

# **Accreditation Summiteers in Agreement on Change**

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CHICAGO—Participants in the Summit on Accreditation came here from psychology departments nationwide and from diverse areas within psychology and related disciplines. But from the start of the three-day meeting they appeared united on at least one point: the critical need for urgent reform of the accreditation system in psychology.

The mid-April summit, convened by APS in conjunction with the Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology (COGDOP), drew 140 invited delegates from

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The 140 participants (go ahead, try and count them) in the April 10-12, 1992, summit meeting on educational accreditation in psychology agreed that change in the current system was needed.

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## Are NIMH Young Investigators Disappearing?

### Inquiring Minds Want to Know

A joint APS/National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) effort is now underway to investigate the facts behind an apparent loss of young NIMH-supported investigators, particularly in psychology. If the facts stand up, NIMH says it stands ready to address the problem with policy changes.

"NIMH is worried not only about the question of whether there are enough young investigators for now but is concerned also about whether there is a seed-corn problem for the future. In other words, are we failing to pay enough attention to both recruitment and retention of young investigators to assure that we will have an appropriate pool of researchers into the twenty-first century?" asks NIMH Deputy Director Alan Leshner.

The problem has been puzzling the mental health research community since a 1988 report from NIMH's parent agency, the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA), found that the proportion of ADAMHA-supported investigators under age 35 dropped from 26

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