ANNOUNCEMENT:

SPECIAL ISSUE OF ASSESSMENT ON THE TOPIC OF FORENSIC ASSESSMENT

Forensic assessment is one of the fastest growing areas in the field of clinical psychology, with increasing numbers of psychologists and neuropsychologists presenting or reviewing the results of psychological evaluations in the courtroom setting. The broad area of forensic assessment includes numerous specialized applications including determination of competency to stand trial or assessment of criminal responsibility, assessment relevant to the determination of damages in personal injury cases, (including the behavioral and emotional consequences of head injury and posttraumatic stress disorder), and the development of specialized forensic assessment instruments. Special issues of assessment have been developed in the past to provide in depth coverage to important areas. We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Eric Zillmer, Pacifico Professor of Neuropsychology at Drexel University, Associate Editor of Assessment and President of the National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN) is currently developing a special issue of Assessment in the area of forensic psychology. The tentative publication for this issue is the last quarter of 2003 (Volume 10, Issue 4) and we currently anticipate manuscripts that include the following areas:

- Ten Common Errors Made by Forensic Psychologists
- Age, IQ, and Academic Achievement as Predictors Miranda Rights Comprehension and Tendency Toward False Confessions
- Assessment of Mild Head Injury in Forensic Settings: Emotional and Pre-Morbid Factors
- Legal and Psychological Implications in the Assessment of Sexual Consent
- Forensic Assessment Instruments (FAI) in Personal Injury Examination
- Broad Based Strategies for Improving the Quality of Forensic Assessment: Data Integration and Implementation
- Construct Validity of the ECSTR (Evaluation to Competency to Stand Trial - Revised): Theoretical and Empirical Approaches.
- Use of the MMPI-2 in Forensic Evaluations

Please forward any recommendations or suggestions you have for the special issue directly to Dr. Eric Zillmer at Zillmer@Drexel.edu