From The Director...

"Restoring humanity to life"

Dear ISEPP members and friends,

Call for Papers – Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry

We have issued a Call for Papers for our peer-reviewed journal Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry (EHPP), published by Springer Publishing Company. EHPP offers a publication opportunity unlike other journals and is looking for high quality submissions focused on ethical, just, and humane contributions to society. Please spread the word, especially among your academic friends. Submissions can be made online.

ISEPP's 20th Annual Conference - Mental Health: Considering Context in Human Suffering

Register now for our conference in Denver this coming October 6 through 8. The conference theme of considering
context in human suffering promises to showcase the best ideas about how emotional distress is best seen as a normal reaction to abnormal situations. Up to 18 CEUs are available. Make your travel plans and lodging accommodations today! All current ISEPP members receive a registration discount for the conference. To get the discount, obtain the coupon code from Robert Sliclen (201-664-2566) prior to registering. Those of you who are not currently members should join now. In addition to the conference registration discount, you will immediately begin receiving the ISEPP Bulletin, electronic access to our peer-reviewed journal, Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry (EHPP), and your membership will be good through 2018. You will start receiving the hard copy EHPP in the mail with the 2018 issues.

Open Letter and Press Release

On August 15th, ISEPP sent an Open Letter to the American Psychological Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Counseling Association, the National Association of Social Workers, and the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, asking for guidance in the face of an ethical double bind regarding the DSM. A press release was simultaneously issued and picked up by 241 news outlets across the United States. Eight sister agencies joined ISEPP in the letter: ISPS-US, Center for Loss and Trauma, National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery, MindFreedom International, Hearing Voices
understandably reacting to the context in which they find themselves. Like all people diagnosed with mental disorders, they are reacting as anyone would when faced with those terrible contexts. They are not defective! Far more is to be gained by examining the context, to include political, economic, and infrastructure issues, than by concentrating on mythical mental disorders that reside within.

Network USA, MISS Foundation, Volunteers in Psychotherapy, and Warfighter Advance.

**Warfighter Advance Becomes a Nonprofit!**
As you all know, ISEPP has been the fiscal sponsor for the Warfighter Advance program led by ISEPP's Mary Vieten. This is a unique program that offers non-medical, non-drug, and non-clinical help to veterans and military who suffer from the traumas of war. We were just notified this month that Warfighter has been officially designated as its own 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and no longer requiring the fiscal sponsorship of ISEPP. Great work and congratulations to Mary and her staff!

**Humane Helping**
ISEPP's Eric Maisel has release yet another book, *Humane Helping: Focusing Less on Disorders and More on Life's Challenges*. Keeping in line with Eric's typical theme, he presents a way for clinicians to stay clear of a sterile, pharmaceutical-laden medical model and instead treat people as unique, meaning-making human beings engaged in understandable life struggles.

**Your Patient Safety Survival Guide**
Check out another ISEPP member's book. Gretchen LeFever Watson recently released *Your Patient Safety Survival Guide: How to Protect Yourself and Others From*
Medical Errors. According to the publisher, one out of every four hospital patients are harmed by the care they receive and over 400,000 will die as a result. This is alarming!

As always, please 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 our Executive Director, Chuck Ruby at docruby@me.com or 301-646-6022 if you have any questions or suggestions.