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## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

It often happens that when a conference is over, the information is lost except for those who were fortunate enough to attend. Because our presenters were willing to take on the extra work of typing up their presentations (48 of them!), we're able to preserve their wisdom and knowledge in this book and pass it on to many others. Much thanks and gratitude goes to them for their extra effort. It's been a real pleasure to work with these fine people and their very fine papers.

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## INTRODUCTION

In September of 1984 the First National Forum on Issues in Vocational Assessment was held in Atlanta, Georgia. At that time, the need was recognized to provide a forum for professionals in vocational evaluation/assessment to come together to share information, challenge ideas, and stimulate thinking regarding the profession and practice of vocational evaluation. The organizers of the first forum under the leadership of Dr. Randall McDaniel, brought about a highly successful conference and issued a challenge to the leadership of professional organizations concerned with issues in vocational evaluation/assessment to provide additional forums in the future. The Second National Forum on Issues in Vocational Assessment was held eighteen months later in Dallas, Texas, March 13-15, 1986. Again, following a tremendously successful meeting, the challenge was issued to continue the tradition.

In Clearwater Beach, Florida, on September 10-12, 1987, the Third National Forum on issues in Vocational Assessment was conducted. Forty-four papers were presented in addition to the six general sessions. In the general sessions such issues as professional identity, product utility, the evolution of vocational evaluation, and the professionalization of vocational evaluation were discussed. The Third Forum provided a greater opportunity for participant interaction in the general sessions than in previous forums. The full impact of the general sessions cannot be adequately realized by reading the papers prepared from the presentations. That enthusiasm and stimulation can only be experienced by participating in such a dynamic interchange of information as was felt by the participants at the Third National Forum on Issues in Vocational Assessment.

The Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment Association made the commitment to sponsor these forums in 1983, and it has continued to work with leaders of other organizations to perpetuate this interfacing of practitioners, researchers, educators, and product manufacturers. VEWAA is dedicated to the idea and practice of providing forums for individuals concerned with the profession and practice of vocational evaluation/assessment.

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