

Editor's Corner

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Dr. Jeanne Freeman, a PhD graduate from the University of Arkansas and a new faculty member in the Department of Health and Community Services at California State University, Chico, has written an outstanding literature review on osteoporosis. She has also included a PowerPoint presentation that may be used by health educators.

Also in this issue is an article written by Dr. Sandra Nagel Beebe, a recent PhD graduate from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. The article is entitled, "*A Changing Society Perceptions of Health Needs for Non-Metropolitan Seniors and Baby Boomers in Retirement.*"

A Summer Away From Chico

I spent the entire summer in Washington, DC and the Caribbean working with the Healthy Settings Unit, Area of Sustainable Development and Environmental Health, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). The Healthy Municipalities and Communities strategy was introduced into the English-speaking Caribbean countries of Belize, Guyana, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. A Consultation was held June 8-10, 2004, in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Also attending the consultation were representatives from the PAHO countries offices, headquarters, and the Caribbean Programme Coordination Office (CPC) in Bridgetown, Barbados (covers the East Indies). In addition, the California State University, Chico, Department of Health and Community Services, the University of West Indies (Mona Campus, Jamaica), and the University of Guyana were represented.

Knowledge sharing and networking between country representatives took place. There were several technology-related outcomes of the consultation that must be noted here. Several needs were identified: 1) a web-based distance learning program to train health promotion workers and other community-based professionals to build capacity of the workforce; 2) a web-based Caribbean Clearinghouse for health promotion-related information from English-speaking countries to make accessing the information easy; and 3) an electronic mailing list to facilitate inter-country communication between health promotion professionals in the sub-region.

Marilyn Rice and I will be making a presentation about health promotion initiatives and problems practitioners face in English-speaking Caribbean countries at the SOPHE Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, November 5-7, 2004. For information about the Annual Meeting, see the SOPHE web site (<http://www.sophe.org/>). Also, please attend the SOPHE International and Cross-Cultural Health Special Interest Group (ICCH-SIG) meeting. We need your ideas and your support. See you at the meeting!

HEDIR Technology Award

I would like to thank the Health Education Directory (HEDIR) community and Dr. Mark Kittleson for the 2004 HEDIR Technology Award. The award is given to health education professionals who have made significant contributions to the health education profession in the area of technology. This is a great honor, and I accept the award on behalf of the CJHP Editorial Board. See AAHE News in this issue for further information about HEDIR.

2007 World Conference on Health Promotion in Vancouver

At the 2004 World Conference on Health Promotion and Education in Melbourne, Australia, members of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) voted to award the bid for the 2007 world conference to be held in Vancouver, Canada, and the 2010 world conference to be held in Hong

Kong, China. Vancouver is a convenient location for American and Canadian health promotion professionals to attend the event. Information about world conferences may be obtained from the IUHPE web site (<http://www.iuhpe.org/>).

Special Issue: Oregon, The Beaver State

The Californian Journal of Health Promotion is planning to publish a Special Issue on the health and health education in Oregon, The Beaver State. Late submissions will be accepted until October 1, 2004. Please contact me if you are interested in submitting a manuscript. Video clips, photos, PowerPoint presentations, and audio may be included with submissions.

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