits, rather than cognitive deficits in specific disorders. The CNP team believes important variation in behavior (variability in quantitative traits) is determined in part by genetic variants that are widespread among healthy people, and that appreciating this component of risk is a critical research goal. Therefore the CNP will be studying a broad range of cognitive phenotypes, particularly declarative memory, working memory, and response inhibition functions, in ~2000 healthy people from Los Angeles (the “LA2K” project). This extensive phenotyping will be complemented by genome-wide genotyping, using markers that span the entire human genome, and follow-up studies to include fine-mapping of candidate genetic regions suggested by initial results. Second, the CNP aims to examine phenotypes that may be important across various diagnostic syndromes, rather than those that are specific to one syndrome, and will be examining the same memory and response inhibition function in groups of people with diagnoses of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. The patients and a cohort of 200 healthy people will receive extensive additional phenotyping using structural and functional neuroimaging methods. Third, the CNP explicitly integrates the study of neuropsychological phenotypes across species, thus complementing the genome-wide investigations of these phenotypes in humans with basic science studies of selected genetic mechanisms. For example, the CNP team already is deploying multiple transgenic mouse models to examine the biological consequences of key genetic variants. Fourth, the CNP is developing new analytic tools and novel informatics strategies to foster collaboration and enable modeling of complex multi-level hypotheses that span multiple levels of investigation across widely varying biological scales. As an example, the CNP aims to develop the “hypothesis web,” an on-line software suite that will enable researchers and students to specify their hypotheses as “maps” of concepts and the relations among these,

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**Pre-publication Executive Summary Position Statement
Accepted For Publication In The Clinical Neuropsychologist**

Official Position of the Military TBI Task Force on
The Role of Neuropsychology and Rehabilitation Psychology
in the Evaluation, Management and Research of
Military Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury¹

APPROVED by:

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American Psychological Association Division 22 (Rehabilitation Psychology)
National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN)

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This Position Statement is a summary of the literature and learning regarding current issues raised by the occurrence, treatment and study of traumatic brain injury in military service members and veterans. The Report has been approved by the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN), Divisions 40 (Neuropsychology) and 22 (Rehabilitation Psychology) of the American Psychological Association (APA), and the National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN) with the goal of providing information of relevance on an important public policy matter within their respective areas of expertise. The Report is not intended to establish guidelines or standards for the professional practice of psychology, nor has it been adopted as official policy by the American Psychological Association or any other division or subunit of APA.

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¹While this document mainly focuses on the role of neuropsychologists and rehabilitation psychologists in the assessment, management and research of traumatic brain injury, the Military TBI Task Force also recognizes the vital role of psychologists from many other specialty areas (e.g., clinical, counseling, health) in providing care to military veterans with TBI, PTSD, and other mental health issues.

TBI In Today's War

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) has been widely considered the “signature injury” among United States military personnel involved in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. The rate of traumatic brain injury in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) is thought to be significantly higher than any previous war (Warden, 2006). The prevalence of MTBI, as well as the deployment-related circumstances of trauma, also raises concerns about resulting Postconcussion Syndrome (PCS) and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) negatively impacting post-deployment outcome among injured military personnel (Hoge, Auchterlonie, & Milliken, 2006; Hoge et al., 2004).

Neuropsychology's Response

Neuropsychologists and rehabilitation psychologists are uniquely trained specialists who play a vital role in evaluation and treatment of patients with all forms of TBI, as well as PCS and PTSD. These specialty-trained psychologists within the Department of Veterans Affairs, United States Military, Defense Veterans Brain Injury Center, and various civilian settings have cared for injured veterans affected by TBI and PTSD from several military conflicts over the past century.

Recognizing the important role that neuropsychologists and rehabilitation psychologists will play in caring for the large number of our veterans affected by traumatic brain injury, an inter-organizational Military TBI Task Force of experts representing the American Psychological Association (APA) Division 40 (Neuropsychology) and Division 22 (Rehabilitation Psychology), American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN), and the National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN) was recently assembled.

The Military TBI Task Force developed a formal Position Statement addressing the following objectives:

- a) Identify, based on a review of current literature, issues important to delivering effective neuropsychological and psychological care for TBI patients across the DoD and Veterans Health Administration (VHA) care continuum
- b) Review and summarize the existing evidence-based literature regarding the evaluation, management, and rehabilitation of veterans with MTBI, PCS, and PTSD
- c) Outline key research initiatives that both advance our scientific understanding of deployment-related TBI and create a platform of translational research that informs the clinical science of TBI in the general population

Task Force Summary And Conclusions

In summary, the increased prevalence and complexity of TBI in the current military combat setting creates a unique set of immediate challenges that require experts to develop new, innovative methods for injury evaluation and treatment. Beyond the front lines, similar challenges will be encountered in the post-deployment evaluation of veterans with documented or suspected MTBI.

The work of the Military TBI Task Force highlights the critical issues relevant to deployment-related TBI and provides information about evidence-based approaches to TBI from the perspective of neuropsychology and rehabilitation psychology. As research-oriented experts in evidence-based specialties, neuropsychologists and rehabilitation psychologists should and will be vital contributors to the process of developing effective military medical operations for the management of TBI across the care continuum, and to addressing the needs of the military veteran affected by TBI.

The challenge of providing appropriate assessment and treatment of mild TBI to the potentially high

numbers of soldiers who may benefit reflects a significant opportunity for collaboration between military and civilian health care providers, perhaps more so than ever previously encountered. Although many military personnel are being cared for within the DoD and DVA systems, community based partnerships are being formed both nationally and locally. This consensus statement helps pave the road for collaboration in providing evidence-based practice and promoting joint research endeavors.

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APA Division 40 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (Continued from page 19)

15. The EC met in executive session from 10:00-10:30 AM, to consult with Ms. Nathalie Gilfoyle of APA General Counsel.
16. Conflict of Interest Committee: Dr. Erin Bigler chairs the COI committee. This group reviewed COI disclosures for all individuals who were recently elected to office in the Division, and they did not find any irregularities. They also responded to the request of one EC member who wanted to verify that she was approaching a potential conflict of interest appropriately, and they found no irregularities in her handling of that situation.
17. Dr. Bauer had to leave the meeting a few minutes early because of a scheduling conflict. Dr. Keith Yeates adjourned the meeting on behalf of Dr. Bauer at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula K. Shear, Ph.D.
Secretary, APA Division 40

Association for Neuropsychology Students in Training (ANST) Update

Deborah A. Weber, ANST Past Chair

What is ANST?

