

# EDITORIAL

This issue of the journal contains within its covers examples of the discussion and debate which helps to ensure that the passion and intellectual rigour of the analysis of existence from philosophical and psychological perspectives continues to enrich our work, and in particular our work in the therapeutic arena. So it is that, for example, we are able to include papers by Professor Thomas Szasz and Anthony Stadlen, which comment on critiques of the work of the former which appeared in *Existential Analysis* 13.2. The authors of these papers, Darren Wolf and Hugh Hetherington, have responded, and their contributions to the debate are included in this edition.

John Rowan has submitted two contributions which raise thought-provoking questions about philosophical counselling and intersubjectivity, respectively; it will be interesting to see whether these, too, generate further debate within the pages of this journal. Continuing the theme of discussion and debate we are pleased to include a paper by Bo Jacobsen which presents his interview with Irvin Yalom in which both explore aspects of Professor Yalom's work and publications.

Among other contributions, we are particularly pleased to be able to include Mike Harding's Talk from the Chair, originally given to the Society for Existential Analysis in November 2002, and it is with this that the current edition of *Existential Analysis* opens.

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