

## Counseling Conferences in Latin America

In the fall of 2011, members of the NBCC Board of Directors and staff from NBCC and NBCC International were invited to attend two events in Latin America.

The first was the **III International Encounter of the Asociación Mexicana de Orientación Psicológica y Psicoterapia** (Mexican Association for Counseling and Psychotherapy; AMOPP), which was celebrated October 13–14 in Leon, Mexico. The theme of the encounter was “Dilemmas in the Counseling Exercise: The Art of a Good Practice,” which had a strong emphasis in the counseling ethical practices. Staff members were honored to be invited to participate as speakers. Among those in attendance were professionals from diverse mental health fields, educators and students, as well as representatives from Canada and the United States. The encounter, hosted by the Universidad Iberoamericana of Leon, was sponsored by that university, AMOPP, the Universidad Iberoamericana of Mexico City (home of NBCC Mexico), and NBCC International. AMOPP announced its next international encounter will be celebrated October 12-13, 2012, in Mexico City.

The second was a joint event held November 30–December 2, 2011, in Maracaibo, Venezuela, that was organized by the Federación de Asociaciones Venezolanas de Orientadores (Federation of Venezuelan Counselor Associations; FAVO) to celebrate the **VII Counseling Congress of the Americas and VIII Venezuelan Interdisciplinary Counseling Congress**. The event was sponsored by La



*Presentation of a plaque to the FAVO congress president during the closing ceremony*

Universidad del Zulia (The University of Zulia), the Asociación de Orientadores del Estado Zulia (Zulia State Counseling Association) and NBCC International. The theme was “Challenges in the Versatility of Counseling: Wellbeing, Inclusion, Equity and Social Justice.” Attendees, including counselors, government representatives, multidisciplinary professionals and students, as well as representatives from Argentina, Cuba and the U.S., had the opportunity to attend presentations and a variety of round tables, which generated

engaging discussions among the group. Dr. Keith Davis, a member of the NBCC Board of Directors, delivered the keynote speech during the opening celebration. He spoke about NBCC International’s approach for collaborating with diverse partners worldwide. This year, the IX Venezuelan Interdisciplinary Counseling Congress will be in San Felipe, Yaracuy state, July 30–August 3. Also, the location of the VIII Counseling Congress of the Americas was announced during the closing ceremony. It will be held September 6–8, 2012, in San Isidro, Argentina.

NBCC and NBCC International continue to participate in opportunities like these to learn about counseling in other countries and to establish and further develop professional relations with international colleagues. NBCC International looks forward to participating in more international events promoting counseling in 2012.



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Sincerely,

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