ANST is the student organization within the American Psychological Association (APA) Division 40 that was created to respond to the needs of neuropsychology students in training. As a reminder, if you are a student affiliate of Division 40, you are automatically a member of ANST. ANST hosts a student-focused listserv for students and professionals to come together to discuss important training, practice, and research issues in neuropsychology. While the primary audience for the list is students who are interested in or currently enrolled in graduate or internship programs offering specialty training in neuropsychology, this listserv is not limited to students, and in fact, we invite regular participation by and contribution from professional and academic neuropsychologists. To subscribe to this list, send an email to

LISTSERV@LISTS.APA.ORG and, in the body of your message (not the subject line), type:
SUBSCRIBE DIV40ANST <Your> <Name> (e.g., SUBSCRIBE DIV40ANST DEBORAH WEBER).

Another focus for ANST is providing resources and services for aspiring clinical neuropsychologists. The ANST website is one major avenue by which we do this. This is an ongoing project but the ANST website already offers numerous resources (<http://www.div40.org/ANST/index.html>) including presentations from the previous APA conventions and INS meetings.

ANST Activities:

ANST also provides programming and materials for students attending the annual APA conferences and INS meetings. ANST sponsored a program at the recent APA Convention in San Francisco, titled “Training in Clinical Neuropsychology” and co-sponsored another program with WIN and EMA titled “Interviewing for Internship: Tips on How to Shine.” Both programs are now available on our website. ANST also sponsored a program with AACN and APPCN at INS in Portland titled “Preparing for Internship, Residency, and Board Certification in Clinical Neuropsychology.” All of these programs were very well attended and would not have been possible without the help of many individuals. On behalf of ANST we would like to thank Paula Shear, PhD, Desiree Byrd, PhD, Brad L. Roper, PhD, Robin Hanks, PhD, Linas A. Bieliauskas, PhD, Zoe Procter-Weber, Corwin Boake, PhD., Celiane Rey-Casserly, PhD, Russ Bauer, PhD., APPCN, and AACN for their continued support of ANST and participation in our programs. Keep an eye out for ANST activities at INS in Hawaii and future APA conferences by checking our website and listserv frequently, as we have programs planned for these events.

Get Involved:

ANST continues to promote leadership development in order to communicate and advocate for the concerns of students within Division 40. Efforts to this end have continued by the presence of the ANST chair at the annual Division 40 Executive Committee meetings at APA and INS. In addition, we are in the process of establishing a network of local ANST chapters that will extend the activities of the APA Division 40 and ANST into local training programs. Each chapter will work with ANST to:

- 1) Inform students in their department about training and professional issues relevant to the field of Neuropsychology;
- 2) Ensure reciprocal communication between graduate students and ANST/APA Division 40;

- 3) Assess the needs of students in programs and forward questions and concerns to ANST and Division 40;
- 4) Serve as a resource for information about legislative issues affecting Neuropsychology and the field of psychology; and
- 5) Encourage participation in ANST governance and programming activities.

ANST is now recruiting students and faculty to serve as campus representatives to facilitate these local chapters. If you are interested in being a campus representative, please email us at d40anst@yahoo.com to sign up and or download a copy of the chapter materials at <http://www.div40.org/ANST/index.html> .

Announcements:

We are very excited to announce that **John Strang** from George Washington University as the new Chair of ANST (2007- 2009)! Welcome John!

ANST will once again partner with APPCN and AACN to present a program focusing on preparing for internship, residency and board certification in clinical neuropsychology at INS in Hawaii. Please check the website and listserv for updates (including location and time) as soon as they are available.

If you are interested in participating in ANST or have any questions, please let us know by emailing us at d40anst@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you on the listserv!

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and annotate the links that connect concepts using quantitative data from empirical studies. Leveraging the power of social collaborative networks, the CNP hopes that these new applications will engage communities of scientists to populate a large-scale knowledge base that will have neuropsychological functioning as its centerpiece, and enable automated meta-analysis of links between neuropsychological concepts, genome-wide genetic data, and other sources of biological knowledge. Ultimately, the aim is to develop a “neuropsychiatric atlas,” a collection of hypothesis maps spanning syndromal, symptomatic, cognitive, neural systems (including neuroimaging), cellular systems/signaling pathways, proteomic, and genomic levels.

"The interdisciplinary research programs within the Roadmap embody a central goal of this program — to help transform the way research is conducted," said Dr. Elias A. Zerhouni, NIH director. "These programs are designed to encourage and enable change in academic research culture to make interdisciplinary research easier to conduct for scientists who wish to collaborate in unconventional ways." "Our team is thrilled to have this opportunity to forge a unique path in neuropsychiatry research," Bilder said. "Many scientists and clinicians already acknowledge major limitations in the current system for diagnosing and treating patients. We believe the CNP strategy strongly complements existing approaches and offers new hope for discovery."

For more information about the consortium, visit www.phenomics.ucla.edu.

President's Message
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As many of you know, efforts have been underway to re-evaluate and update the definition of a neuropsychologist. Dr. Munro Cullum chaired a committee who surveyed the membership and authored a revised draft definition that appropriately emphasizes acquisition of the knowledge and skills necessary for the discipline. After conferring with APA staff, the Division 40 Executive Committee (EC) decided to proceed with a broader approach to provide guidance to both the public and the profession regarding the specialty of neuropsychology, through promulgation of guidelines for neuropsychology. These proposed guidelines for neuropsychology will be drafted in accordance with governing policy regarding both practice and education guidelines. There will be an opportunity for members to comment before final approval by the Division 40 EC. After the proposed guidelines have been approved by the EC, they will be reviewed by APA Boards and committees, other divisions and interested organizations and posted for public comment. Once those comments have been evaluated and addressed, the guidelines will be presented to the APA Board of Directors and the Council of Representatives for adoption. As you may have gathered, this will be anything but a trivial task, but one that your EC thought was worthy of the effort. I have asked Dr. Bonny Forrest to lead us in this initiative, and she has graciously agreed to do so.

