



Federcounseling

Federazione Nazionale delle Associazioni di Counseling

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A tutti i counselor

in indirizzo

OGGETTO: iscrizione e accreditamento EAC

LORO SEDI

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Cara collega, caro collega,

come ti avevamo anticipato nella nota del 15 aprile u.s. (pubblicata su www.federcounseling.it) che annunciava l'ingresso ufficiale di *Federcounseling* nella *European Association for Counselling* (EAC), la strutturazione del processo per diventare membri e, per chi ne ha requisiti, anche ***counselor accreditati*** (accredited counsellor), è stata completata.

Con grande piacere alleghiamo alla presente una lettera di benvenuto che il Presidente di EAC Seamus Sheedy e il Segretario Generale EAC Jesmond Friggieri hanno scritto per tutti i counselor delle associazioni professionali che afferiscono a *Federcounseling*.

Approfittiamo di questa nostra per ricordarti che esiste una differenza sostanziale tra "member" e "accredited counselor". Il "member" equivale al semplice socio: chiunque, condividendone gli scopi, può contribuire allo sviluppo di EAC diventandone socio, senza avere particolari requisiti e senza essere necessariamente un counselor. Essere "accredited counselor", invece, significa aver ottenuto uno specifico accreditamento poiché si è counselor in possesso di determinati requisiti.

I requisiti necessari per poter diventare un counselor accreditato dall'EAC ed ottenere lo ***European Certificate or Counsellor Accreditation*** (ECCac) sono i seguenti:

- a) Essere iscritti ad una delle associazioni professionali che costituiscono *Federcounseling* (AICo, ANCoRe, AssoCounseling, SICOOl) ed essere in possesso dell'attestazione di qualificazione professionale ai sensi della L. 4/2013.
- b) Avere effettuato una formazione minima in counseling rispondente ai criteri promossi da EAC e da *Federcounseling* (corso triennale, monte ore pari ad almeno 450, formazione personale individuale di almeno 50 ore).

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- c) Poter dimostrare di esercitare attività di counseling in maniera prevalente e/o continuativa di almeno 450 ore ogni tre anni con una regolare attività di supervisione di almeno 45 ore ogni 3 anni (ovvero 1 ore di supervisione ogni 10 ore di lavoro).

Nei prossimi mesi *Federcounseling* strutturerà, in accordo con le associazioni che la compongono, una apposita procedura che vi sarà comunicata tempestivamente.

Ci teniamo a ricordarti, con la serietà che ci contraddistingue, che il certificato europeo non ha alcun valore legale né in Italia né in Europa. Dunque non è, ad esempio, un titolo valido per esercitare in tutti i paesi della UE. È un titolo che attesta il possesso di determinate caratteristiche, qualità e competenze professionali e che cerca di armonizzare tali caratteristiche a livello europeo per tutti i colleghi counselor.

È un titolo che ha un grande valore culturale e rappresenta un importante contributo alla costruzione, in Europa, di una identità professionale comune.

Raggiunto questo primo fondamentale obiettivo, avvieremo nuove attività volte alla costruzione di un' ***identità professionale europea*** condivisa per i counselor.

Le prime che metteremo in campo saranno finalizzate ad organizzare momenti di incontro e di scambio tra counselor italiani e counselor europei e a questo riguardo ci saranno già nel 2015 alcune importanti occasioni di confronto, delle quali vi informeremo più avanti.

Cordiali saluti

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Federcounseling Member

Dear

First of all, on behalf of the EAC Executive Committee, we are delighted that Federcounseling is now a member of the EAC. We welcome you all to the EAC community and we will be very pleased if you join EAC now as an individual member. This will be enriching to our existing community and we believe that your contribution will be useful to all our members.

Since 1991, we have been slowly building a community and network of counsellors, counselling organizations and National Associations for counselling across Europe. EAC helps promote professional identity and networking through opportunities to dialogue with counsellors in different parts of the world.

Why join EAC?

The counselling profession in Europe is now at a crucial stage. There is a growing need and demand for counselling services among the people in Europe. This need can only be fulfilled by self-confident, highly trained professionals, with coherent and widely recognised professional structures.

By joining EAC you will be assisting in the creation of agreed professional structures for accreditation, high standards in training, professional support, exchange and eventual safeguarding of professional mobility throughout Europe. You will also be assisting in the task of creating national counselling associations in several European countries where they do not currently exist.

Who can join EAC?

Membership of the EAC shall be open to individuals and organisations that support and endorse the objectives of the EAC and who meet the membership conditions determined from time to time by the Governing Board and approved by members entitled to vote in the General Assembly

The EAC Training Standards are available to download from www.eac.eu.com by leaving your Name and email address on the form at the bottom of each page of the site. (Please note that our Training Standards handbook is currently being updated).

You can join EAC as an individual member by filling the form here at <http://eac.eu.com/join-eac/eac-ordinary-member-application-form> (€50).

What is the next step?

1. As a member of Federcounseling, you could be eligible to qualify for the European Certificate or Counsellor Accreditation (ECCac). The steps to achieving this accreditation are:-
 - a. Become an accredited counsellor with Federcounseling by complying with their accreditation standards and criteria. Information for this can be obtained by contacting Federcounseling direct or Chiara Veneri who is the EAC National representative for Federcounseling.
 - b. Once you have achieved accreditation with Federcounseling and they have verified your application they can sponsor you to be awarded the ECCac. This is a prestigious award which is being recognised across Europe as a reflection of the high standard of training and expertise achieved by an individual counsellor within the industry.
 - c. Once Federcounseling has accepted you as an accredited member and are ready to sponsor you for the EAC accreditation, you will need to complete an application form <http://eac.eu.com/join-eac/accreditation-application-form> and pay to them an accreditation fee (€25) before they can forward your details on to EAC. This additional fee is set to cover the cost of scrutiny and administration before an applicant is accepted for EAC Accreditation.
 - d. Once your application has been received and processed EAC will then forward your Accreditation Certificate to Federcounseling.
2. Accreditation with EAC is granted for five years but issued each year on receipt of your annual membership fee. The Accreditation award is renewed on the fifth anniversary subject to the applicant meeting current criteria and payment of the accreditation fee.
3. As an accredited member of the EAC you can register your business details in the online European Register of Accredited Counsellors. Details will be sent with your membership certificates.
4. Your EAC membership gives you exclusive access to the member only section of the website, please visit <http://eac.eu.com/member-registration-2>, where by completing a simple form you will be sent your username and password. The EAC administration department does not retain this password, your password is unique, so please make a note of it and keep it safe
5. The website contains general information about the EAC including articles and other contributions by guest writers together with details of upcoming events and conferences. The member only section contains important information from the Governing Board and the Executive, plus articles, research documents and other noteworthy work from members of the EAC for members of the EAC. All members are entitled to offer work for inclusion in the site and you can do so by visiting the Member Submission Page (<http://eac.eu.com/member-section-2/member-submission/>), once you are a registered member and have your password.

We look forward to you playing a full role in the activities of the EAC during your membership.

Should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact our office on info@eac.eu.com.

Yours sincerely



Seamus Sheedy
President



Jesmond Friggieri
EAC General Secretary