

DIVISION 17 SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

VOCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AND CAREER INTERVENTION

SIG NAME: Fourteen Special Interest Group (SIG) members held an organizational meeting in Atlanta during the APA convention. After bandying about a half dozen names, we chose Vocational Psychology and Career Intervention to identify our SIG.

GOAL: The SIG seeks to reinvigorate career counseling within Division 17. SIG members want to share our excitement about career counseling with each other and our colleagues. Furthermore, we would like to fight the negative mentality some psychologists have about career counseling by celebrating and publicizing its vitality. The immediate task we have set for ourselves in this regard is to sensitize our colleagues to the fact that career counseling is not the province of just career specialists. A great deal of career counseling is done during psychotherapy.

ACTIVITIES: Through convention meetings, letters, and networking we hope to:

- Share job openings
- Establish two or three APA approved internships in I/O settings
- Exchange course syllabi and teaching techniques that work
- Match practitioners with data and research ideas to academics with ideas and research skills
- Help members who have career development interests collaborate with members who have industrial/organizational interests
- Consider offering continuing education programs

**COMMUNI-
CATION:**

APA will not permit SIGs to have newsletters. Therefore, we will communicate with each other through Donald Zytowski. He will collect from SIG members: (a) comments, (b) recommended readings from elusive sources, (c) teaching tips, (d) publication opportunities, (e) job openings, and (f) other thoughts. Periodically, we will each receive the current collection in a personal communication from Don entitled **The Z Letter**.

**1989
CONVENTION:**

The SIG will meet in New Orleans during the 1989 convention. We will sponsor a social hour and promote graduate student attendance. In addition, we will submit a proposal for a Roundtable session during the 1989 Convention. We will probably propose four tables during the session. Table topics already suggested are: (1) Vocational Issues in

Counseling and Psychotherapy, (2) Teaching Career Counseling, (3) Career Development in Industry, and (4) Multiple Roles and Life Planning.

**INFOR-
MATION:**

For more information on the SIG or to make suggestions, contact Mark Savickas, NEOUCOM, Rootstown, Ohio, 44272 [Phone (216) 325-2511].

MEMBERS:

The SIG currently has 112 members. To facilitate interchange, the SIG membership list will briefly state the professional interests of each member. Linda Subich will manage this project. Please complete the following form, detach it, and send it to:

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Name _____

Address _____

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(Optional)

Describe in 25 words or less your interests in Vocational Psychology and Career Intervention.

Place a "X" in the box if you are a student