

NBCC INTERNATIONAL 2010 YEAR-IN-REVIEW



NBCC International (NBCC-I) enjoyed an exciting and very productive year. One of the most exciting developments included the addition of one full-time staff member to the NBCC-I staff. Adriana Petrini joined NBCC-I in July 2010 as the international programs coordinator.

Professional counseling certifications continued to develop in collaborating countries, and the Mental Health Facilitator (MHF) program continued to grow. In 2010, NBCC and NBCC-I staff traveled to approximately 12 countries worldwide to further develop collaborations, discuss future ones, learn about counseling development in each country and introduce NBCC-I's work. Below are some of the highlights of the year.

Professional counseling certification:

- Venezuela created grandparenting requirements for the NCC-Venezuela and awarded the first 32 national certifications to highly accomplished and experienced counselors.
- Italy began discussing an NCC project with the European Board for Certified Counselors (EBCC), another division of NBCC, and NBCC-I.
- Counseling professionals in three countries (Argentina, Jamaica, Mexico) continued to develop country-specific professional counseling certification.

MHF program:

- In March 2010, Lott Carey Baptist Mission School in Monrovia, Liberia, began an MHF program by training MHF trainers.
- NBCC-I began training and registering master trainers to assist in developing and growing the MHF program. A total of 30 master trainers were trained at NBCC headquarters and registered.
- Mexico and Germany continued to develop their MHF programs through ongoing trainings.
- Other recent updates regarding the MHF program can be found in the article titled "MHF Update" in this newsletter.

Other collaborations (formal and informal):

- NBCC-I was present for the founding of the Malawi Counseling Association in Lilongwe and assisted in sponsoring its first counseling conference.
- NBCC-I assisted the Pan American Health Organization in gathering information on NCCs who might be interested in working in Haiti.
- NBCC-I signed a Memorandum of Understanding with RENEW (Respect, Educate, Nurture and Empower Women)—founded by Her Majesty, Queen Ashi Sangay Choden Wangchuck, of Bhutan—to collaborate in developing the counseling profession in that country.
- NBCC-I signed a Memorandum of Understanding with USAINS, the commercial arm of Universiti Sains Malaysia in Penang, Malaysia, to create NBCC Malaysia.
- Dr. George Vera, professor of counseling at Zulia University in Maracaibo, Venezuela, and one of the leaders in creating the NCC-Venezuela certification, worked at NBCC headquarters as an international counselor in residence for two months.
- At the request of the Botswana Counseling Association (BCA), NBCC-I organized an internal review of draft counseling legislation created by BCA.
- Two representatives from Cuba, interested in developing counseling in their country, visited NBCC, CACREP and counseling programs to exchange information and discuss potential future collaborations.

NBCC-I looks forward to continued growth and exciting developments in 2011.