

EDITORIAL

The Editors are delighted to be able to open this, the second volume of the twenty-first edition of *Existential Analysis* with a noteworthy reply to Amedeo Giorgi's paper 'Phenomenology and the Practice of Science', published in our previous volume, *Existential Analysis* 21.1. Jonathan Smith's 'Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis. A Reply to Amedeo Giorgi', represents a fascinating contribution to the literature on phenomenological research methodology and, in particular, the scientific status of IPA. We hope that the dialogue between these two papers will stimulate still further debate on a topic which is of increasing relevance and growing interest, perhaps partly owing to intensifying pressure to take account of 'evidence-based' practice and empirical research in our field. Contributions in the form of articles, replies, and letters, are welcome.

This edition also includes, among other papers, four which, in various ways, seek to open up further than hitherto accomplished the relationship between Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy and Existential Therapy. We are grateful to Diana Mitchell and Sarah Young for their initiative in identifying the need for continuing serious debate on this subject within the pages of this Journal, and for setting this debate in motion. Further papers on this topic will appear in the January 2011 edition of *Existential Analysis*, and we welcome submissions on both phenomenological research and the dialogue between existential analysis and CBT from our subscribers and readers.

With submissions very much in mind, we are pleased to note that we are receiving an ever-increasing number of impressive papers - more than ever before in the history of the Journal - and we are, accordingly, very glad to welcome Simone Lee to our team. We are confident that she will, in the role of Peer Review Coordinator, keep our rigorous peer-review system running efficiently and enhance the quality of our communications with prospective contributors. Once again, we are grateful for the increasing profile of the Journal internationally and the unique role we are able to play in the resurgence of interest in existential orientations to professional practice.

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