The Division continues to participate in the Interorganizational Summit on Education and Training (ISET) in Clinical Neuropsychology. The purpose of this group is to evaluate how well the Houston Conference policy statement has worked for us so far, and determine whether an update or refinement is needed. ISET has representation from Association of Clinical Neuropsychology, American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology, American Board of Professional Neuropsychology, Association of Doctoral Education in Clinical Neuropsychology, Association of Internships Training in Clinical Neuropsychology, Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology, Coalition of Clinical Practitioners in Neuropsychology, Division

40, and the National Academy of Neuropsychology. To guide their thinking, ISET has developed a survey for recent graduates of our training programs and will soon begin data collection. As you can appreciate, the breadth and depth of representation on ISET is impressive, and from my perspective the group has been constructive.

There are many other points of interest that are worthy of your attention (e.g., new funding opportunities for students and early career psychologists, and new membership initiatives) that space does not permit me to elaborate. Each of our Advisory Committees has had significant accomplishments in the past year and continues to work on your behalf. Please, peruse this issue of the Newsletter and also check our website (<http://www.div40.org>) for timely information.

Still, there is much to do. High on the list is ensuring adequate funding for training neuropsychologists of the future. Implementation of the new CPT assessment codes has highlighted a reimbursement proscription when students or trainees serve as psychometricians for Medicare patients. This problem has not been adequately appreciated by psychology in general and will literally and figuratively require an "Act of Congress" to change, but wheels are beginning to move. As always, we as a Division are only as strong as our memberships' voices make it. I look forward to being vocal along with you.

Thomas A. Hammeke, Ph.D., ABPP-Cn
President, Division 40, APA

Update from the Science Advisory Committee

The Science Advisory Committee (SAC) facilitates the scientific mission of Division 40 (Div40) by communicating and promoting the integration of scientific goals within the Division, within APA, and across professions. Specific goals of the SAC include promoting the study and application of knowledge regarding brain-behavior relationships, advocating for the recognition of Div40 as a science division of APA, recognizing and encouraging student research in neuropsychology, and addressing scientific issues raised by the membership.

Div40 Scientific Early Career Development Awards

Div40 is committed to advancing the scientific study of brain-behavior relationships and applying this knowledge to clinical practice. The new Division 40 Scientific Early Career Development grants program supports this mission through two funding mechanisms aimed at facilitating research and professional development of advanced graduate students and early-career investigators. These include an early career research award and a student travel award. Information about application materials and deadlines can be found by following the announcement link on the Div40 homepage (www.div40.org).

APA Relations

The SAC works with the APA Science Directorate on issues related to neuropsychology, and participates in semi-annual meetings of the APA Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA). Dr. Bonny Forrest continues to serve as the SAC liaison to the BSA and has contributed to discussions on several topics, including:

- 1) *Support for psychology students pursuing science careers.* APA is interested in developing a new program to support advanced graduate students at the convention. Dr. Forrest will work with the BSA to explore how Div40's proposed grants program can support this initiative.
- 2) *Re-engaging scientists at the APA Convention.* Initiatives are being discussed that would make the APA convention attractive to scientists, including changes to convention programming, timing of the program, and changes to the APA dues structure. Dr. Forrest represented Div40 at a task force meeting on this issue held at APA headquarters on September 15-16, 2007.
- 3) *A Statement on Observers and Third Parties in Psychological Testing and Assessment* was approved by BSA and will be sent to APA Council for final approval.

The SAC at INS

Dr. Liza Kozora, Chair of the Div40 SAC Transdisciplinary Research subcommittee, will chair a symposium entitled "Transdisciplinary Research Strategies for Neuropsychology" at the February 2008 meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society in Waikoloa, HI. The symposium topics and speakers include:

- Liza Kozora, Ph.D.-Chair; Introduction and Definitions
- Tessa Hart, Ph.D.-Project: Opening the "Black Box": The Content and Process of Learning in Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation
- Rob Paul, Ph.D.-Project: Quantified Tractography in Older Individuals at Genetic Risk for Microvascular Disease
- Robert Bilder, Ph.D.-Project: Consortium for Neuropsychiatric Phenomics
- Igor Grant, M.D. and Laurie Ryan, Ph.D.-Discussants/Roundtable

Awards

Dr. David Loring, Chair of the Div40 SAC Awards subcommittee announced the following awards at the 2008 APA Convention in San Francisco, CA.

1. Blue Ribbon Awards (chosen by the Div40 Program Committee)
 - a. Mullins, W.A., & Sunita, P.K. Cognitive Differences Between Supratentorial and Infratentorial Pediatric Brain Tumor Survivors. (Student winner).
 - b. Schinka, J.A., & Brown, L.M. Florida Cognition Scale I: Development and Initial Validation
 - c. Vannorsdall, T.D., Rao, V., & Schretlen, D.J. Cerebral White Matter Atrophy and Cognitive Dysfunction Following TBI
 - d. Bowler, R.M., Nakagawa, S., Drezgic, M., & Diamond, E. Neuropsychological and Neurological Function in Confined-Space Bridge Welders
2. SAC Awards.
 - a. *SAC Award for excellence in cognitive neuroscience research:* Casey Hoffmann “Auditory and Confrontation Naming Following Dominant Hemisphere Temporal Lobectomy”
 - b. *SAC Award for excellence in applied neuropsychological research:* Glenn Mesman “Memory Performance in Children with ADHD or a SLD-R”
3. Harcourt Awards.
 - a. Esther Misdraji: “Language and Cultural Influences on a Confrontation Naming Task”
 - b. Alycia Barlow: “Exploring Racial Response Bias on the Wechsler Memory Scale-III Faces Subtest.”
4. 2007 Robert A. and Phyllis Levitt Early Career Award Recipient: Maria Schultheis, Ph.D.

Congratulations all the 2007 award winners!

Science Database Project.

