



NEWSLETTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSES

CONNECTIONS

Volume 9 Issue 1

January 2006 - April 2006

Letter from the Presidents

Dear Colleagues,

This issue of the Newsletter of the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses is departing from our usual format in order to more clearly communicate recent developments. This newsletter will introduce the new leadership on the Board of Directors, discuss a proposed restructuring of ISPN, and discuss the upcoming Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado.

The resignation of Susan McCabe as the President of ISPN was very sudden and unexpected. However, the Board of Directors believe it is essential for the membership to know and understand that we have a strong commitment to continue the positive work that ISPN began with the merger several years ago. We also have a strong commitment to make the organization even stronger, and to clarify what members want and need.

Our Bylaws state that if the office of President becomes vacant during a year without a President-elect, the Secretary or Treasurer shall assume the office. Geri Pearson, ISPN Secretary, and Mary Jo Regan-Kubinski, Treasurer, have agreed to fulfill this responsibility jointly by sharing presidential responsibilities for the remainder of the current term. You will be asked to elect a president-elect this spring who will take office in Spring 2007. Geri and Mary Jo will hold the president's role until that time. In addition, Immediate Past President Lynette Jack has agreed to resume service to ISPN as a member of the Executive Committee.

Mary Jo Regan-Kubinski, currently the treasurer of ISPN, is the Dean of the Division of Nursing and Health

Professions at Indiana University South Bend. She is a long time, active SERPN and ACAPN member. She has been involved in psych mental health nursing education for over 25 years.

Geri Pearson, the secretary of record for ISPN and the Division Chair for ACAPN, is an Assistant Professor at the University of Connecticut Health Center, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. She is also the director of the HomeCare Program, a short-term psychotropic medication management program for youngsters involved in juvenile justice. She began as a member of ACAPN in 1981.

The secretarial duties of ISPN will be conducted with the assistance of our management company. You will be electing a secretary this spring who will begin serving this term immediately.

Kathy Delaney has agreed to complete Geri Pearson's term as ACAPN Division Chair. Kathy is an associate professor at Rush University College of Nursing, Community and Mental Health Nursing. She is an expert on inpatient management of children and adolescents. She has been instrumental in completing the practice parameters for inpatient child/adolescent treatment. She is politically astute and a superb ISPN member.

We urge all members to attend the Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado from April 5 to April 8, 2006. The organization had a record number of abstracts submitted for presentation and the chosen program reflects the quality and depth of the paper and posters chosen for the conference. In addition, your atten-

dance assures that your voice will be heard regarding the issues that face the organization and psych mental health nursing in the near future.

It is essential that ISPN continue focusing on meeting the needs of advanced practice psychiatric-mental health nurses. If you attend the ISPN conference in Denver, Colorado, you will be asked in many forums what your opinion is about ISPN's role for YOU as an advanced practice nurse. What do YOU

(continued on page 2)

Attention!

ISPN's newsletter is going
electronic!

See page 2 for details.



Inside ISPN Connections

ISPN's Newsletter Going Electronic . . . 2
ISPN Foundation Fundraiser 2
Call for Officer Nominations. 3
ISPN Organizational Restructure 4
Leadership Team Chart 5
Division Updates 6
Call for Award Nominations 8
2006 Annual Conference Highlights . 10
Officer Nomination Form 11

need from this organization in order to continue membership. How can YOUR Board of Directors best meet YOUR needs? We want and need to know! If you are unable to be with us in Denver, shortly after the conference, you will be actively invited to have input into ways the organization can better meet your needs.

In this newsletter, we introduce a proposed restructure of ISPN to you. This re-structuring is a part of a process, and we seek your input in its further refinement. The Board of Directors began working on this concept almost one year ago and the proposed changes have been discussed in many Board calls this past year. In this restructure, (see chart on page 5) the organization would streamline the boundaries of the merger that originally formed ISPN. This proposed streamline would decrease the number of elected positions and increase the role of volunteer leadership.

Honestly, for the past few years it has been extremely difficult to recruit members willing to run for a particular office in the organization. We recognize that members might be more inclined to volunteer to work on a shorter term project rather than committing to an elected role spanning years. This also gives more freedom for the Division Chairs to invite various people into selected projects based on their skills. It will

necessitate some strategic planning with goals and objectives and specific people identified to meet the goals. The Board of Directors believes making these changes will strengthen the organization.

At this time the ISPN Board of Directors is committed to the organization remaining a free standing group. We are open and willing to partner with other mental health entities, both nursing and non-nursing focuses. We believe that ISPN has its own voice and that we need to maintain and then strengthen this voice.

