



From The Director...

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"Restoring humanity to life"



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Fake news is in the news! We've all seen the White House claims that certain media outlets are broadcasting fake news and many in the media claiming the White House is spreading falsehoods. This kind of cross accusation is causing a lot of confusion among the public. In the midst of this, it struck me that ISEPP is battling the same kind of information war. Regardless of your political alliances, it is clear that reports from mainstream news and professional outlets are spreading false information about "mental illness". And this problem is causing just as much, if not more, confusion. One of the most important things we can do in fighting the medical

Dear ISEPP members and friends,

2017 Membership Drive

I just sent out a notice to all ISEPP members who have not yet renewed for 2017. If it applied to you, please renew as soon as possible at <http://psychintegrity.org/joinrenew/>. We will soon be removing non-renewed members from the ISEPP listserv and journal access. Of course, I also encourage all non-members to join us!

ISEPP's 20th Annual Conference - Denver, Colorado!

Planning is underway for our annual conference to be held in Denver, Colorado. We are looking at the first or second weekend in October 2017.

The tentative title of the conference is "Mental Health: Considering context in human suffering". Please save the dates and stay tuned for [further information](#). The conference Call for Papers and program/venue information will be posted on our website by the end of next week.

model of mental health and illness is to identify and critique news reports as we have been doing with our website "[In The News](#)" section. Many, many media reports present misleading information and give the impression that "mental illness" is really about brain disease. Using critical thinking skills and our understanding of research design, methodology, and statistical analysis, we can have a great impact on re-educating the public, and much of the professional arena, about this widespread problem. Let's continue to correct the record!

Petition on the DSM

We have four organizations so far who have agreed to join us in our [Open Letter](#) petitioning the American Psychological Association, American Psychiatric Association, American Counseling Association, and the National Association of Social Workers for ethical guidance regarding the DSM. Those organizations are: the [International Society for Psychological and Social Approaches to Psychosis](#); the [MISS Foundation](#); the [National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery](#); and [Volunteers in Psychotherapy](#). We've decided to wait a while longer in order to give extra time for several other organizations we've been in contact with to discuss the matter with their governing boards. We should have it ready to go by mid-April.

Selah House

ISEPP's Joanne Cacciatore is starting a beautiful and heartfelt project called [Selah House](#) in Sedona, Arizona. It is a first-of-its-kind in the United States, modeled on a British idea of the therapeutic carefarm. The Selah House will provide a non-medical and non-disease approach to helping those experiencing the traumatic grief of a child's death. According to Joanne, it is "for all the beautiful, precious, unforgettable, and irreplaceable children who died far, far, far too soon before their time- and for their families, now, left in utter darkness." She is looking for help in getting the program off the ground, so if you can donate, volunteer, or in any other way assist, please contact Joanne at jcaccia@me.com.

ISEPP Bulletin

The first 2017 installment of the ISEPP Bulletin will be distributed in a few days. Please keep an eye out for it.

As always, I ask that you all share this newsletter and other ISEPP information through your social networking sites. Also, make sure to visit our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. Feel free to contact me at docruby@me.com or 301-646-6022 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Best wishes,



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