The SAC is completing work on the development of an interactive database of the Div40 science membership. Soon you will receive instructions on how to enter information regarding

your research expertise, funding agencies, and interest in assisting Div40, the APA Science Directorate, and APA Board of Scientific Affairs. The SAC will use the database to identify division members who would like to be considered for service on appropriate APA advisory committees, advocacy projects, lobbying efforts, media interactions, etc. The database project is being coordinated with the Publications and Communications Committee’s management of the Div40 website; participation will be completely voluntary. More information will be provided as this project develops.

Website Training Programs List Passes One-Year Anniversary

Over a year has passed since the launching of Division 40’s new website listing of neuropsychology training programs. This interactive list can be found at: www.div40.org/training/index.html. The list was developed in a cooperative effort through the division’s Publications and Communications (P&C) and Education Advisory (EAC) Committees. The website currently includes information on more than 120 doctoral, internship, and postdoctoral training programs across the United States and Canada. Nearly half of the listings are for postdoctoral residencies. Students are able to search for training programs by state or province. Program information is placed on the website by each training director. Every program is assigned a unique password so that each listing can be updated on a regular basis.

The Division 40 website has seen a steady increase in activity over the past two years. Website statistics indicate that the training pages provide the site’s most popular content with peak usage observed in October when students are most likely to be collecting program information. All students and program directors are encouraged to continue to utilize this valuable Division 40 resource.

William B. Barr, Ph.D., ABPP
Chair, Publications & Communications Committee

Early Career Psychologists Committee
Deborah A. Weber, Chair

Clinical Neuropsychology is a rapidly expanding profession that today is one of the largest specialty groups within psychology. In fact, Division 40 has the second highest number of Early Career Psychologists (ECPs) in the American Psychological Association (APA defines ECPs as within seven years of the receipt of their doctorate degree). In response to this rapid growth and to the unique needs of early career psychologists, Division 40 has created a committee on Early Career Psychologists.

One of the major goals of the new committee is to provide an ECP-focused forum for professionals to come together to discuss important training, practice, and research issues in neuropsychology. Another focus is to provide informational resources and services for ECPs through conference programs. Lastly, the committee hopes to promote leadership development by mentoring and supporting ECPs in their professional activities and assisting them in advancing upward in the governance structure in order to communicate about and advocate for the concerns of early career psychologists within Division 40 and APA.

GET INVOLVED:

In order to ensure that clinical neuropsychology continues to be a leading and preeminent specialty of psychology and Division of APA, an active Early Career Psychologist constituency within Division 40 is essential. In light of decreasing membership in many national professional organizations, inclusion of ECPs in governance structures is critical in order to maintain the vitality and relevance of professional associations. This will allow for a greater rate of retaining ECPs into the profession as well as advancing ECP priorities and advocating for the diverse interests of ECPs within Division 40 and APA governance. The Division 40 Early Career Psychologist committee is now recruiting members. If you are interested in joining the committee please send a statement of interest and CV to deb_weber@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED:

Addressing the needs of ECPs is a priority for APA as ECPs now account for a large percentage of the APA membership, yet very few ECPs serve on Division or APA Boards and Committees. In 2004, APA established the Committee on Early Career Psychologists (CECP) to understand and address the needs of early career psychologists. We feel that it is imperative to hear directly from you regarding the unique challenges or barriers you may face as an early career psychologist. This survey will provide the committee with data on those challenges and will help us identify and create initiatives targeting the areas that are most important to you.

The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete and can be accessed at <http://surveys.apa.org/earlycareer>. Please be assured of complete confidentiality.

(The survey is administered through the Center for Psychology Workforce Analysis and Research, APA. Please contact Ariel Finno by email at ECPSurvey@apa.org or by telephone at (800) 374-2721 extension 5980 if you have any questions. You may also email the Center at CPWAR@apa.org.)

More information about the CECP can be found at <http://www.apa.org/earlycareer> including a brochure on Building Bridges: Opportunities for Learning, Networking, and Leadership at <http://www.apa.org/earlycareer/Building%20Bridges%20Brochure.pdf>

Announcements:

Congratulations to **Maria T Schultheis**, PhD. Dr. Schultheis won the Division 40 Early Career Psychologist Award at the 2007 APA Convention. Dr. Schultheis is an Associate Research Professor with appointments in the Department of Psychology and the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Schultheis is a Clinical Neuropsychologist who received her Ph.D. in 1998. Dr. Schultheis' clinical and research experience have been focused on the rehabilitation of cognitively impaired populations, including traumatic brain injury, stroke and multiple sclerosis. Specifically, she has specialized in 1) the application of technologies to the clinical, research and education of psychology and 2) studying the demands of driving following neurological compromise. In her Early Career Talk entitled "Driving, Technology & Neuropsychology: Looking Down the Road for Future Roadways & Roadblocks," Dr. Schultheis provided an overview of findings from her work that has examined the various demands of driving capacity (cognitive, physical and behavioral) and her research into the development of a virtual reality driving simulator to enhance the assessment and retraining of driving skills after neurological compromise. Dr. Schultheis' work has been funded by such organizations as the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS). Her work has been recognized in awards from the National Academy of Neuropsychology and the Philadelphia Neuropsychological Society. Dr. Schultheis' approach is interdisciplinary and her work cuts across the fields of Clinical Psychology, Rehabilitation, Engineering and Transportation. She has published over 45 manuscripts, chapters and other publications and has presented her work at various international and national forums. She is active in several professional organizations related to these areas and currently serves on the National Research Council, as a member of the Transportation Research Board.

Report from Division 40 Representatives
To APA Council
August 2007

There is always a very long agenda at APA Council and August's meetings in San Francisco were no exception. Presented for your information and consideration are some highlights of the 1-½ days of meetings attended by your four representatives to Council, Barbara Wilson, Jennifer Manly, Ken Adams (Bonny Forrest attended in Ken Adams' absence) and Joel Morgan. Not all of these items can be seen to have direct relevance to the science and practice of clinical neuropsychology, but are presented so that readers can get a sense of the scope of issues that APA Council takes up.