ISPN is on the verge of some exciting changes, and your Board of Directors is looking forward to sharing its vision with the membership at the upcoming conference in Denver, Colorado. Reports from the conference will also be available and accessible to members who are not able to attend.

Thank you for your continued support of ISPN during this time of transition and growth. Please do not hesitate to contact us. ■

Co-presidents:

Geri Pearson (pearsong@psychiatry.uchc.edu)

Mary Jo Regan-Kubinski (mreganku@iusb.edu)

Attention!

ISPN's newsletter is going electronic!

In order to get important information to our members in a more timely manner, the ISPN Board has decided to move to an entirely electronic newsletter.

If you haven't received an E-news message lately, we may not have your correct email address. We'll need that in order to see that you continue to receive important information about ISPN and the field of advanced-practice mental health nursing. Please contact staff at info@ispn.org in order to update your contact information.

If you do not have the ability to receive newsletters electronically, (as a downloadable PDF document) please call 1-608-443-2463, ext. 143 and staff will see that a photocopy of the electronic newsletter is sent to you.

Thank you!

ISPN Foundation Hosts Fundraiser

The ISPN Foundation, the fundraising organization that supports the mission of ISPN, is hosting a social event at the 8th Annual Conference, April 6, 2006 in Denver. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m.

8th Annual Conference

with transportation to Mattie's House of Mirrors where a cash bar, dinner and revelry with your colleagues is sure to happen. Mattie's House of Mirrors, a refurbished historical landmark from 1890's boom town Denver, offered elegant dining and was a popular gathering place for gentlemen of the day.

Cost of the fundraising event is \$55 which includes dinner and transportation to and from the event. About \$15 of the fee is a tax deductible contribution to the ISPN Foundation. Do come and join us as we support the charitable and literary missions of ISPN.

And remember... donating to the Foundation is easy. You can check the appropriate box on your Membership Renewal Notice when you renew your ISPN membership or you can mail a donation to:

ISPN FOUNDATION

Attention: Bruce Wheeler

2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800

Madison, WI 53718-7961 USA

Current Foundation Board members Beth Bonham, Ann Robinette, Judy Coucouvanis and Jeanne Clement are eager to greet you at Mattie's!

2006 ISPN Call for Officer Nominations

In light of recent events and the proposed changes to the ISPN organizational structure, which will bring about a much needed reduction of the number of member-elected leadership positions (from 48 to six), your Board of Directors has unanimously agreed to temporarily suspend the Bylaws as they apply to the nominations and election process.

Specifically, the Board is seeking nominations for the positions of **President-Elect, ISPN Secretary, AGPN Division Chair** and **ISPCLN Division Chair**, only. Election of all other open seats will be put on hold at this time, pending member approval of the proposed reorganization following our Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, this coming April. Should the proposed reorganization not receive membership approval, we will submit a call for nominations for the remaining positions and conduct another election.

This is both a critical and an exciting time for ISPN. Please consider nominating a colleague, or running for office yourself. We need people truly dedicated to furthering advanced psychiatric-mental health nursing, who are willing to work with other dedicated individuals to impact our industry as a whole. **An Officer Nomination Form is located on page 11.**

Please contact staff at 1-608-443-2463, ext. 143 if you have any questions. The deadline for submitting nominations is **March 1, 2006.**

Duties of Officers

President-elect

The President-elect shall:

- Succeed into the Presidency at the end of the term of office;
- Assist the President in communicating to the public the purpose and functions of the ISPN;
- Fulfill the duties of President in his/her absence;
- Assist the President as needed.

Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- Record and distribute minutes of all meetings;
- Carry out correspondence as delegated;
- Serve as historian and archivist for the ISPN;
- Prepare and distribute other reports as directed by the President and Governing Board.

Division Directors (AGPN and ISPCLN)

The Division Director shall:

- Serve as the Team Leader and official spokesperson for the Division;
- Represent the Division on the ISPN Governing Board;
- Provide regular financial reports to the Governing Board;
- Appoint Division task forces/committees as needed to conduct the business of the Division;
- Communicate with Division members and Governing Board concerning Division issues/concerns/activities;
- Collaborate with other Division Directors, ISPN Officers and Council Chairpersons to work on issues of mutual concern;
- Be accountable for operating within the **Division** budget.

