

International Awards

2008 Distinguished Contribution to the International Advancement of the Counseling Profession

We are delighted to award six international colleagues the 2008 Distinguished Contribution to the International Advancement of the Counseling Profession awards at this conference. And we are deeply honored that five of the six awardees were able to be here with us tonight. Dr. Soresi planned to be here, but unfortunately some last-minute health problems prevented his travel to the United States. As will become evident, we have many truly outstanding international colleagues, and this makes counseling psychology better and stronger as we link and collaborate with these outstanding leaders and their respective professional organizations.

I (Dr. Puncy Heppner) would like to say a few words about our selection process for this award, which was very interesting from a cross-cultural perspective. Based on our experience, we know that what might be called “distinguished contributions” to any counseling profession is dependent on the cultural context, and that the cultural context will differ across different countries. We very much wanted to have cultural validity in the selection process, and knowing our cultural-sensitivity limits, we decided to have leaders in the various countries make recommendations about these selections. Initially we wanted to select outstanding colleagues from around the world. But we quickly became aware of what a huge and impossible task this would be for our first year. To make our initial selections more manageable, we narrowed our focus to East Asia and Europe. Our intention was that we would continue this project to identify many of the other outstanding leaders in other regions in the years to come.

We used the following criteria: (a) long standing contributions to promoting the development of counseling and/or counseling psychology in his/her home country in terms of practice, research, training, professional organizations, and/or policy, (b) achievements are exceptional, visionary, creative, and courageous, (c) demonstrated wisdom and leadership in promoting cross national collaboration, (d) many and long-standing contributions that have affected numerous people in his/her home country (affecting others in other countries is also desirable, but not necessary).

We used a modified Delphi method which consisted of: (a) contacting leaders in these two regions; (b) asking them to identify up to five of the most outstanding leaders in each country; (c) and subsequently contacting those identified individuals, and repeating the process.

Now Dr. Lawrence Gerstein and I present the voices of our colleagues in East Asia and Europe. The following individuals are obviously an exceptional group of leaders and scholars, people who have provided innovative and visionary professional service, and who have pioneered major in-roads into cross national collaboration. The counseling profession owes so much to all of you. You have made a tremendous difference in the lives of thousands of people. We are honored to have exceptional leaders and scholars like you in our profession.

Professor Raoul Van Esbroeck, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

Dr. Raoul Van Esbroeck is a Professor on the faculty of Psychology and Education at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in Belgium in Vocational Psychology and Career Guidance. He earned a PhD in Social Sciences at the University of Amsterdam. His research was initially on test construction, specifically interest questionnaires, and has more recently centered on school

psychology, career guidance, and counselling. That is career theory, values, and cross-cultural career counselling. He also founded Vesalius College; an international undergraduate program of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. This College attracts students from all over the world.

He was an active member of the European Forum for Student Guidance or FEDORA for 10 years where he chaired their Training Working Group. In this function, he organized four FEDORA Summer Universities in Dublin, Amsterdam, Bordeaux and Stockholm, and he managed several of the FEDORA EU-funded research and survey projects.

On the international front, Dr. Van Esbroeck served as a board member of the International Association for Counselling and he is currently still a board member of IAEVG. It is in this capacity that he has served as the Editor of the *International Journal for Educational and Vocational Guidance* since 1999. He is also the IAEVG representative on the “Comité Technique” Board of the French *Institut National de Etudes de Travail et de l’Orientation Professionnelle* of which he was elected President in 2002.

Dr. Van Esbroeck’s international commitment is also reflected in his membership on several editorial boards of such as the *Career Development Quarterly*, the *International Journal for the Advancement of Counselling*, and the French journal *L’Orientation Scolaire et Professionnelle*. Further, he is a Member of the International Advisory Board of the Spanish journal *Revista Española de Orientación y Psicopedagogía*. Additionally, his role in organizing international gatherings of career counselors should be stressed. He has already organized two very successful symposia: the IAEVG-NCDA Symposium in San Francisco in 2004 and the IAEVG-SVP-NCDA Symposium in Padua (Italy) in 2007.