Council adopted the Resolution on **Religious, Religion-Related and/or Religion Derived Prejudice** as part of the Consent Agenda (consent agenda items are those of apparent general agreement requiring no or limited debate/discussion). This resolution "condemns prejudice and discrimination against individuals or groups based on their religious or spiritual beliefs, practices, adherence, or background." It condemns prejudice based on religious or spiritual beliefs and encourages psychologists to act to eliminate discrimination based on religion and spirituality.

Council also adopted the **APA Principles on Health Care Reform**. "Everyone should have coverage that provides affordable health care for all basic services." This resolution also calls for the "elimination" of artificial distinctions between "mental" and "physical" health and for the "recognition of the inseparable relationship between mental and physical well being." The resolution includes the notion that basic health care services should include psychological treatment for physical conditions and appropriate prevention services that recognize the clear relationship between behavioral health and the major causes of mortality and morbidity.

Council approved changes to its Bylaws and Association Rules to **allow on-line voting in APA**

elections. This will require membership approval. If approved the first election using the new system will be the 2008 president-elect vote. Online voting would not preclude members from voting via paper/snail mail.

Council approved an amendment to APA Bylaws that **provides a voting seat on Council for each of four ethnic minority psychological associations:** The American Association of Asian Psychologists, the Association of Black Psychologists, the Society of Indian Psychologists and the National Latina/o Psychologists Association. This change will also require membership approval.

Amidst tremendous media coverage, the **APA Position Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading Treatment** was unequivocally reaffirmed on Sunday morning. This was a reaffirmation of the 2006 Resolution in its entirety. The resolution affirms that there are no exceptional circumstances whatsoever that may be invoked for a justification for torture, cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment and that APA condemns torture, cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment or punishment under any circumstances. Psychologists are prohibited from knowingly planning or assisting in such treatment. The resolution called upon the Federal Government to prohibit these methods.

A resolution was introduced calling for a moratorium on psychologists' involvement in interrogations at US Detention Centers. After much debate, including some rather eloquent presentations by psychologists who are members of the military intelligence service, Council voted not to call for such a resolution. The primary factor in the determination of this outcome was the recognition that the presence of psychologists in these circumstances represented an *ethical presence* in such interrogation centers. Psychologists' conduct is clearly prescribed in the *Ethical principles and Code of Conduct*; however, prescribing or delimiting the setting in which a psychologist may work was seen as a potential danger to the public.

Finally, compromise language about how to designate prescribing psychologists was passed by Council. ***"Psychologists authorized to prescribe"*** means a licensed, doctoral-level psychologist who has undergone specialized education and training in preparation for prescriptive practice and has passed an examination accepted by the {state board of psychology} relevant to establishing competence for prescribing, and has received from the {state board of psychology} a current certificate granting prescriptive authority, which has not been revoked or suspended. ***APA has not selected terminology for psychologists with prescriptive authority. Examples of terminology used by states include "Prescribing Psychologists" in New Mexico and "Medical Psychologists" in Louisiana."***

The language in italics represents a compromise, which emanated from the all-important collaborative efforts of multiple divisions and individuals. Having witnessed how such compromise takes place, your Division 40 Council reps want to underscore the collaboration, diplomacy, time-intense involvement, and enthusiasm required to accomplish these types of guidelines within APA. This will be ever more important as we attempt to put forth our own agenda items concerning the definition of a neuropsychologist and with reference to education and training standards.

Respectfully submitted:

Joel E. Morgan, Ph.D., Barbara Wilson, Ph.D., Jennifer Manly, Ph.D., Kenneth Adams, Ph.D., and Bonny Forrest, J.D., Ph.D. I would like to acknowledge the assistance of Judith Patterson, Ph.D., Council Representative from New Jersey, for her assistance and "memory" in the preparation of this report.

Public Interest Advisory Committee (PIAC)

Doug Johnson-Greene, Ph.D., ABPP, Chair

The Public Interest Advisory Committee (PIAC) subcommittee chairs, committee members, liaisons, and monitors have had a hand in a number of activities and projects this year, and we are happy to be serving the needs of the D40 membership. Those Division 40 members who are interested in any of these committees or posts and wish to become more involved in division activities are encouraged to contact the PIAC Chair. We have a particular need currently for new members for the Ethics Committee. Recent highlights for PIAC since the last newsletter include the following:

- **APA Consolidated Meeting Attendance:** PIAC was well represented at the spring consolidated meeting in Washington D.C. (March 2007) with all five liaisons in attendance for the three-day conference meeting with their respective committees. Liaisons interact with their respective APA committees and provide guidance and advice on issues of importance to neuropsychology.
- **United Nations Speaker's Bureau:** The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and PIAC developed a speaker's bureau list in response to a request from the APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology (CIRP). The initial list will contain neuropsychology speakers from the New York, New Jersey, and the Connecticut area. Thank you D40 members who volunteered to be listed!
- **WIN and EMA:** The Women in Neuropsychology (WIN) Committee under the leadership of Cheryl A. Luis, Ph.D., ABPP and the Ethnic Minority Affairs (EMA) Committee under the leadership of Desiree Byrd, Ph.D. have continued to promote the professional development of women and ethnic minorities in the field at all stages of their careers through a variety of educational and mentoring activities, including mentoring sessions, panel discussions, and other didactic events at both INS in Portland and APA in San Francisco.
- **Thank you to Departing Members of PIAC:** PIAC would like to thank the following members for their service to PIAC and Division 40: Chris Grote, Ph.D., ABPP-Ethics Subcommittee; Anita Sim, Ph.D.-Minority Affairs Committee.