2006 ISPN Organizational Restructure

Concept Paper

Background

The current organizational structure of ISPN, as defined in the bylaws, calls for 48 elected positions on the Board of Directors, within Divisions, Councils, and on the Nominations Committee. Following several years of difficulty in filling the large number of elected positions on the ISPN ballot, President Susan McCabe began looking at the organization's structure shortly after taking office last year. With the goal of downsizing and streamlining elected leadership to better position ISPN for future growth, and with the full support of the Board of Directors, President McCabe embarked upon a formal, comprehensive review process in the summer of 2005.

The purpose of this statement is to present the conceptualization of the changes to the membership prior to the Annual Conference.

Process

A task force from the Board of Directors reviewed the current structure during at least three dedicated teleconferences on the subject outside of regular Board meetings.

The ISPN Board of Directors was asked to comment on draft revisions of the organizational structure; discussions focused on the historical reasons for the cumbersome structure and whether or not those reasons were still valid. Particular attention was paid to the political sensitivities in existence when the original individual associations came together to form ISPN. The Board agreed that, in the intervening years, trust had been established among the original groups that now comprise ISPN Divisions, and that equal, elected representation in all facets of elected leadership was no longer the issue that it had been when the current structure was developed. Furthermore, the Board agreed that the current structure of

Councils, which is driven by equal representation among divisions rather than by their respective missions, was not necessarily in the overall best interest of the Society. Freed from these constraints, the Board was able to agree on a streamlined leadership model much more in line with organizations similar to ISPN, a structure that is reflective of the organization that ISPN has become.

Recommendations

Board of Directors

The Board is recommending a reduction in size of the Board of Directors. Voting members of the Board will be President, President-elect or Immediate Past President (alternating according to year), Secretary/Treasurer, ACAPN Division Director, AGPN Division Director, ISPCLN Division Director, and SERPN Division Director. Of those, only the positions of President-elect and Secretary/Treasurer will be elected by the full membership; Division Directors will continue to be elected by members of their respective divisions. In addition, due to the evolving nature of the organization, the Board is recommending that the roles of Secretary and Treasurer be combined. This restructure will result in the elimination of one elected position (Secretary) and a total of five voting Board members (Secretary and four Council Chairs).

Divisions

The Board is recommending the appointment of Division Secretary/Treasurer by the Division Directors rather than election by Division members through the formal ballot process. This action will result in the elimination of four elected positions.

Councils

The Board is recommending the reimagining of Councils, with mission and associated tasks being their driving force rather than equal, elected representation.

Specifically, the Board is recommending the appointment of Council Chairs by the President, and that member participation in Council activities be dictated by the particular task at hand, issue to address, or project undertaken. So rather than serving a term on a council, individual members will be sought at different times to assist with particular activities. This will ensure that the best people are doing the work of ISPN; cross-divisional representation will continue to be taken into account as appropriate. While validating the role and importance of Councils to the ongoing success of ISPN, this action will result in the elimination of 32 elected positions. At the same time it will allow more participation of members for shorter periods of activity, rather than a two year term of office.

Nominations Committee

The Board is recommending the appointment of Nominations Committee members by the President rather than election by the membership. Equal divisional representation will continue on this committee, and the chair will be elected by the Committee members, as is currently mandated by the Bylaws. This action will result in the elimination of five elected positions.

