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The Association of Psychology Training Clinics (APTC): Psychology training clinics provide pre-internship training to clinical, counseling, and school psychology doctoral students. They are department or university based facilities that provide behavioral/mental health services to the community. Services are typically provided by graduate students who are supervised by faculty psychologists. APTC has approximately 175 members and 20 associate members. APTC conducts an annual meeting, maintains a lively listserv where training and clinic management issues are discussed, publishes an e-newsletter, and provides an organizational website (www.aptc.org) with many resources for clinic directors.

The Mission of APTC: (a) promote high standards of professional psychology training and practice in psychology training clinics; (b) facilitate the exchange of information and resources among psychology training clinics that provide pre-doctoral practicum training in professional psychology; and (c) interface with related professional groups and organizations to further the goals of APTC, including influencing the establishment of standards and guidelines on service delivery and training of future psychologists. Many APTC members serve as CoA site visitors.

Current Members of the Executive Committee: Immediate Past President, Erica H. Wise (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), President, Eric M. Sauer (Western Michigan University), President-Elect, M. Colleen Byrne (University of Maryland, College Park), Treasurer, William A. Rae (Texas A & M University Counseling Center), Secretary, Don Morgan (Rutgers University), Members-At-Large, Glenn Ashkanazi (University of Florida), and Karen Saules (Eastern Michigan University). APTC has kept alive its institutional memory and maintained the valuable contributions of its past presidents through a **Council of Past Presidents**, which includes Lee Cooper, Phyllis Terry Friedman, Brian Lewis, Bob Hatcher, and Rob Heffer.

Upcoming APTC 2012 Mid-Year meeting, to be held in San Diego. The meeting will begin on Thursday, March 8, at 3pm with a Welcoming Reception and run through Saturday afternoon, March 10 (with Sunday morning 3/11 for the EC/Chairs breakfast). We are working on arrangements to host this event at the Hotel Solamar (www.hotelsolamar.com).

2011 Social at APA Convention. The social held at the APA Convention in Washington, DC was well attended allowing new and veteran clinic directors to mingle and discuss common interests and concerns. This was followed by an open executive breakfast meeting on Saturday where clinic directors shared thoughts regarding future directions.

Recent Projects:

- The Executive Committee initiated a successful member recruitment drive increasing membership by over 25 directors over the past year.
- Bob Hatcher and Erica Wise working with Cathi Grus in the APA Education Directorate, and colleagues Lorraine Mangione & Luli Emmons are continuing their study of practicum, having surveyed the policies and practices of external practicum training sites. Some preliminary data were presented at APA and a report is in preparation.
- The finalized revision of our APTC Administrative Guidelines for Psychology Training Clinics is available on the APTC website. These Guidelines are intended to provide clinic directors and other interested parties with recommendations for the appropriate, effective and ethical administration of university-based psychology training clinics.
- Eric Sauer and Jennifer Callahan have organized an APTC research group for clinics using the OQ45.2, and collaborating clinics presented their initial experiences last year in New Orleans generating more enthusiasm for such work.
- The Publications & Public Relations Committee chaired by Phyllis Terry Friedman has developed an on-line version of the ADPTC newsletter, also publicly available on the website. We also continue to co-sponsor the APPIC/ APA journal, *Training and Education in Professional Psychology*, with a number of our members participating as reviewers.
- An Inter-organizational Liaison Committee continues our commitment to work collaboratively with a variety of partners including APA, ASPPB, CoA, CUDCP, CCPTP, CCTC, ACCTA, and APPIC to connect pre-doctoral training to accreditation, pre-doctoral internship, and licensure.

APA Convention Presentations by APTC Members in 2011

APTC members were active presenters at the APA DC meeting this year. In addition to the aforementioned symposium by Bob Hatcher et al on **the Realities of Practicum Training**, two members presented **workshops on ethics** (Erica Wise on Self Care) and (Mary Alice Conroy on Forensics). Lettie Flores contributed to a panel discussion on **Self-Disclosure with LGBT Clients**, Elise Labbe-Coldsmith was a participant on a symposium on **Mindfulness Skills Training**, and Mary Alice also presented with COLI discussing **Responding to a Subpoena**.

In addition, there were also **approximately twenty poster presentations with students and colleagues** on such topics as : sliding fee scales (Nicole Taylor) , barriers to substance abuse treatment (Tony Cellucci), marriages of first responders (Sean O'Halloran) , eating disorders (Thomas Demaria) , somatic countertransference and managing the stress of graduate school (Vic Pantesco) , responding to suicide intent on internet (Thomas Demaria), exposure to violence in practicum (Thomas Demaria) , regular exercise adoption (Elise Labbe-Coldsmith) , transgendered clients (Kelly A. McDonnell) , female college athletes (Sean O'Halloran) ,US Haitian children's response to the earthquake in Haiti and trauma training for Egyptian African Refugee Organizations via SKYPE (Thomas Demaria).