



## From The Director...

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*"Restoring humanity to life"*



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*The ISEPP crew is working hard to get our message out. April has been a very productive month! Take a look to the right and see what we've been up to.*

**19th Annual ISEPP Conference, Portland, Oregon, October 7-9, 2016**

Conference planning is coming along very well. We've contacted plenary speakers and received numerous responses to our [Call for Papers](#). The deadline for the call is May 10th. Make sure you check out the conference information at <http://psychintegrity.org/2016-conference/>.

### **ISEPP Speaks Out**

The American Psychological Association solicited comments about updating its Code of Ethics in response to the overwhelming vote in 2015 by the APA Council of Representatives to ban psychologists' involvement in national security interrogations. Despite this vote there are still factions within the APA attempting to negate it. ISEPP's suggested changes in the code can be found [here](#). ISEPP has also submitted a [letter to the Food and Drug Administration](#) with our concerns about the attempt to reclassify electroconvulsive devices for treating depression in adults.

## **Membership**

Membership numbers are increasing and so is the circulation of our peer-reviewed journal, [Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry](#). Please take time to reach out to your friends and colleagues and encourage them to join ISEPP! Our strength lies in our numbers. They can join [here](#).

## **ISEPP Supports Legislation**

We have been in contact with the office of Representative David Jolly (13th Congressional District of Florida) and offered our support and assistance in the passage of his bill, [HR 4640](#), the Veteran Suicide Prevention Act, which calls for a study into the link between psychiatric drug use and veteran suicides. Specific ISEPP concerns are that the VA is not going to be eager about airing any evidence regarding such a link between psychiatric drugs and suicide. This is especially true considering the drugs have been the mainstay treatment for PTSD in veterans. For that reason, I suggested to the congressman that it would be appropriate to have an independent inquiry, not a VA conducted study, or at least have an independent review of the study by ISEPP. I am waiting for the response.

## **New ISEPP Pamphlet**

There is a new ISEPP pamphlet available to the public. It has been posted at <http://psychintegrity.org/isepp-brochures/>, along with a pamphlet on informed consent for psychiatric drugs. Feel free to download them and have them printed off to be distributed. They are trifold format for a single page, double sided print.

## **First Quarter ISEPP Bulletin**

The Bulletin was sent out to all paid ISEPP members. I wanted to direct your attention especially to Lloyd Ross' latest installment of "Nursery Rhymes, Fairy Tales, and Psychiatric Research" section. Get ready for a laugh! Non-members can review our old Bulletins at <http://psychintegrity.org/isepp-bulletin-archive/>.

Feel free to contact me at [docruby@me.com](mailto:docruby@me.com) or 301-646-6022 if you have any suggestions or concerns. We're always looking for new members and especially those who want to be active in pursuing our mission!

Best wishes,



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