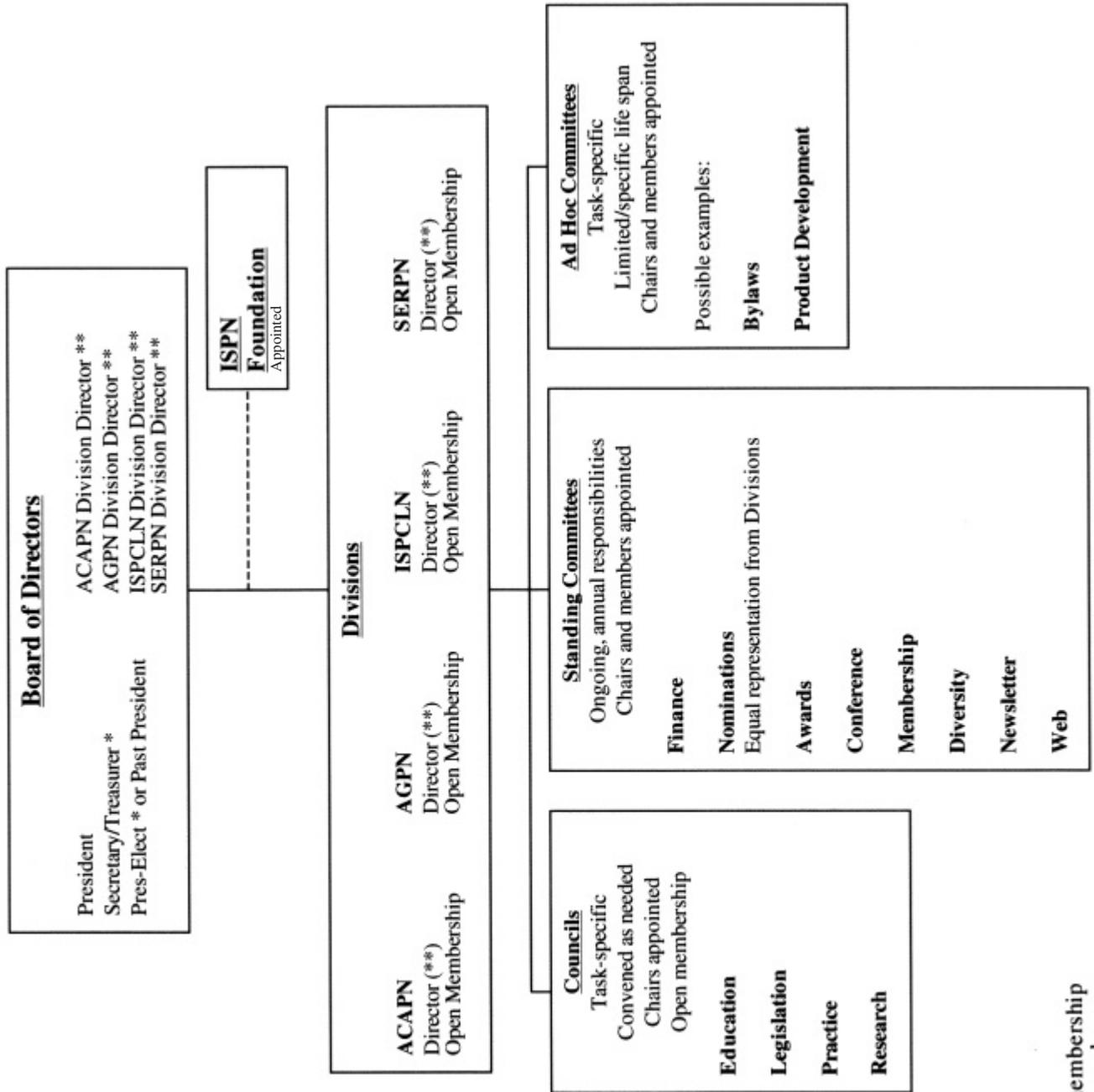
Conclusion

The above recommendations, if approved by the membership of ISPN, will result in the streamlining of volunteer leadership and the reduction in number of elected officials from 48 to six. The Board's intent is to maintain the overall structure of ISPN, while reducing the electoral burden on members and better positioning ISPN for future growth.

If approved, the organizational restructure will precipitate a comprehensive review of ISPN's Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Directors of ISPN

ISPN Volunteer Leadership Team, proposed (6 member-elected positions)



* Elected by the full membership
 ** Elected by division members

SERP Division Update

by Vicki P. Hines-Martin, PhD, RN, CS

Since the last report, the SERPN Division membership has been very busy with a variety of tasks. Ten members (from inside and outside of the U.S.) have expressed interest in participating on a workgroup to evaluate what is currently available as guidelines for PMH advanced practice education. As a next step, this group will be identifying additional critical components that will help us educate advanced practice nurses of the future. This group will collaborate with the Education Council to accomplish this important task.

SERP has received requests for expertise to assist with the development of evidence based practice. We would like for anyone who has been involved in research in the area of restraint free environments and cost containment in inpatient settings. We are actively seeking your help in identifying resources. If you have that expertise, let me know and I will be happy to match you with interested advanced practice PMH nurses.

ISPN/SERP has been very fortunate to have Jinnie Drake as a chair of one of ANCC's credentialing expert panels (Adult PMH) for several years. In addition, she has also functioned as a representative on the Logical Job Analysis workgroup which involves ISPN, APNA and ANCC. The work of this group has been completed and will result in a forthcoming report. As soon as that becomes available we will be happy to share those very important findings. That is just a brief report of what the division has been doing. Let me know if there are issues you would like to see us undertake. We want to serve you, so keep in touch!

ACAPN Division Update

by Kathleen Delaney, DNSc, RN

In this issue of the ISPN Newsletter, you've probably noted that the ACAPN leadership has changed. Kathy Delaney will be assuming the remainder of Geri Pearson's term as Division Director. Geri will be serving as co-president of ISPN with Mary Jo Regan-Kubinski. Pamela Galehouse will continue as the ACAPN Division Secretary.

