Dear Colleagues:

It gives me both great personal and professional delight to welcome you all aboard our new CPA Section, Substance Abuse/Dependence. In doing so, I want to thank each and every one of you who supported me over the past year or so in finally bringing this to fruition.

As I am sure you are all aware, psychologists can and do play a major role in the area of Substance Use Disorders, whether by way of psycho-diagnostic consultation, management and/or treatment. This is especially true, given the recognition (finally!) by many in the field that in many ways, concurrent disorders, that is, the co-existence of a substance use disorder with a mental disorder, is the rule rather than the exception.

The primary goal of the Section on Substance Abuse/Dependence is to promote advances in scientific research, professional training, and clinical practice within the broad range of substance use including the problematic use of alcohol, illicit street drugs, prescription drugs, club/party drugs and nicotine.

Some peer-reviewed journals to consider.....

Drug & Alcohol Dependence
Journal of Studies on Alcohol & Drugs
Addictive Behaviors
American Journal of Drug & Alcohol Abuse
American Journal on Addictions
Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment
Psychology of Addictive Behaviors
Harm Reduction Journal
Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy
Heroin Addiction and Related Clinical Problems
Substance Abuse
European Addiction Research
Journal of Substance Use
Alcohol & Drug Review
Journal of Dual Diagnosis
Journal of Addictive Diseases
Journal of Addiction Medicine
Journal of Opioid Management
Addiction
Addiction Biology
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The Section aims to achieve these goals through the fostering and promoting of psychology and clinical practice in this field in Canada by promoting the roles of psychologists in the assessment and treatment of alcohol and drug related problems; improving the quality of psychological practice in the drug and alcohol field through establishing and promoting standards of clinical practice; promoting scientific research and psycho-education; promoting professional and public awareness of the roles that psychologists can play in both the assessment and treatment of alcohol and drug related problem; promoting the development of programs for the assessment and treatment of problems of alcohol and drug use among psychologists; and promoting discussion of important issues in the area of substance abuse/dependence.

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Dr. T’s Book Club!
Favourite Picks for 2007

We don’t see things as they are; we see things as we are”
Upcoming Conferences

Issues of Substance 2007 - Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA)
November 25-28, 2007
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Contact: http://www.issuesofsubstance.ca/IOS/EN/

Southeast Conference on Alcohol & Drug Addiction (SECAD 2007)
November 28-30, 2007
Atlanta, Georgia
Contact: http://www.naatp.org/secad/

American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) 18th Annual Meeting & Symposium
November 29 – December 2, 2007
Coronado, California
Contact: 401-524-3076 or http://www(aaap.org

34th Annual Advanced International Winter Symposium “Addictive Disorders and Behavioral Health”
January 29 – February 1, 2008
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Contact: http://www.iabmcp.net

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Over the coming months I will be tackling a number of administrative issues, including the establishment of Section By-Laws. Although each section is required to utilize a “template” of sorts, I would still gladly welcome any input from you in this regard, so that as a new section we can successfully resolve our “infant stage of development” (with the greatest of respect to Freud, Piaget, Klein, or Erikson!!).

It is my plan to publish The Chemical Independent 3 times during the calendar year. Again, please feel free to let me know if any of you are interested in being involved in this endeavour, too.

Dr. David Teplin, Section Chair

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