Dr Van Esbroeck has published a large number of articles, book chapters and books in several languages. He was also the editor of several multi-lingual (French-English) books. His most recent contribution to international publications has been the *Handbook on Career Guidance* for which he served as the co-editor together with Jim Athanasou from Australia. This book, which includes contributions by over 50 leading international scholars, should be available before the summer of 2008.

Professor Jean Guichard, Institut National d'Etude du Travail et d'Orientation Professionnelle, Paris

Dr. Jean Guichard is currently a professor of vocational psychology at the Institut National d'Etude du Travail et d'Orientation Professionnelle (INETOP: National Institute for the Study of Work and Vocational Counseling), a department of the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (CNAM: National Conservatory of Applied Technologies) in Paris. Previously he was in charge of the direction of this Institute.

Until the beginning of 2007, Dr. Guichard was the editor of *L'Orientation Scolaire et Professionnelle* (School and Vocational Guidance). He is now one of the co-editors. With a circulation of 1,200 copies, this scientific journal is considered the most important journal in the French language on this topic. Dr. Guichard is also a member of the editorial board or co-editor of 5 other journals including *The Journal of Vocational Behavior*, *The International Journal for the Advancement of Counselling*, and *The International Journal for Educational and Vocational Guidance*.

Dr. Guichard studied philosophy and psychology at the University of Lille. After his graduation, he became a school and career counselor. He earned his doctoral degree in 1982. He was a tenured professor at the Sorbonne University in Paris in 1992.

The main themes of Dr. Guichard's research are: Dynamism of self-construction mainly in adolescents and young adults; Relations between social position and cognition of social objects; and Analysis and assessment of school and career development interventions.

The last few years, Dr. Guichard began to outline a general theoretical model of self-construction aiming at developing "a constructivist approach to ethically grounded vocational development interventions for young people."

He has authored three career education programs and he has published many scholarly articles and several books translated into a number of languages including "School and Adolescents' Future Representations," and "Vocational Psychology."

Dr. Guichard has been an invited speaker at meetings in Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Morocco, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Tunisia, and the USA.

In 2004, he was awarded with an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Joensuu in Finland.

Professor Kay Hyon Kim, Seoul National University, South Korea

Professor Kay Hyon Kim started his post-doctorate career in 1989 at Seoul National University in Korea after graduating from the University of Oregon with a PhD degree. He also

completed a pre-doctoral internship at the counseling center at Oregon. This is his 20th year of his post-doctorate career.

For the first ten years of his career, Professor Kay Hyon Kim focused on writing books and articles because counseling trainees in Korea needed reading materials. His first book “Practice of Counseling” has been read by more than ten thousand people. He has published 5 books including another book entitled “Counseling Psychology,” and yet another called “School Counseling and Guidance.”

Professor Kay Hyon Kim has advised about 150 Masters students in counseling since Seoul National University opened its Counseling Major in the School of Education. Of this group, 35 individuals have earned a PhD at Seoul National and 15 at universities in the United States. Now, all 50 of these PhDs are employed at universities, counseling centers, in the government, and in major companies like Samsung or LG.

In the second decade of his career, Professor Kim devoted his energy to the process of organizing, developing, and growing two major counseling associations in Korea: the Counseling Psychology Division of the Korean Psychology Association and the Korea Counseling Association. There are nearly 8,000 members registered in these two major associations. Dr. Kim served as Vice President and later as President of the Korea Counseling Association.

One would expect that there would be tension between these two professional associations. However, Professor Kay Hyon Kim played a key role helping the two organizations work in harmony and balance. Each organization publishes a scholarly journal with many excellent articles. Dr. Kim is currently working to share the knowledge and wisdom in these

journals with the international counseling community. Professor Kim has also served as the Editor of the Counseling Psychology Journal in Korea.