Two current projects of note are the Practice Guidelines for Child/Adolescent Inpatient Treatment and a white paper on the role of Child/Adolescent APN's in the care of children in foster care. Judy Hirsch and Pamela Galehouse are leading the group developing this white paper. More information about both of these projects will be forthcoming. Final Board approval of the practice guidelines will occur in the meetings in Denver. At that time, they will be available for review by members.

One final note of interest is the recent SAMHSA report on the National Survey of School Mental Health Services. SAMHSA reports that school nurses spent approximately a third of their time providing mental health services and were right after counselors in the list of the most common type of mental health providers. To view the press release about the report, go to the SAMHSA site or type: http://www.samhsa.gov/news/newsreleases/051122_school.htm

This year ACAPN participated in drafting the ANA white paper on the health of children and need for school nurses. We will continue to explore every avenue to advocate for the role of this important group.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, Kathleen_R_Delaney@rush.edu

Research Council Update

by Kathleen Scharer
Research Council Chair

The members of the ISPN Research Council are Sarah Farrell, Janis E. Gerkenmeyer, Jean Kline, Deena Nardi, Linda Rose, and Richard Yakimo. The Research Council members are hard at work reviewing some excellent proposals for the 2006 ISPN Foundation Research Grant which will be presented at the Annual Conference in April. It is certainly exciting to see the kinds of research our members are conducting. As in the past several years, the Research Council will also be busy at the Annual Conference selecting the best Research posters for three awards: One for the research that demonstrates the best contributions to psychiatric nursing and related sciences, another for the best presentation of research and a third for the best student poster. Also look for the Research Council presentation at the conference. We will be sharing the results of an online survey Research Council member, Sarah Farrell developed. This survey focused on what research ISPN members were conducting and what the ISPN Research priorities should be. The findings will be discussed with the organizations leadership for action.



ISPN

Governing Board and Leadership Team

OFFICERS

Co-president and Secretary

Geraldine Pearson, PhD, APRN

E: pearsong@psychiatry.uchc.edu

Co-president and Treasurer

Mary Jo Regan-Kubinski, PhD, RN

E: mreganku@iusb.edu

Past President

Lynette W. Jack, PhD, RN, CARN

E: ljack@waynesburg.edu

DIVISION DIRECTORS

(ACAPN)

Kathleen Delaney, DNSc, RN

E: Kathleen_R_Delaney@rush.edu

(AGPN)

Melinda Morissette, MSN, RN, CS

E: mmorissette@adelphia.net

(ISPCLN)

Karen Ragaisis, MSN, RN, APRN, CARN, BC

E: KRagaisis01@snet.net

(SERPN)

Vicki Hines-Martin, PhD, RN, CS

E: Vphine01@louisville.edu

Committee members and Council Members and the division they represent can be found at <http://www.ispn-psych.org>. Click on "ISPN Leaders Identified"

ISPN Councils

Practice Council

CHAIRPERSON

Richard Pessagno

E: rickpessagno@aol.com

Sandra Bernstein, MSN, RN, CS

E: sbberns@aol.com

Judy Coucouvanis, MA, APRN, BC

E: coucouv@umich.edu

Merrie J. Kaas, DNSc, RN, CS

E: Kaasx002@umn.edu

Nancy McGreevy, MSN, RN, CS

E: nmcgreevy@uabmc.edu

Education Council

CHAIRPERSON

Margaret Brackley, PhD, APRN, BC

E: brackley@uthscsa.edu

Anne Fishel, PhD, RN, CS

E: afishel@email.unc.edu

Deborah Antai-Otong, Psy, CNS/NP

E: deborah.antai-otong@med.va.gov

Deborah Schiavone, DNSc, APRN, BC

E: debschiavone@aol.com

Katherine White, MS, RN, CS

E: lighthousecoaching@cox.net

Legislative Council

CHAIRPERSON

Noreen C. Thompson, MSN, RN, CS, ARNP

E-mail: nthomps2@kumc.edu

Catherine Kane, PhD, RN, FAAN

E: cfk9m@virginia.edu

Caroline McKinnon, MS, APRN

E: cr.mckinnon@verizon.net

Shirley Mohren-Graves

E: shir_g_uy@mindspring.com

Trudy Mulvey, MSN, RN, APRN, BC

E: gtmulvey@cox.net

Ann Newman, DSN, RN, CS

E: amnewman@email.uncc.edu

Sally Raphael, MS, APRN, PMH, FAAN

E: raphael@son.umaryland.edu

Research Council

CHAIRPERSON

Kathleen Scharer, PhD, RN, CS

E: KMSCHAR@gwm.sc.edu

Sarah Farrell, PhD, MSN, CS

E: spf2j@virginia.edu

Janis E. Gerkensmeyer, PhD, RN, CS

E: jgerkens@iupui.edu

Jean Kline, DNSc, APRN, BC

E: jklein@immaculata.edu

Deena Nardi, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN

E: nardide@lewisu.edu

Linda Rose, PhD, RN

E: lrose2@son.jhmi.edu

Rick Yakimo, PhD, RN

E: yakimor@slu.edu

Now you can visibly support ISPN wherever you go!