Other persons currently serving the division on PIAC include:

- Josette Harris, Ph.D. Chair, Ethics Subcommittee (ES)
- Kate Kortte, Ph.D., ABPP/ABRP-Member, Ethics Subcommittee (ES)
- Shelley Heaton, Ph.D., Liaison, APA Committee on Children, Youth and Families (CYF)
- Angela L. Jefferson, PhD Liaison, APA Committee on Aging (CONA)
- Fred Unverzagt, Ph.D. Monitor, APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology (CIRP)
- Felicia Hill-Briggs, Ph.D., ABPP/ABRP Monitor, Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology (CDIP)
- Scott Hunter, Ph.D. Monitor, APA Committee on Urban Initiatives (CUI) and APA Office on AIDS (OA)
- Rex Swanda, Ph.D. Monitor, APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Concerns (LGBC)
- Debra Sheppard, Ph.D., ABPP Monitor, APA Committee on Rural Health (CRH)

**APA Division 40 Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, August 10, 2006 8:00-10:50 AM
Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, Burgundy Room
New Orleans, LA

Present: Drs. Adams, Axelrod, Barr, Bauer, Cullum, Donders, Fennell, Fischer, Ivnik, Johnson-Greene, Lucas, Manly, Pliskin, Ris, Shear, Silver, Sweet, Yeates

Invited Guests: Drs. Deborah Weber (ANST), Thomas Hammeke (Incoming Division 40 President-Elect), Virginia Holt and Patricia Kobor (APA Science Directorate), Randy Phelps and Elizabeth Winkelman (APA Practice Directorate), Ms. Nathalie Gilfoyle (APA General Counsel)

1. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Bauer at 7:50 AM. He thanked the Division 40 Executive Committee (EC) and the committee chairs for attending this morning's meeting and for all of their work in the preceding months.
2. Secretary's Report: The minutes of the February 2006 EC meeting were reviewed and approved. Dr. Shear reported on the status of the DIV40ANNOUNCE listserv for our general membership. We will be adding our full membership list to ANNOUNCE. Members will be able to discontinue their subscriptions to the list if they request to be removed.
3. Treasurer's Report: Dr. Fischer reported that final financial statements from APA for December, 2005 confirmed that Division 40 ended the year in a very strong financial position. Our ending fund balance was \$296,652.58, a net gain of \$79,313.84 over FY2005; we have been able to replenish our reserves for the second year in a row. Division 40 has now achieved the target established by the Treasurer for appropriate financial reserves (the equivalent of 2 years of operating expenses). Judicious spending by elected officers and committee chairs has permitted the Division to commit substantive financial support--beyond what was initially budgeted for "Miscellaneous" items--to initiatives central to the mission of Division 40. From this point forward, the Division can afford to plan annual expenditures that match the annual income.
4. The proposed budget for FY2007 is \$138,500, a 3.0% increase over the FY2006 budget (see FY2007 Provisional Budget). Specific line items slated for budget increases include the Secretary's office (to cover clerical support), PIAC and CAPAR (to cover additional attendance at APA Consolidated meetings), Membership (to cover clerical expenses), and Miscellaneous (in anticipation of needed support for conferences and practice initiatives). The EC voted unanimously to approve the proposed FY2007

budget, with the modifications that the Publications and Communications Committee will receive an additional \$4500 to develop a website for training program information (see P&C report below) and the Science Advisory Committee will receive an additional \$4500 to develop a website that provides information about members who can serve as scientific consultants (see SAC report).

The EC discussed Dr. Fischer's observation that the Division has been receiving increasing numbers of requests for financial assistance, and that it is time to develop a policy by which to consider and prioritize this issues. It was decided that Dr. Donders (incoming Treasurer) will appoint a small committee to review such requests and then take the committee's recommendations to the EC. Dr. Donders will also review the policies for donations that are in place in other professional organizations and review the outcomes of our previous donations.

Dr. Fischer's term as Treasurer will end following the APA Convention. Dr. Bauer thanked Dr. Fischer on behalf of the membership and the EC for her substantial contributions to the division during her terms as Treasurer.

4. Report of Representatives to Council: Drs. Adams, Fennell, Sweet and Wilson reported that a major portion of the Council meeting was spent discussing whether psychologists should participate in the interrogation of military prisoners. A resolution was adopted that strongly opposes all forms of torture and abuse.
5. Membership: Dr. Bradley Axelrod reported that, as of June 30, 2006, the Division had gained 262 new Members and Associates and 460 new Affiliates (458 Students, 2 International) during the current year. Our current numbers, both paid and unpaid for 2006, include 106 Fellows, 3314 Members, 78 Associates, and 811 Affiliates. 319 individuals are dues exempt (of which 182 paid publication fees). The total number of individuals associated with Division 40 is 4890

The Division currently has in its possession approximately 40,000 Clinical Neuropsychology brochures and 51,000 Pediatric Neuropsychology brochures. Over the past fiscal year, we sent 17,150 brochures to members, in addition to the many free downloads of these materials from our website.

Dr. Axelrod has now completed his term as Membership Chair. Dr. Bauer thanked him for his excellent service to the Division. An incoming chair will be identified soon.

6. Nominations and Elections: Dr. Robert Ivnik reported the outcome of the election of officers: President-Elect, Dr. Tom Hammeke; Secretary, Dr. Paula Shear; Treasurer, Dr.

Jacobus Donders; Member at Large, Dr. Kimberly Espy; Representatives to Council, Drs. Jennifer Manly and Joel Morgan. Dr. Manly's election to Council will result in her vacating her Member at Large term in December 2006 rather than August 2007. The Elections Committee recommended that Dr. Leslie Rosenstein be considered a candidate for the vacant Member at Large position. [Addendum: Dr. Rosenstein was unanimously elected Member at Large by the members present at the Division 40 Business Meeting in August, 2006. Her term will begin in January 2006 and end in August 2006.] Dr. Bauer thanked Drs. Ivnik, Adams and Haaland for their outstanding work on the Nominations and Elections Committee.

7. Fellows: Dr. Eileen Fennell, chair of the Fellows Committee, reported that three nominations for Fellow status are currently being reviewed. A larger number of applications were initiated, but the remainder could not be processed completely because the required letters of recommendation were not received by Dr. Fennell in the required timeframe. Dr. Fennell already has received seven new inquires for next year.

8. Program Committee Report: Dr. Jacobus Donders provided a report on the scientific program. He and program co-chair Dr. Julie Bobholz expressed their thanks to the other members of the 2005-06 program committee (Drs. Michael Basso, Jill Caffrey, Jane Cerhan, Sally Frutiger, Joanne Hamilton, Scott Hunter, Tara Lineweaver, Susan McPherson, Paul Malloy, Karen Mason, Stephen Miller, Anna Bacon Moore, Ted Peck, Robert Perna, Emily Richardson, Tresa Roebuck, Elizabeth Ryan, Bradley Sewick, Beth Slomine, and Steven Paul Woods).

