From The Director...

"Restoring humanity to life"

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Dear ISEPP members and friends,

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

This year's conference October 6–8 in Denver Colorado is fast approaching! Register now. We are putting the finishing touches on a stellar lineup of speakers and workshops. Remember that newly joining ISEPP members will get a discounted conference rate and your membership will be good through 2018 (you won't receive EHPP or the ISEPP Bulletin until the 2018 issues). All current ISEPP members will receive the discounted rate. To get the discount, you can get the coupon code from Robert Sliclen (201-664-2566) prior to registering. I also emailed the coupon code out several weeks ago to all members.

The ISEPP Inquiry

We are considering the possibility of producing on-site recordings for The ISEPP

It's all in the language! One of the things we have to be watchful for is how misleading language is used to perpetuate the myth of mental illness. Rhetorical sleight of hand has been used even to discredit Thomas Szasz in his critique of the myth by claiming he said mental illness does not exist, and then refuting that claim by displaying people in varying forms of obvious distress. But Szasz never made that claim. He said "mental illness qua illness does not exist." [my emphasis] (https://wwwpsychotherapy.net/interview/thomas-szasz) Just leaving out a few words has a
Inquiry while at the conference in Denver. But before we set the plans in motion, I want to see if anyone is interested in being interviewed. We have done only a few recordings so far via Skype (myself, Al Galves, and Ron Unger) but I'd like to take advantage of this forum to allow ISEPP members to advertise their efforts at spreading ISEPP's message in various ways. So if you are interested and will be joining us in Denver, please contact our Inquiry moderator, Michele Paiva and let her know.

Call for Papers - Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry
We are issuing 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.

"Saving Psychiatry" - Dr. Joe's Blog
Don't miss Dr. Joe's blog: "No One Cares About Crazy People". Joe does a wonderful job of bringing us back to ISEPP's focus on humanity. He encourages us to understand schizophrenia, or any of the other labels for the emotionally troubled, by looking at the person and not the brain. Look at the person and that person's struggle to connect with others - to fit in. But according to Joe, "...there is no cure for being human...And to be human means being up against never wholly fitting in."

ISEPP's In The News
Take a look at my In The News blog post about a recent study's claim in JAMA Pediatrics that ADHD causes an increased risk of car accidents. I think this is a perfect example of how misleading language and misunderstanding of research methods can lead to false conclusions. These kinds of pronouncements in leading journals give the false impression that "mental disorders" are things that can cause other things, when in fact they are just tricks of language.

**ISEPP Friendly Helping Professionals**
We have recently updated our listing of helping professionals who agree with ISEPP's principles and mission. If you would like to be listed here, please let me know. If you are already listed, please take the time to review your information and let me know if there are any corrections. It is helpful if you indicate the particular profession to which you belong.

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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