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FOREWORD

The Ninth National Forum on Issues in Vocational Evaluation, Assessment, and Work Adjustment was held in New Orleans, March 26-28, 1999. Vocational Evaluators and Assessment Specialists from rehabilitation, school systems, and from the private sector were present as well as educators (and a good number of their students) from universities and colleges that award rehabilitation degrees, and also administrators, supervisors, and managers of rehabilitation facilities.

Participants had the opportunity to hear how-to-do-it sorts of presentations about evaluation and assessment (mainly from practitioners), some research-oriented presentations, and from policy makers at the national level about the future of rehabilitation, rehabilitation legislation, and how we should begin to prepare for that.

Presenters at the forum provide a written copy of their presentations so that the information can be preserved and so that those unable to attend the forum can still access the information. That's the purpose of this publication - to have a written record of the forum proceedings. Counting the articles in this forum proceedings, a total of close to 400 separate articles have been published in the nine forum proceedings publications.

About the 400 people who attended this forum - it's about the same number that attended in previous years. The interesting thing about this number is that over 80% of the participants are repeaters; that is, they have attended one (and usually more) previous forums.

There seems to be a couple of reasons why so many people return. Time and time again, the conference organizers hear the same sorts of comments about the forum, i.e., "the forum stays focused on the topics of vocational evaluation and assessment..." and "we hear many presentations from practitioners who are actually out there doing the work..." and "there's a lot of participation and interaction in the sessions," and "I get some good ideas that I can take back and use in my own work."

We don't plan to change a whole lot about the forum - based on the comments that we hear, it seems to be doing what we want it to do.

The next forum (the 10th Anniversary Forum!) will be two years from now, sometime in March 2001 (...we don't want to tire it out by doing it every year). Everybody who attended the last couple of forums will be notified about the specifics well in advance. But put a reminder on your calendar now!

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