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## Editorial

The 2003 edition of Forum celebrates diversity. The papers within cover a wide sweep: across countries, across cultures and languages, across disciplines, from different corners of our psychotherapy discipline. We are delighted to include keynote papers and other presentations from the conference in Christchurch. These papers give us rich reading and thinking from many perspectives - psychiatry, individual and group psychotherapy, history and culture, art, ethics and neuroscience. We have as well papers that pick up the conference theme, the ebb and flow of relationship. We include a formal tribute to Roy Muir and a paper dedicated to him. Its author, Angela Stupples, trained in child psychotherapy with Roy and Liz Muir and her paper opened the day seminar held at The Ashburn Clinic in Dunedin earlier this year to honour Roy's life and work.

There are many threads and colours to this tapestry of lively thought. One of them is the work of passionate and committed men and women, whose contributions, past and present, to the work of relieving suffering and enhancing the human potential for living more fully and creatively, are also part of the heritage of this association. Our life as an association is carried forward by the talents of our forebears and of our present members. We develop as well from the brief, rich encounters with those from outside who walk and talk with us at conferences and meetings down the years or enter into dialogue with us through the offer of a paper for this journal.

Brian Broom has set the benchmark for subsequent tribute papers. His account of Dr Maurice Bevan-Brown is intellectually stimulating, provocative and individual - as was BB. Bevan-Brown took his passionate beliefs about parenting and early development into his community, much as D.W. Winnicott did in Britain. He was not afraid to ruffle feathers.

Neither was Roy Muir. A clinical anecdote from his work with adolescents and families, shared with us in Dunedin by Bill Grant, exemplified this. A difficult family session was taking place. A teenage girl glared angrily at Roy, then snarled at him, 'Dr. Manure'. A brief silence - then Roy's response: 'Yes, I have been shovelling some powerful stuff around'.

In Christchurch in February we listened to and watched our visitors as they wrestled with powerful ideas and powerful material, including clinical material. At times they competed with each other, in ideas and in personal style.

This seemed lively, comfortable and robust. However, at times our speakers ruffled some of our feathers. In a similar and necessary way, when we work with our clients through some of the storms of psychotherapy, our feathers get ruffled and we do some shovelling around of powerful stuff.

In recent years, much time, energy and debate has gone to formulating the ethical principles informing our practice as psychotherapists, principles founded on respect and integrity. A possible side effect of this has been to make our style as we talk to each other very respectful - maybe at times too respectful, too careful. It is good to be reminded of the bracing atmosphere that is generated when we speak freely, frankly, bluntly, with passion.

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