Official Lapel Pins are now available from ISPN for \$15.00 + \$4.00 shipping and handling. Contact the ISPN National Office 1-866-330-7227 and place your order today.

Visionary Leadership for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses Around the World

2006 Call for Award Nominations

International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses

ISPN Awards provide an opportunity for the association to formally recognize some of the many outstanding contributions of psychiatric-mental health nurses throughout the world. Using criteria established by ISPN, the Awards Committee solicits nominations and selects recipients of the awards listed below.

Clinical Practice Award

The Clinical Practice Award is given to a psychiatric-mental health nurse who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the care of people with mental illness and/or their families at a local and/or national level. The primary responsibilities of this nurse are clinical rather than administrative or academic. Clinical practice may include direct care, consultation, etc. The candidate demonstrates exceptional clinical performance that has made an impact on nursing practice and patient/family outcomes and is viewed as a role model by colleagues.

Education Award

The Education Award acknowledges exceptional creativity and effectiveness in curriculum development, teaching strategies, student recruitment and support, educational outreach and/or other activities by a psychiatric-mental health nurse educator; viewed as a mentor and role model by colleagues and students.

Research Award

Candidates for the Research Award are evaluated on the following criteria: 1) contribution to the generation of new psychiatric-mental health nursing knowledge; and 2) impact of their research on improved psychiatric-mental health nursing clinical practice, care delivery, and/or policy. The nomination must describe the impact of the research on clinical practice, care, delivery and/or policy. Peer reviewed presentation and publication of findings, receipt of external grant funding, and research activities, such as mentorship, consultations and peer review service, are included in the evaluation of the candidate.

Diversity Award

The Cultural Competence Award recognizes an ISPN member (and may also recognize organization(s) with which she/he works) who individually or as part of an organization has demonstrated outstanding leadership in providing culturally sensitive mental health services to individuals, families and/or groups through: 1) development of innovative and significant contributions to teaching of, research about, and/or practice of culturally sensitive mental health care in nursing, 2) development of knowledge that contributed to improved understanding or strategies regarding the influences of culture on mental health, and 3) establishment of a culturally sensitive program to promote access to services for diverse individuals, families and groups.

Service to Psychiatric Nursing Award

The Service to Psychiatric Nursing Award is given to a non-nurse (individual or group of individuals) or to a non-psychiatric nurse who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of psychiatric nursing.

Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship Award

To honor the memory of Melva Jo Hendrix, DNSc, RN, FAAN; to celebrate her leadership and to recognize her lifetime of contributions to psychiatric-mental health nursing. To recognize psychiatric-mental health nurses whose careers exemplify Dr. Hendrix's values and principles—her unswerving commitment to improving care for the underserved, stigmatized, or disenfranchised and her dedication to mentoring others. The Award Winner will be announced at this year's conference and will present the lecture at the 2007 conference. Criteria: 1) articulate speaker; 2) evidence of leadership or emerging leadership; 3) recognition of work in the community (education, practice and research); and 4) nominee's career addresses key variables in the purposes of the award - i.e., work with underserved populations or mentoring.

ACAPN Division Award

The ACAPN Award is given to an ACAPN member who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in one of the following areas: 1) clinical practice - leadership in the advancement of the care of children/adolescents with mental health problems and their families at a local and/or national level; 2) service - contribution to the advancement of the discipline of child/adolescent psychiatric nursing or the care of children or adolescents with mental health problems and their families; 3) research - contribution to the body of knowledge concerning children or adolescents with mental health problems and their families through research; and 4) education - contribution to the preparation of child or adolescent psychiatric nurses through teaching, policy development or curriculum development.

