

Consortium of Combined-Integrated (C-I) Doctoral Programs in Psychology

DATE:	October 8, 2004
TO:	Individuals and Organizations Involved with Education/ Training in Psychology
FROM:	The Consortium of Combined-Integrated Doctoral Programs in Psychology (CCIDPIP)
RE:	Request for Support

As you may know, the Committee on Accreditation (CoA) of the American Psychological Association has proposed to remove the "combined" category of doctoral education and training from its Guidelines & Principles (see http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation/elimination.html). As the official organization that represents "combined" programs, CCIDPIP strongly objects to this proposal (our official response to CoA's proposal may be accessed via our website, at www.jmu.edu/ccidpip/).

If you are receiving this memorandum, that is because the students, graduates, faculty, and administrators of Combined-Integrated (C-I) programs—and their host universities—need your help. Specifically, we are asking you and/or your organization to support the following threefold position, as it is fundamental for us and key to the collaborative resolution of these issues over time:

- 1) the "combined" category should be retained under scope in the Committee on Accreditation's Guidelines & Principles (G & P);
- CCIDPIP should be granted representation under Domain II of the G & P (as requested in our February 19, 2003 letter to BEA and CoA); and
- 3) the name of this program category should be changed from "combined" to "combined-integrated" (as requested in our September 4, 2003 letter to BEA and CoA).

If you and/or your organization are willing to support our position, you may contact a member of the CCIDPIP Board directly via the information to the left and/or indicate your support through the website established by the CoA for public comments: <u>http://apaoutside.apa.org/accredsurvey/public/</u>.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us directly. Thank you for considering our request.

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