APA agreed to award continuing education credits for all sessions that were submitted for consideration. The Blue Ribbon Awards winners were identified in the January report. The joint SAC / Harcourt student award winners are Rebecca Roush and Jennifer Iudicello. Zoe Proctor-Weber will receive the SAC award for the best student paper in applied neuropsychology, and Emily King will receive the SAC award for the best student paper in cognitive neuroscience. Dr. Tanis Ferman (Mayo Clinic – Jacksonville, FL) will receive the Division 40 Early Career Award.

The Division 40 social hour will be co-sponsored again by Division 22, Harcourt Assessment, and Psychological Assessment Resources.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the membership, Dr. Bauer thanked Drs. Donders and Bobholz for their exemplary work in composing an outstanding scientific program for 2006. Dr. Bobholz will chair the Program Committee for 2007, and Dr. Michael Basso will serve as Program Co-Chair.

9. Publications and Communications: Dr. William Barr reported on several changes to the Newsletter which, in keeping with previous EC discussions, has been streamlined to be shorter and to focus on divisional activities, with the inclusion of one research topic and one clinical topic per issue. Unfortunately, the summer issue of the Newsletter was not published because of unforeseen delay

Website updates are now to be forwarded to Dr. Barr directly. The EC discussed and approved a bid from a consultant to program the new Training Directory website. The goal is to create an interactive and current listing of doctoral, internship and postdoctoral programs that offer training in neuropsychology. Training sites will have password-protected accounts and will be required to make annual updates to their listings. The resulting database will be searchable by state, training level and program name. It is anticipated that the Training Directory will be active by the end of the calendar year.

10. Practice Advisory Committee: Dr. Neil Pliskin reported on the activities of the PAC.

Technicians: The issue of legislation to limit the use of technicians in assessment continues to be a primary focus in the PAC. Dr. Pliskin reported that the APA Practice Organization has been strongly supportive of this practice concern, and we deeply appreciate the efforts of Drs. Phelps in that office. The State of New York continues to be the major area of concern. A group of New York neuropsychologists have now formed a nonprofit group, New York State Association of Neuropsychologists (NYSAN) to work on this problem independent of the New York State Psychological Association. NYSAN has received donations from our Division as well as the APA Committee on the Advancement of Professional Practice, the National Academy of Neuropsychology, American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology and the American Board of Professional Psychology; these funds will be used to support fees associated with legal action to remedy the ban on technicians in New York. The PAC is also closely monitoring technician-related issues in other states.

CPT Codes: The committee is working actively with the APA Practice Directorate to address difficulties with local insurance carriers that are not honoring the revised CPT codes. Currently all Medicare carriers with the exception of Wisconsin Physician Services (servicing Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan) have recognized and are reimbursing the new codes. WPS contends that the 96119 codes includes both face to face time and the report and interpretation and that, therefore, they will not split the billed services and reimburse for both the technician services and the physician report and interpretation. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) central office is about to issue a national directive to all its

contracted carriers that is specifically intended to address the technician codes and their intended use. Dr. Pliskin continues to represent the Division 40 membership as part of the Testing Code Advisory Group, which includes members of the APA Practice Organization (Newman, Phelps, Pedulla, Moore), Division 40 (Pliskin), NAN Professional Affairs Committee (Puente, Peck, Elliott) and Society of Personality Assessment (Smith). In addition, the APA Practice Directorate has put together a “tool kit” available on its practice portal website (www.APApractice.org) that contains a series of useful documents in familiarizing members with how to utilize these new codes as well as form letters for those experiencing reimbursement difficulties.

Other Committee Activities:

Dr. Pliskin reported on developments within the APA Committee for the Advancement of Professional Psychology (CAPP). Dr. Pliskin reported in his role as Federal Advocacy Coordinator about work related to the CPT codes and about hurricane relief efforts as they affect provision of mental health services. Drs. Steve Honor and Rick Campbell represent Division 40 on the Interdivisional Healthcare Committee and reported on that group’s discussion of the CPT codes and other issues. Dr. Angelle Sander reported on the recent activities of the Joint Committee on Interprofessional Relations Between The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and APA Division 40.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Dr. Bauer expressed his thanks to Dr. Pliskin for his excellent efforts on behalf of the Division. Dr. Bauer and Dr. Pliskin also thanked Dr. Phelps of the APA Practice Directorate for his invaluable assistance to the Division and our members on issues related to use of technicians and the new CPT codes.

11. *Public Interest Advisory Committee:* Public Interest Advisory Committee: Dr. Douglas Johnson-Greene (chair) reported on the activities of the PIAC. This committee continues to meet twice annually (during INS and APA). Dr. Koltai-Attix, Committee on APA Relations, conducted an inservice on the APA structure and governance in February, 2006 for all new monitors and liaisons. This training was felt to be helpful in ensuring that these individuals have a strong impact when they represent the Division at the APA Consolidated Meetings. Five of our liaisons were able to attend the spring consolidated meetings this year. Dr. Johnson-Greene thanked the following individuals whose terms as PIAC liaisons or monitors are ending: Drs. Monica Rivera-Mindt and Tony Wong (CEMA liaison), Cynthia Kubu (CWP liaison), Bernice Marcopulos (CRH liaison); Deborah Cahn-Weiner (COA monitor); Jovier Evans (PIAC advisor).

There are currently two brochures produced by Division 40, one pertaining to general neuropsychology and one specific to pediatric neuropsychology. English versions are now available in .pdf form on the division website as well as in a printed version from APA Division Services. The EC had previously voted to approve funds for translation of these documents into languages other than English. After discussion, it was agreed to pursue translations and back-translations in Spanish and then review how high the demand is for these materials before contracting to expand to other languages.

