

EDITORIAL

This, the first edition of the twenty-eighth volume of *Existential Analysis*, contains fourteen papers. It opens with no fewer than six papers originally given at last year's Society for Existential Analysis Annual Conference. Each reflects in different ways what was evoked by the conference title 'Insider/Outsider': Michael Montgomery, Richard Pearce, Marty Radlett and Manu Bazzano, in particular, offer radical and inspiring perspectives which argue that existential therapists can make an impact on wider political, social and economic conditions. Simon du Plock's paper from the ninth Conference of the East European Association for Existential Therapy makes a further contribution to this theme.

In addition to these rousing conference papers, the Journal also includes accounts of innovative research – an existentially-informed hermeneutic phenomenological analysis of decision-making among senior mental health practitioners, and an IPA study of therapist's experience of death anxiety, contributed by Simon Wharne, and Mark Vehrmeier and Simon Cassar (respectively). Edgar Correia's paper on existential therapy's relationship with empirical research provides a valuable addition to our understanding of the ways in which our resistance to developing empirical research methodologies contributes to keeping us 'on the fringes of mainstream practice' – and in the process links again to notions of 'Insider/Outsider', and just where we want to position ourselves.

This edition welcomes Martin Adams (previously Book Review Editor since 2006) as a co-editor, in place of Dr Greg Madison, who made an enormous contribution to *Existential Analysis* in this role from July 2007 until earlier this year. Other recent changes have been Sarah Ferguson taking over distribution and Richard Swann becoming the Peer Review Coordinator. We are therefore looking for a new Book Review Editor and people who are interested in this are requested to contact the editors.

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