

Counseling Institutes in Argentina and Malawi a Success

NBCC International (NBCC-I) and Old Dominion University (ODU) recently cosponsored and co-organized two international counseling institutes. On October 24, 2013, nine counselors from across the United States traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina. On January 24, 2014, 10 counselors traveled from their homes in the United States to Lilongwe, Malawi.

The purpose of these institutes is to assist counseling leaders in developing the counseling profession within their countries. ODU and NBCC-I introduce experienced U.S. counselors to local leaders and develop understanding of the local counseling profession. Participants are encouraged to return to institute countries as volunteers to provide counseling, supervision, consultation or counselor education services for extended periods.

In Argentina, participants were greeted by representatives from Escuela Humanística Lic. A. Sánchez Bodas – Holos San Isidro (A. Sanchez Bodas Humanistic School – Holos San Isidro), Consultora Orientándome (Orienting Myself Consulting Agency), Fundación Volviendo a Casa (Coming Back Home Foundation) and Centro para las Adicciones del Hospital Ramón Carrillo (Ramon Carrillo Hospital Center for Addictions). They had opportunities to observe counseling

sessions with diverse populations, including young adults with addiction disorders, incarcerated women with small children, older adults affected by dementia, and displaced and unemployed adults who had been recently released from prison. At Holos San Isidro, they were invited to participate in counseling classes, as well as conduct seminars on counseling topics of interest for diverse audiences.

In Malawi, participants had the honor of meeting with Her Excellency Dr. Joyce Banda, president of the Republic of Malawi, at the Office of the President and the Cabinet in Lilongwe. They were hosted by the staff of the Guidance, Counselling and Youth Development Centre for Africa (GCYDCA). GCYDCA staff members identified priority programs for collaboration, including the evaluation of their current counseling degree program and the development of a master's degree in counseling, development of marketing and membership procedures for the African Association for Counsellors, consultation on GCYDCA administration and marketing, staff training, and clinical supervision. Many participants traveled to primary and secondary schools to consult with teachers, guidance

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Counselor-in-Residence Update

In November 2013, the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) hosted Mohamed Fadzil Bin Che Din and Wan Marzuki Bin Wan Jaafar, counselor educators and members of the Malaysian Board of Counsellors, as NBCC International Counselors-in-Residence (CIRs) at NBCC headquarters in Greensboro, North Carolina. During their stay, Dr. Fadzil and Dr. Wan presented on the history and future of counseling in Malaysia; took part in meetings with local counselor educators and NBCC staff members to discuss credentials, ethics and adjudication processes for the Malaysian counseling context; and visited sites of cultural significance in North Carolina.



*Dr. Mohamed Fadzil
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Dr. Fadzil, president of the Board of Counsellors in Malaysia, was

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teachers and school administrators. Institute participants also participated in a mini-conference held at GCYDCA for local counselors and counseling students.

Ted Remley, professor in the Department of Counseling and Human Services at Old Dominion University, and Dr. Scott Hinkle, NBCC's director of professional development, led the Argentina Institute. They were assisted by Dr. Nial Quinlan, adjunct professor in the Department of School Psychology and Counselor Education at the College of William and Mary, and Adriana Petrini, NBCC-I international programs coordinator. Dr. Wendi Schweiger, vice president of NBCC-I, and Dr. Bellah Kiteki, Walden University contributing faculty member, led the institute in Malawi.

NBCC-I and ODU thank Leticia Carrillo, Dr. Loretia Dye, Dr. David Fenell, Dr. Lindsey Nichols, Dr. Ade Santana Pellicier, Viridiana Pozos and Tanya Willson, who enthusiastically participated in the Argentina Tango Institute. NBCC-I and ODU also thank Dr. Kim Asner-Self, Amanda Brookshear, Dr. Leah Clarke, Dr. Lorraine Guth, Dr. Barry Jackson, Anita Jones, Antone Scott, Dr. Donna Shannon, Dr. Julie Strentzsch and Latricia Taylor for their amazing work and involvement in the Malawi Institute.

The institutes in Argentina and Malawi are the latest in this collaboration between ODU and NBCC-I. The first two took place in Bhutan in October 2011 and 2012 and were hosted by Respect, Educate, Nurture & Empower Women (RENEW) in Thimphu.

In describing the institutes, Dr. Remley says: "NBCC-I is supporting the development of the counseling profession throughout the world. These institutes are giving American counselors and counselor educators the opportunity to learn from counselors in other countries and contribute to the profession. I encourage NCCs to consider applying when future institutes are announced."

NBCC-I will inform NCCs of future opportunities as additional institutes are announced.

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integral to the establishment of the Malaysia Counsellors Act of 1998. He also serves as the deputy vice chancellor for student affairs at the National Defense University of Malaysia and as an adjunct professor for guidance and counselling at Management and Science University (MSU).

Dr. Wan is the chairperson of curriculum standards, counselor registration and licensure for the Board of Counsellors in Malaysia. He is

also a senior lecturer for the faculty of educational studies at University Putra Malaysia.



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In addition to regulation, the Board of Counsellors in Malaysia manages professional counselor certification and registration, and the

accreditation of counseling programs. NBCC-I looks forward to deepening its professional relationship with the Board of Counsellors and to continuing conversations about innovation and professionalization of counseling in Malaysia.