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SIAST celebrates training milestone

Addictions Counselling marks 20 years with reunion, conference

October 21, 2008 – SIAST’s Addictions Counselling diploma program hosts an educational conference this week for alumni and medical professionals in Saskatchewan. The conference, dubbed “Addictions Counselling Program Gives Back,” focuses on neuro-scientific evidence for tackling the challenges of addictions.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, Dr. Carlton K. Erickson will present leading-edge research on the latest neurobiological findings on addictive diseases and will discuss current and emerging treatments for chemical dependence. Dr. Erickson’s presentation will provide neuro-scientific evidence supporting chemical dependence as a medical disease. Dr. Erickson is author of the landmark book “The Science of Addictions: From Neurobiology to Treatment.”

Alumni from the Addictions Counselling diploma program take part in a 20-year reunion reception tonight highlighted by the history of the program from its introduction in 1986 to present day. More than 80 professionals from previous graduating classes will attend. The conference is the first-ever organized by SIAST’s Addictions Counselling students and faculty.

Event: SIAST Addictions Counselling Conference Reception
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2008
Time: 7 – 9 p.m.
Place: Saskatoon Inn, 2002 Airport Drive, Saskatoon SK

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