Professor Alvin Sueng Ming Leung, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Dr. Leung spent the first ten years of his academic career in the United States. In 1996 he returned to his home city in Hong Kong where he has played a monumental role in developing the counseling profession in Hong Kong, China and beyond. He has served as the key researcher in career development in Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland. He clearly understands the complexities within the critical role culture plays in the counseling profession, and is able to articulate unaddressed and overlooked issues. His scholarship on career development is excellent and incisive, and adding greatly to the international discourse in counseling psychology. Moreover, he has been the recipient of many training grants on career development. Dr. Leung has the distinction of serving on the editorial boards of five major journals in his profession, as well as associate editor and editor of two journals. For example, he currently serves as Editor of the *Asian Journal of Counseling*, and in the past ten years has cultivated a highly respected venue in addressing indigenous and international themes. He was the first internationally-based Associate Editor of *The Counseling Psychologist*. His editorial service is particularly remarkable, and clearly a reflection of a very high level of respect for his scholarship and vision. He has held numerous leadership positions in professional organizations. For example, he has been President of the Hong Kong Professional Counseling Association and almost every other office in that organization, including Honorary Treasure and Honorary Secretary. He was the first internationally based co-chair of the International Section of Division 17 of APA. Moreover, he has also chaired numerous international counseling conferences in

Hong Kong and Mainland China. Moreover, he has spearheaded numerous international collaborations between Hong Kong, the United States and other countries. Without a doubt, there is a multitude of evidence that Dr. Leung is a highly respected scholar and leader, and he has developed an exceptional international reputation of the highest level.

We thank Dr. Leung for his outstanding dedication and success to bridge many cultures, as well as his exceptional training of the next generation within the counseling profession.

Professor Salvatore Soresi, University of Padova, Italy

He is a Full Professor at the faculty of Psychology, University of Padova, Italy since 1975. Parenthetically, this institution is second oldest in the world, formed in 1222, Galileo taught here and Copernicus was student. The first woman to earn a college degree in the world graduated from the University to of Padova. Dr. Soresi is an exceptionally active scholar, having written 22 books and 200 articles. Hi is the Editor of three prestigious journals in Italy: *The Italian Journal of vocational Psychology*; *The Italian Journal on Disability*; and *Psychology and School*.

Dr. Soresi has exceptional leadership and dedication in social justice and training. An example of his pioneering work is that in the late 1960's he was one of the most committed advocates of de-institutionalization and inclusion of people with disabilities in schools and workplaces. He has been a long standing advocate for specialized training in career counseling especially for counselors working with people with disabilities, those with socioeconomic difficulties and immigrants. He established and directed a career counseling masters training program at the University of Padova. He is a most committed advocate for the establishment of

the Italian Society of Vocational Guidance and served as its president. This is a group that strongly encourages specialized training for career counselors. He is a major leader in many professional organizations and conferences which are too numerous to mention here. He is also the director of many centers such as the University Center for Research and Services on Handicap, Disability and Rehabilitation.

We thank him for his tireless efforts, courageous dedication and for his powerful social justice advocacy.

Professor Li-Fei Wang, National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, Taiwan

Dr. Wang is an active scholar and has over 100 publications, presentations and books. She has served on several editorial boards in Taiwan and other countries. She held important leadership positions and is currently the President of the Division of Counseling Psychology which is part of the Chinese Guidance and Counseling Association. She is past Secretary General of the primary counseling association in Taiwan. She is a member of the Executive Board of the International Section within the society of counseling psychology. Her professional service is truly extraordinary. She has been very instrumental in the creation and maintenance of licensure status for counseling psychologists in Taiwan. She served a major advisor/consultant for both local and national government in developing school counseling policy. Her work has transformed school counseling all around the island of Taiwan. She has been a pioneer in international collaboration including the creation of the Bidirectional Cross Cultural Immersion program between NTNU and the University of Missouri-Columbia. She has also helped to

create the first international dual degree masters program in Counseling Psychology between Taiwan and the United States.

Professor Wang had received numerous awards for her leadership, research, professional service and international work. Most recently she received the top counseling research award the Moo-Dou Award.

We thank her for her creative innovations as a change agent and true dedication to the promotion of Counseling Psychology World Wide.

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