**NBCC BULGARIA OPENS FOR BUSINESS**

The newest NBCC International (NBCC–I) national office is now open for business in Bulgaria.

NBCC Bulgaria officially opened January 9 with a formal ceremony at the hosting organization—the Business Foundation for Education (BFE) in Sofia.

BFE is a branch of JobTiger, the leading job search and placement organization in Bulgaria. JobTiger founder and BFE Chairman Svetlozar Petrov says his organization plans to work closely with NBCC Bulgaria on a variety of credentialing and counselor development programs, notably the Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) credential.

Opening day for NBCC Bulgaria featured a series of public events marking the occasion. NBCC Chair Dr. Dawna Jackson–Sanford and NBCC–I Executive Vice President Ted Iliff met with GCDF students and trainers to discuss NBCC’s functions and goals, particularly in the international arena. Later in the day, Jackson–Sanford and Iliff again spoke at a public briefing for Bulgarian mental health professionals as well as the local media.

Iliff explained that NBCC Bulgaria will help BFE and JobTiger develop and market the GCDF credential in Bulgaria and will also explore other opportunities for credentialing and professional development with universities and government ministries as well as in the private sector.

Gergana Rakovska will serve as director for NBCC Bulgaria. She helped coordinate a GCDF program jointly run by BFE and the U.S. Agency for International Development office in Sofia. When that program ended in March, BFE took over the program in conjunction with NBCC–I.

Rakovska will report directly to NBCC International–Europe Director Dr. Andreea Szilagyi, who is based in Bucharest, Romania, and was instrumental in organizing the GCDF program in Bulgaria.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

The following NCCs were disciplined by NBCC pursuant to the NBCC Ethics Case Procedures. The following information represents final ethics case decisions.

- **Rebecca K. Barnes,** #56455, Idaho, A.10, A.13, Certification Suspended (24 months)
- **Brad M. Farmer,** #40309, Arkansas, A.1, A.11, A.13, Certification Revoked
- **Robert Gluhareff,** #5309, North Carolina, A.1, A.6, A.7, A.8, A.9, A.13, Probation Term Imposed (12 months), B.1, B.9, and B.10
- **Nancy Kizielewicz,** #17158, New York, A.13, B.9, Certification Suspended, (6 months)
- **James J. McCauley,** #33543, South Dakota, A.8, A.9, A.10, A.13, Certification Revoked

For additional information concerning the NBCC Code of Ethics or NBCC Ethics Case Procedures, please access the Ethics Section of the NBCC Web site, available at www.nbcc.org/ethics2.

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**ACTION AT ACA**

NBCC staffers Susan Shafer, Shawn O’Brien, Kristi McCaskill, Joe Jordan, and Mona Olds spoke with dozens of attendees last month in the Exhibit Hall area at the American Counseling Association in Detroit. Following its custom, NBCC operated a booth during the annual ACA conference. Before, after, and between conference sessions, attendees cruised the Exhibit Hall aisles in search of new ideas, products, and freebies. NCCs, future NCCs, and counselor educators frequented NBCC’s booth from the opening reception to closing on Saturday.

NBCC’s booth sported a new look this year with banners and display items celebrating its 25th anniversary. Visitors picked up two-year calendars, door hangers, bookmarks, and a wide variety of informational literature. Staff members were especially pleased to inform practitioners about two new psychological testing products now available for counselors—a career instrument and a clinical instrument. These assessments were available to order at the conference through the Institute for Personality and Ability Testing (IPAT), an NBCC partner.

Hundreds of booth visitors submitted their names for two drawing opportunities. Dr. Jane Webber, of Seton Hall University, won the NBCC leather portfolio, and Dr. Larry Johnson, of National University, won the iPod, donated by Lockton Risk Services, NBCC’s insurance partner.