

APECA Newsletter - June 2014

Greetings from the President



This is the first APECA newsletter to be formatted with assistance from the staff of NBCC. The contents are also on APECA's website Apeca.net. Thanks again for NBCC's generous support.

Below is some information about the 20th Biennial Conference which may be helpful at this point. More detailed and complete information will be available on the conference website which will soon be in service.

Carol Bobby, who attended the 2010 APECA conference in Penang, has requested and been approved for making a presentation at the 2014 APECA conference in Singapore. Details are below.

Scott Hinkle has written an article that might be of interest to other APECA members. The abstract is given below.

Conference

20th Biennial APECA Conference

4-6 December 2014
(Thurs-Sat)

Singapore

Organized by:

NIE

(National Institute of Education)

NTU

(Nanyang Technological Univ.)

SAC

(Singapore Association for
Counselling)

From Here and There

Conference Announcement

The 20th APECA Biennial Conference-Workshop 2014 aims to bring together counsellors, psychologists, social workers, education experts, teachers, graduate students, and NGOs/VWOs representatives to discuss and exchange views on the contemporary theoretical and practical counselling knowledge in a scientific environment. Skill-based workshops will be conducted by leading counsellors from different countries to help participants develop creative and contemporary counselling skills.

Theme for conference: *"Contemporary Approaches in Counselling"*

There will be great opportunities for fellowship, catching up and learning from people all over Asia, USA, and Europe.

Deadlines for paper or poster presentations and symposiums:

Abstract by **1 Sep 2014**.

Once abstracts have been accepted, conference presenters are required to register for the conference by **1 Oct 2014** to qualify for the Early Bird Rate.

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Conference Fees

	Early Bird by 1 Oct 2014	Normal
Conference + 2 workshops + Dinner	\$450	\$500
Conference only	\$250	\$300
2 workshops only	\$250	\$300
1 workshop only	\$150	\$200

Conference Dinner (5 May 2014, Friday)	\$80
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All fees are quoted in Singapore dollars and exclude transaction fees from banks and foreign currency exchange fluctuations.

4 Dec (Thurs.) 9:00—9:30 Opening Ceremony

6 Dec. (Sat.) 13:30—14:00 Closing Ceremony

Publications by APECA Members

Population-Based Mental Health Facilitation (MHF):

A Grassroots Strategy That Works

J. Scott Hinkle

The Professional Counselor Volume 4, Issue 1, Pages 1–18 doi:10.15241/jsh.4.1.1

PDF: <http://tpcjournal.nbcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/TPCjournal-v4i1-HINKLE-article.pdf>

Complete issue: <http://tpcjournal.nbcc.org/category/volume-4-issue-1>

Abstract

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that at least 450 million people worldwide live with unmet mental health problems. Additionally, one in four people will experience psychological distress and meet criteria for a diagnosable mental health disorder at some point in their lives. This data speaks to the need for accessible, effective and equitable global mental health care. Available mental health resources are inequitably distributed, with low- to middle-income countries showing significantly fewer mental health human resources than high-income countries. The need to proactively address this care-need gap has been identified by WHO and various national organizations, including NBCC International (NBCC-I). NBCC-I's Mental Health Facilitator (MHF) program addresses the global need for community-based mental health training that can be adapted to reflect the social, cultural, economic and political climate of any population, nation or region.

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