ISPCLN Division Leadership Award

The ISPCLN Division Award is given to an ISPCLN member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in psychiatric consultation liaison nursing in one or more of the following areas: 1) clinical practice - contribution to PCLN clinical performance that has made a significant impact on nursing practice and patient outcomes; is viewed as a role model by colleagues; 2) leadership/service - contribution to the promotion/advancement of the discipline of psychiatric consultation liaison nursing or the advancement of the care of patients and families with actual or potential mental health sequelae to other health problems or life events; promotion of collaboration with other psychiatric nursing groups and mental health disciplines; 3) research/writer - contribution to the body of nursing knowledge through valid reliable nursing research in the PCLN field, publication of work that influences patient outcomes related biopsychosocial needs, or published work that has added significantly to the knowledge base of PCLN practice; and 4) education - contribution to the preparation of psychiatric consultation liaison nurses through teaching, policy development or curriculum development.

Awards Nominations Process

Prepare and submit a nomination packet for each award nomination that includes:

- An official nomination letter describing the ways the nominee meets qualifications for the award. Comment on the impact of the individual's contributions. If there is a particular reason for the timing of your nomination, please explain.
- At least one additional letter of endorsement/support—which should cover similar considerations or elaborate on one or more primary achievements.
- A copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae.
- Complete contact information for both nominee and nominator.
- Anything additional you'd like to include.

You can let a nominee know of the nomination, or you can let it be a surprise. Recipients of each award for the past four years are listed to the right. Please do not re-nominate an individual for the same award.

Nominees for the Division Awards must be members of the awarding Divisions. No self-nominations are accepted.

Nominations are due March 1. All nominees will be notified of the results prior to the Annual Conference. Winners will be recognized at a special event during ISPN's Annual Conference.

Questions about the application process should be directed to Awards Committee Chair, Rica O'Connor at roc@u.washington.edu.

Materials can be emailed to bwheeler@reesgroupinc.com or sent by post to:

ISPN

Attn: Bruce Wheeler

2810 Crossroads Dr., Ste. 3800

Madison, WI 53718-7961 USA

Materials may also be faxed to 1-608-443-2474

Recent Winners of ISPN Awards

2005

ISPN Education – Lynette Jack
ISPN Cultural Competence (Diversity) Award – Edilma Yearwood and Faye Gary
ISPN Research – Janis Gerkenmeyer
Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship – Catherine Kane

2004

ACAPN – Liz Poster
ISPCLN – Melinda Morrisette
SERPN/Chamberlain – Jane Howarth White
ISPN Clinical Practice – Mark Soucy
ISPN Education – Catherine Kane
ISPN Research – Sandra Thomas
Diversity Award (new this year) – Deena Nardi
Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship – Linda Finke

2003

ACAPN – Beth Bonham
ISPCLN – Karen Stanley
SERPN/Chamberlain – Linda Finke
ISPN Clinical Practice – Susan Krupnick
ISPN Education – Diane Snow
ISPN Research – Ginette Ferszt
Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship – Susan McCabe

2002

ACAPN – Mimi Alvarez
ISPCLN – Nicki Lachman
SERPN/Chamberlain – Sandra Thomas
ISPN Education – Mary Durand Thomas
ISPN Clinical Practice – Evelyn Parrish
[Sorry to say, I don't know who received the research award this year]
Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship – Pat Howard

Awards Committee's Role

The Committee will consider the nominee's contributions and their impact that meet specific criteria for the identified award, and also the more general contributions the individual has made to the profession – including the organization or division. Committee members also consider particular reasons for the individual's receiving the award at this time. While many award recipients are seasoned achievers, early career members who are making solid contributions have received awards in recent years.

SERPN Division Jeanette Chamberlain Award

The SERPN Jeanette Chamberlain Award is given to a psychiatric nurse who has contributed to psychiatric nursing through activities that have advanced the field through public service, administration, development of healthcare policy and other service activities.

AGPN Division Award

The AGPN Award is given to a member of the Adult and Geropsychiatric Nursing Division who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in one or more of the following areas: 1) clinical practice - is actively involved in the management of the mental health needs of the adult

and/or geriatric population: Practice occurs in individual or family settings and reflects expertise, sound knowledge of mental health issues, advocacy, fairness, respect, and compassion; 2) leadership/service - contributes to the promotion/advancement of the discipline or the care of clients or families with actual or potential needs through program development or promotion of collaboration with other psychiatric nursing groups and mental health disciplines; 3) research/writing - adds significantly to the knowledge base of adult or geriatric psychiatric nursing knowledge through published works; and 4) education - contributes to the preparation of adult or geriatric psychiatric nurses through teaching, curriculum development, or policy development.

