

# Society for Clinical And Experimental Hypnosis

The S.C.E.H. held its 44th annual workshop and scientific meeting in the Chicago area October 12-19, 1993.

About 280 participants attended the training offered by this organization which is among the oldest hypnosis organizations in the United States. The structured sequential teaching program emphasizes the central role of research as a foundation for clinical work. The organization has sought to bridge the gap between research and clinical applications. The workshop consisted of three days of instructional work followed by two days of presentations, research and reports on work in progress.

A special feature of the meeting was a conversation hour which highlighted the history of professional hypnosis organizations in the United States since 1949. Organizational leaders for S.C.E.H. and the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis then could work cooperatively toward joint goals. Both organizations share members. It was expressed that cooperative effort would better serve the professional advancement of hypnosis. It clearly was recognized that combined effort would be desirable to confront and adapt to pressing concerns of therapeutic care in the 21st century, however, the strategy for achieving cooperative effort was less clear.

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