

EDITORIAL

Welcome to Volume Two of the twenty-eighth edition of *Existential Analysis*. This Volume contains thirteen papers which address a wide spectrum of existential theory and therapeutic practice. A number of these are, though, linked by a theme of celebration. We are very pleased to be able to open with three papers contributed by authors associated with the New School of Psychotherapy and Counselling, which celebrates its twentieth anniversary this year. Each draws on doctoral research undertaken at the New School and evidences the vibrant research community which Professor Emmy van Deurzen and her colleagues and alumni have built.

Three further papers continue the theme by marking the twentieth anniversary of the Birstonas School of Existential Therapy, which has been active and influential in promoting our therapeutic approach in the Baltic States and in Eastern Europe more generally. These contributions include a fascinating review of existential therapy in Lithuania by Professor Rimas Kociunas, the leading light of this School. A joint paper by Professor Kociunas and Marija Vastake, reporting the findings of research on existential supervision in Lithuania, makes interesting comparisons with Professor Simon du Plock's research (published in this Journal in 2010) on the meaning of existential supervision in the UK, and provides a platform for future collaborative research involving all three authors.

This issue marks a number of changes to the editorial team. Firstly, Martin Adams replaces Dr Greg Madison, who served as co-editor for ten years. Secondly, Ondine Smulders takes over as Book Reviews Editor from this issue and, thirdly, Richard Swann succeeds Derek Bean as Peer Review Coordinator. Our thanks to Derek for all his work to enhance the submission process.

It saddens us to note the death on 3 May of Dr John M. Heaton, who had a long association with the Society for Existential Analysis, having contributed to its founding Conference on 3 December 1988. John was a member of our Editorial Board from the launch of the Journal in 1990 and, indeed, contributed the first paper *What is Existential Analysis?* to appear in the first edition. He subsequently co-edited this Journal from July 2000 to January 2007.

We close this volume, as usual, with a series of erudite and engaging book reviews. Our thanks to Ondine for editing this section. Please do contact her if you would like to review any titles from our list of publications received for review.

Simon du Plock
Martin Adams