
Editorial

In the years since 1995 when the first issue of this Journal appeared, its purposes have been elaborated with increasing clarity. It came into being in response to members' recognition of the need for a medium

- located within Aotearoa New Zealand,
- to encourage the expression of professional creativity and reflection,
- to provide a forum within which members could make their work, and the thinking the underlies it, visible to one another,
- to stimulate dialogue and debate and
- to hold with respect the diversity of views contained within the association.

This fifth issue addresses each of these purposes. We follow the established custom of offering in printed form papers presented at this year's conference in Dunedin, whose theme was *The Unconscious: the Real McCoy of Psychotherapy?* Keynote papers by Brian Broom, Joan Dalloway, Sean Manning and Richard O'Neill-Dean take a variety of bearings on this theme. We are also pleased to include papers by Gill Caradoc-Davies, Betty Robb and Carol Worthington, who missed the opportunity to put their papers before participants as a result of the format and dynamic of conference, and from Philip Culbertson, Tony Coates and Jerri Bassi.

Five issues of the Journal bring us to a point when we can take stock of what has been achieved and what now needs to be addressed. The Association's strategic plan for 1999 identifies objectives for the Journal's future development. These will require the editorial group to move forward with the development of editorial protocols and to establish a system of peer review of papers submitted for publication. It is time now to extend the Journal's purposes: to use it to make ourselves visible to our peers outside Aotearoa New Zealand, and to invite them into dialogue about issues of common interest and concern.

We invite you to join us in this undertaking

- by responding—in letters or papers—to the issues raised in the Journal, thus developing its function of debate and dialogue,

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- by continuing to offer both your own written work and your ideas for themes you would like to see developed and
 - by engaging with us - perhaps at times bearing with us - as we work with you to develop an editorial style that will enable the Journal to take its place in the international literature of psychotherapy.

To this end, guidelines for contributors will be included in this and subsequent issues.

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