Co-Liaisons, Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (CEMA); Co-Chairs, Div40 EMA Subcommittee, Drs. Monica Rivera-Mindt and Tony Wong. The EMA steering committee has continued to focus on promoting and facilitating the needs of ethnic-minority neuropsychologists and trainees/students in the areas of mentoring, networking, and professional development/support. The committee coordinated mentoring events at INS in February 2005, sponsored by the CEMMRAT grant funds awarded to the EMA. There will be a second mentoring event later during this APA Convention, also drawing on CEMMRAT funds. The Committee maintains collaborative relationships with the NAN Diversity Committee, Division 40 Women in Neuropsychology group, Division 22, Division 45, and the APA Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs. Effective August 2006, Dr. Desiree Byrd will assume the position as Chair of the EMA Committee.

Monitor, Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology (CDIP), Felicia Hill-Brigg, Ph.D.: CDIP has instituted a Task Force on *Training Issues for Graduate Students with Disabilities in Testing and Assessment*, chaired by Dr. Johnson-Greene. The initial charge of the task force will be to focus on how best to facilitate the acquisition of test manuals in an electronic format suitable for visual viewer software for graduate students with visual impairments who seek to meet training requirements in testing and assessment. CDIP has also initiated a task force on *Best Practices in Professional Training, Research, and Services Involving Persons with Disabilities*, which will include sections on vocational, cognitive, and educational assessments.

Chair, Subcommittee, Committee on Women in Psychology (CWP), Cynthia Kubu, Ph.D. The Steering Committee for the Women in Neuropsychology (WIN) interest group meets at the APA Convention and the North American meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society. WIN hosted two events at the INS meeting in February 2006: a panel discussion entitled “Women Pioneers in Neuropsychology: A Perspective from the Beginning” and a “Balancing Career and Family Responsibilities: Survival Tips” panel discussion. WIN is hosting a discussion hour at the current APA conference entitled “Keeping Active in

Research (Even When It Seems Impossible)." Dr. Kubu attended the APA Consolidated Meetings in April 2006 as the Division 40 CWP Liaison. Dr. Kubu has now completed her term as WIN Chair, and Dr. Cheryl Luis will assume the chair position.

Shelly Heaton, Ph.D. is the liaison to the APA Committee on Children, Youth and Families (CYF). Dr. Heaton reported to CYF on the issue of school psychologists practicing neuropsychology and continues to monitor discussion of IDEA implementation. Bernice Marcipolos, Ph.D. serves as liaison to the APA Committee on Rural Health (CRH), and reports that she gave a brief presentation to CRH at the spring consolidated meeting entitled "Referrals for Neuropsychological Services in Rural Settings." Consideration is being given to providing information on the CRH website about neuropsychological services. Dr. Rex Swanda continues to monitor the APA Committee on Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Concerns and reports no changes since the last report. Dr. Fred Unverzagt is the liaison to the APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology and reports that the Division may wish to explore the possibility of developing a roster of senior international neuropsychology scholars to share with the Council of Editors; this list would be used to identify individuals to assist international authors in submitting scientific manuscripts to APA journals. Dr. Hunter continues to monitor the APA Office on AIDS (COPA) and reports that the committee is working to identify regional representatives to offer training for practitioners and trainees. Dr. Hunter also monitors the APA Committee on Urban Initiatives (CUI), which has several initiatives related to diversity. Dr. Deborah Cahn-Weiner monitored the APA Committee on Aging and reported on their recent activities. No report was available from the Ethics Subcommittee.

12. Education Advisory Committee: Dr. Douglas Ris reported on the activities of the EAC. The committee has been meeting regularly at the INS conference and the APA Convention.

Association of Neuropsychological Students in Training (ANST): Dr. Deborah Weber assumes the position of Chair of ANST following the completion by Dr. Glen Getz of his term in office. ANST is sponsoring a symposium at this APA Convention on training in neuropsychology. ANST continues to be interested in re-affirming its role as the student organization for D40 by becoming involved in future program committees, being included in future issues of the Newsletter, and representing D40 on APAG-DSRN. As of a few months ago, there were 318 subscribers to the ANST listserv and traffic on the website has increased substantially (over 6400 hits).

The EAC continues to support the development of the list of training sites and will take a more active role as the

technical issues are resolved by the P&C committee.

13. Science Advisory: Dr. John Lucas reported as Chair of the SAC.

Database Project: Last year, the SAC proposed the development of a searchable database of the D40 science membership for use when the APA Science Directorate requests nominees for openings on advisory committees or the names of researchers willing to support advocacy work, lobbying or media interactions. In February, the EC suggested that the database project be coordinated with the P&C Committee's redesign of the D40 website, which is presently underway. Drs. Kobor and Holt discussed with Dr. Lucas and with the EC the interface between Division 40 and the APA Science Directorate and identified the following needs: identify people who can speak to politicians and staffers in support of APA science issues; identify members who can speak to the media regarding science issues on behalf of APA; identify nominees for scientific advisory committees. The SAC plans to use a combination of our divisional listservs and the planned database in order to achieve these goals.

Transdisciplinary (TD) Research: The TD subcommittee is charged with gathering resources for Division 40 members who are interested in cross-cutting research. Two events related to TD research are planned for the upcoming INS meeting in Portland: an off-program panel discussion entitled "The Transdisciplinary Future of Neuropsychology," which will include several NIH program directors, and a symposium that has been submitted to the INS program for review.

Other Activities: Dr. Forrest attended the Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA) meeting at the APA Consolidated meeting in April and discussed with the BSA members several projects that would be appropriate for SAC involvement.

Dr. Gregory Lee will complete his term as SAC Awards Subcommittee Chair at the conclusion of the APA Convention. He will be succeeded by Dr. David Loring.

14. Committee on APA Relations (CAPAR): Dr. Deborah Koltai Attix chairs this committee. She is now established as a liaison with the APA Committee on Division/ APA Relations (CODAPAR). Together with Dr. Johnson-Greene, Dr. Attix presented a PIAC/CAPAR Training meeting for PIAC liaisons, monitors, and subcommittee chairs to address effective interactions with Division-APA relations. Dr. Attix continues to work with the committee members to establish the goals and action plan of CAPAR. She has asked that committee members become listed with their respective APA committees as the Division 40 liaison, and attend or send a designate to the relevant Board meeting at the Spring Consolidated meetings.

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