

Spotlight on Marjorie Greenberg, Head, WHO Collaborating Center for the Family of International Classifications for North America (see photo). The Collaborating Center: (1) Represents the United States and Canada in international activities related to study and implementation of the ICF; (2) Works with U.S. researchers conducting ICF studies and evaluations; (3) Disseminates information about ICF and potential applications and (4) Collaborates with Canadian researchers through the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI). Marjorie introduced the idea of an ICF Clearinghouse in June 2002 at the Eighth Annual North American Collaborating Center Meeting in Toronto. Since then, the contract has been implemented with NCHS staff and Washington University; monthly messages have been sent out since October 2002. Marjorie points out: "The North American Collaborating Center ("NACC") established a NACC Clearinghouse on ICF to facilitate information exchange, with an emphasis on ICF information in the United States and Canada. This effort is consistent with our terms of reference and an exciting opportunity to share information about applications of ICF in North America. With ICF approval by the World Health Assembly in May 2001, a flurry of national and international activity has occurred. While a relatively small cadre of revision experts have kept themselves informed, large groups of prospective users have now entered the scene. The NACC has typically had annual conferences to keep ICF experts and consumers informed, but now there is a need for more regular information exchange and technical assistance. It is essential that all stakeholders be up-to-date, given that there is new major ICF activity in government, professional associations, universities, service providers, and consumers. I am really pleased with the functioning of the NACC ICF Clearinghouse so far and that we have over 250 subscribers in a few short months. I want to thank Paul, Linda, Diane, David and Trish for doing a terrific job in launching the Clearinghouse."

On a personal note, Marjorie is known around the office as "Mother Greenberg" because of the interest she takes in staff members. She was nominated by staff members and received the 2002 NCHS Director's Award for Managerial Excellence. She has been with NCHS since 1982, and also serves as Executive Secretary to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, which is the external advisory committee to DHHS on health information policy. Her areas of interest and expertise include health data standardization, uniform health data sets, health classifications, data policy development and evaluation policy. Marjorie is a founding member of the Public Health Data Standards Consortium, which represents the interests of public health and health services research in data standards setting processes (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/otheract/phdsc/phdsc.htm>). She also serves as the Consortium's federal representative to the National Uniform Billing Committee. She received her bachelor's degree from Wellesley College and a master's degree from Harvard University. She and her husband George have

two children, Josh (a banker married to Mindy) and Debbie (a teacher), dogs Moses ("the ICF doggie") and Monty, cat Lily and two birds. Yes, that's Bedirhan Ustun with Moses, after the Heads of ICD/ICF meeting in Bethesda. Marjorie is looking forward to seeing everyone in St. Louis.