8th Annual Conference Highlights

The 2006 program for the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses is now online at <http://www.ispn-psych.org>! Visit the website to review the program, register, and secure your hotel reservations at the Denver Marriott City Center for the Annual Conference scheduled for April 5-8, 2006.

Program highlights include:

Wednesday, April 5

Pre-Conference Workshop I

(available for an additional fee of \$100)

Child and Adolescent Depression: Current Assessment and Evidence-Based Treatment Approaches

Vanya Hamrin, RN, MSN, APRN-BC

Mary Ann McDonnell, APRN, BC

Pre-Conference Workshop II

(available for an additional fee of \$100)

Female Specific Mood Disorders: Special Consideration in Choosing Psychotropic Medications Across the Life Cycle

Kathleen Walker, PhD, RN, APRN, BC

Thursday, April 6

Keynote: Cultural Competence in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: Have You "ASKED" the Right Questions?

Joseph Camphina-Bacote, PhD, APRN, FAAN

Friday, April 7

Keynote: Gaps in Service: Growing or Shrinking?

Catherine Kane, PhD, RN, FAAN

Saturday, April 8

Keynote: Recent Changes in Medicare and Medicaid and Their Impact on Health Disparities

Mary Tierney, MD

Keynote: Creativity and Restorative Practices

Carol Picard, PhD, RN

Post-Conference Workshop I

(available for an additional fee of \$100)

Rational Use of Atypical Antipsychotics in Children and Adolescents

Larry Scahill, PhD, MSN

Post-Conference Workshop II

(available for an additional fee of \$100)

Adult Psychopharmacology

Carol Hammerback, MD

Registration fees for the conference are:

Member: \$395

Non-Member: \$525

(prior to March 3, 2006)

You are going to be pleased and surprised at all we have to offer at this year's Conference and we look forward to seeing you in Denver! Make your reservations soon since this Conference is going to generate interest in the local area as well!

Attention!

ISPNS's newsletter is going electronic!

See page 2 for details.

Editor's note:

This newsletter is produced three times a year. The next three deadlines for article submission are as follows:

Summer: May 31, 2006

Fall: September 24, 2006

Winter: January 26, 2007

In each issue, we ask for updates from the various Divisions, Councils and Committees. We are interested in member professional activities and news. Please contact your division leaders with ideas for articles. Submit your articles to:

Mimi Brittingham, email: mypcbritt@aol.com

Psychiatric Nursing Conferences

Update your skills and knowledge in the ever-changing environment of psychiatric nursing

Three great locations!

Miami

March 15-18, 2006

Las Vegas

March 29-April 1, 2006



Philadelphia
May 2-5, 2006

Earn up to 27.8 contact hours



For information, a brochure or to register:

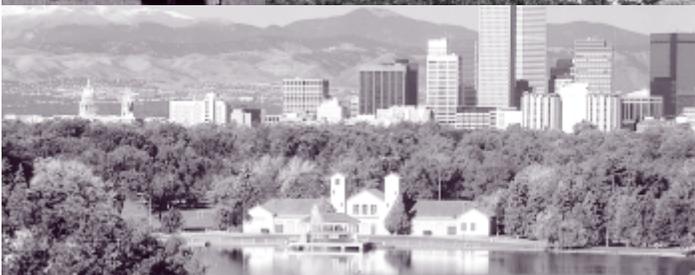
(800) 377-7707

info@cforums.com

www.contemporaryforums.com

Save the Date!

The 8th Annual Education Conference is Coming to Denver!



April 5-8, 2006

Selected photos of Denver courtesy of the Denver Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau.

ISPN Connections

ISPN Connections the Newsletter of the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses (ISPN) is produced 3x/year. The May 2006-August 2006 newsletter will be presented on the ISPN website (www.ispn-psych.org) as a downloadable PDF document. You will be sent an email alert when a newsletter is available.

Editor: Mimi Brittingham, MSN, RN, CS

Advertising Opportunities:

1/8 page:	(3 5/8 X 2 3/8)	\$100
1/4 page:	(3 5/8 X 4 3/4)	\$200
1/2 page:	(7 1/2 X 4 3/7)	\$300
Full page:	(7 1/2 X 9 7/8)	\$500

Attention!

ISPN's newsletter is going electronic!

See page 2 for details.

Come Surf Our WebSite ...

www.ispn-psych.org

International Society of
Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses
2810 Crossroads Drive, Suite 3800
Madison, WI 53718-7961 USA

Phone: 1-608-443-2463
Toll-free: 1-866-330-7227
Fax: 1-608-443-2474
E-Mail: info@ispn-psych.org
Website: www.ispn-psych.org

