

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first edition of the twenty-ninth volume of *Existential Analysis*. We are delighted to be able to open with three papers which were presented at this year's Society for Existential Analysis Annual Conference in November 2017. Colin Clarke, Manu Bazzano and Amelia Jeans et al each engage in their own way with the theme of the Conference, 'Naked and Dangerous'. We hope to include further Conference presentations in the next volume of the Journal, which will be published in July this year.

We are also pleased to be able to include seven further papers that address a wide range of issues of relevance to the theory and practice of existential therapy. Existentialism is a practical philosophy and, in addition to many of the papers in this issue that place existential practice at their centre, we are pleased to note that three of the papers in this issue are reports of formal qualitative research. Although standing on its own, one of these, by Neil Gibson and Digby Tantum, is on the use of humour in therapeutic practice, and is a companion piece to their theoretical review on the same subject that we were glad to be able to have published in *Existential Analysis* 28.2.

It is with regret that we learned of the death of Professor Gene Gendlin on 1st May 2017. Prof Gendlin became a distinguished member of this Journal's Editorial Board in 2008 and will be familiar to readers as the creator of focusing-oriented psychotherapy. We are very pleased to be able to include Dr Greg Madison's extended obituary and appreciation of Professor Gendlin.

We close this edition, as usual, with a series of stimulating and scholarly book reviews, which on this occasion includes a film review. Our thanks to Ondine Smulders for editing this section. Please do contact her if you would like to review any titles from our list of publications received for review.

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