

The Blackboard: The newsletter of INCASE

President's Column

Kirk Bowden

Welcome to the first edition *Blackboard* the newsletter of the International Coalition for Addiction Studies Education (INCASE). *Blackboard* is a freely available, web-based, online-only newsletter. It will provide INCASE news and updates, as well as brief accounts about innovative addiction education pedagogy and textbook reviews. It is hoped that *Blackboard* will help INCASE fulfill the designed purpose of providing “a global forum for the examination and debate of issues concerning post secondary education in addiction studies, and to enhance the quality of training and education in addiction studies, to disseminate professional knowledge and share ideas regarding addiction studies and scholarship in the field of addiction studies.”

On a related issues the final edition of the *Journal of Teaching the Addictions* was mailed to INCASE members in January. Hopefully everyone that should have received a copy did receive a copy. Following the recommendation of the publisher Taylor & Francis Group, the *Journal of Teaching the Addictions* was merged with *Substance Abuse*, the official journal of AMERSA (the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse). AMERSA is a multidisciplinary professional organization of health care faculty members with a focus on substance abuse education and research. Members include MD's and DO's, dentists, nurses, pharmacologists, social workers, and psychologists. Web link: <http://www.amersa.org/>.

Substance Abuse's Editor-in-Chief is AMERSA member Marc Galanter MD, INCASE board member Daniel Yalisove PhD will serve as an associate editor and INCASE board members Kirk Bowden PhD, Peter Myers PhD, Shane Koch RhD and Vicki Michaels PhD will serve on the editorial Board. Members of INCASE and AMERSA receive *Substance Abuse* quarterly. *Substance Abuse* is published by Taylor & Francis, Inc., 325 Chestnut Street, Suite 800, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Web link: <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/08897077.asp>.

INCASE thanks Dr Shane Koch for the thousands of hours and dollars that he donated to the *Journal of Teaching the Addictions* during his tenure as the Editor-In-Chief. We own Shane a large debt of gratitude for his efforts on behalf of INCASE.

Editor's Column

Daniel Yalisove

As a recently retired person, I've taken on this job to remain involved in INCASE, my favorite professional organization. We are a truly multidisciplinary organization since addiction studies encompasses so many disciplines. Where else can medical, mental health professionals, substance abuse counselors and many other disciplines exchange views on how to teach about addiction studies? I anticipate publication of two Newsletters per year and invite you to submit brief articles that would be of interest to our membership. For the next issue, I am considering including a section where members briefly describe their programs. Let me know if you like this idea or have other ones and if so submit a description of your program in one or two paragraphs. Please send replies and any other comments to dyalisove@jjay.cuny.edu.

New Board Members and Officer

At our last Board meetings in October, the following INCASE members were elected to the Board:

Robert Chapman, Ph.D., Drexel University

John Korkow, University of South Dakota

Gerard Love, Chair, International Committee, Slippery Rock University

Lisa Ray, University of Central Arkansas

Joe Rosenfeld, Psy.D., Elgin Community College

Mark Woodford, The College of New Jersey

Vicki Michels, Minot State University, was elected secretary.

Conferences

Our most recent conference was held on October 29-31, 2009 in Jersey City. We had an excellent program with many more presentations than ever before, including one by Louis Baxter, MD, the President of ASAM. The conference was well-attended with attendees from all over the country. The Jersey City Hyatt was a splendid venue. Our thanks to Peter Myers, the conference chair, for working tirelessly to make the conference a success. Our next conference will be on September 8-11, 2010 in Washington D.C. as a part of the National Conference on Addiction Disorders. Information about the conference will be posted on our web site and at:

<http://www.ncad10.com/ME2/Sites/Default.asp?>

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New Journal

With the recommendation of the publisher, the INCASE Journal (*Journal of Teaching the Addictions*) is merging with the AMERSA (the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse), *Substance Abuse*. Both INCASE and AMERSA will share the publication. INCASE will have a share of the editorial Board with an INCASE Associate Editor. Yours truly will be the first Associate Editor for INCASE. *Substance Abuse* is published 4 times a year.

Accreditation Report

The accreditation committee of INCASE is collaborating with NADAAC, the association of addiction professionals to create a corporation tentatively to be called the National Addiction Studies and Standards Education Commission. This commission will use the standards that INCASE has developed and administer the accreditation of higher education addiction studies programs. So far there have been two planning meetings, which were held at the INCASE 2009 Conference in Jersey City, NJ, and at the NAADAC headquarters in Arlington, VA. Participants included NAADAC members Patricia Greer, President, Donald Osborn, President-elect, Cynthia Moreno Tuohy, Executive Director, and Shirley Beckett Mickell, Education Coordinator, and INCASE members Kirk Bowden, President, Edward Reading, President-Elect/Curriculum Chair, and Peter Myers, Past President/Program Approval Chair.

The next step in the process is a March meeting sponsored by CSAT which will include additional stakeholders. SAMHSA and other federal agencies are recognizing that the INCASE Accreditation Model is the leader in educating substance abuse counselors and clinicians for the future.

New: the INCASE Blog

Under the direction of Robert Chapman, INCASE will shortly have a blog which will be called *Addiction Studies Educators*. It will be linked to our website.

Recent Publications of INCASE Members

Faiia, M., Mignon, S., Myers, P.L., & Rubington, E. (2009) *Substance Use and Abuse: Exploring Alcohol and Drug Problems* Lynne Rienner Publishers

Isralowitz, R., & Myers, P.L. (2010) *Illicit Drugs, a volume in the Health*

and Medical Issues Today series A Greenwood Press 189 Reference Book.
(in press)

Stolberg, V. (2009). "Historical Images and Reviews of Substance Use and Substance Abuse in the Teaching of Addiction Studies." *Journal of Teaching in the Addictions* 8(1): 65-83.

Stolberg, V. (2009) "Lack of Gender Differences in Lifetime Substance Use Reported Among African-American Urban Community College Students." *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse* 8(1/2): 70-98.

Stolberg, V. (2009) "Annual American Smoke-Out." *ECC Observer* 41 (December): 6.

Stolberg, V. (2009) "Effective communication with and about people with disabilities." *ECC Observer* 40(January/February):10.

Yalisove, D.L. (2010). *Developing clinical skills in substance abuse counseling*. Alexandria, VA: American Counseling Association.

Dues Increase

The board of directors voted to increase the annual dues for membership to \$100. You should have received via email the annual dues letter. If you haven't, you can find the dues form on our website.