

Coming Events, Jottings and Announcements

- © **25–27 October 2005, the 26th Australian Family Therapy Conference**, Rydges Hotel, North Sydney, with pre and post workshops on 24th and 28th October. Keynote speakers: Charlotte Burck and Gwyn Daniel from the Tavistock Clinic, London, Alan Jenkins and Laurie MacKinnon. For more information: nswfta@exemail.com.au or www.nswfta.org.au
- © **6–8 July 2005, the 7th International Narrative Therapy and Community Work Conference**, Hong Kong, in conjunction with the Social Work Department of the Hong Kong Baptist University. For more information, see www.dulwichcentre.com.au, or dulwich@senet.com.au
- © **5–9 September 2005, level two of the Narrative Therapy Intensive Training with Michael White** at Dulwich Centre. Cost \$880 (including GST). Contact the Course Coordinator, Dulwich Centre: ph. + 61 8 8223 3966; fax + 61 8 8232 4441; dcp@senet.com.au
- © **9–11 September 2005 AFT's 30th Anniversary Conference**, will be held in Bristol. Plenary speakers will be Elsa Jones (UK), Carmel Flaskas (Australia) and Paolo Bertrando (Italy). (We had Carmel and Paulo last year — catch them again in Bristol!) The theme of the conference is 'Thirty Years On: Celebrating, Reflecting, Anticipating ...' Past, present and new members are invited to attend the Founders' Forum. For further details and a booking form please visit the website www.aft.org.uk
- © **February–March 2006, coinciding with the Adelaide Festival, Working with the Stories, Songs, Drama and Poetry of People's Lives: An International Festive Conference Linking the Realms of Drama, Song, Film, Fiction, Poetry, Therapy and Community Work.** Contact dulwich@senet.com.au; www.dulwichcentre.com.au
- © **Dan Fishman (he wrote 'Resolving the Therapy Culture Wars by the Pragmatic Case Study Method', ANZJFT 24, 2: 114–116)** has now launched his free, peer-reviewed e-journal, *Pragmatic Case Studies in Psychotherapy* (PCSP; <http://pcsp.libraries.rutgers.edu/>). The first issue contains two articles: 'The Case of Ben'; and Dan's Introduction: 'From Single Case to Database'. If you want to contribute to the field's evidence base via case studies, PCSP (and the ANZJFT too, of course!) is a journal that will make you welcome. See the formal Call for Papers on PCSP's Home Page. Email questions to Dan: dfish96198@aol.com).
- © **Join those empathic souls who believe that the purpose of writing is to communicate (not to befuddle or impress the unlettered!)** Go to <http://www.plainenglish.co.uk/>, read about their aims, and read the rules they suggest for writing English which deserves their Crystal Award. Your editors find it hard work to combat the flow of buzz words (try 'issues') and the PC periphrases (try 'young person with a mental health crisis' endlessly repeated instead of 'psychotic teenager!') which slow down any narrative to a crawl.
- © **Miriam Gandolfi and Francesco Martinelli** propose a 'reading key of phobic symptoms' in a child, considering systemic-constructionist and attachment perspectives, in 'Il comportamento fobico del bambino: disturbo evolutivo o precursore di patologia nell'età adulta? Ipotesi per una diagnosi differenziale'. See *Terapia Familiare*, 75: 45–63.
- © **'Fathers' perception of a low family cohesion** is a significant relation dimension, perhaps the most significant, which is correlated with psychopathological development in healthy siblings', say Donatella Fara, U. Seassaro, A. M. Sorrentino, M. C. Cattaneo, L. Del Piccolo and M. Molteni, in the English language summary of their paper 'Fratelli sani di bambini disabili: possibili indicatori di rischio di evoluzione psicopatologica'. Their paper appears in *Terapia Familiare*, 73, 2003: 35–56.
- © **Congratulations to the PACFA Queensland State Network**, which circulates a newssheet among the members of its constituent associations, advertising the dates of forthcoming training events and clinical meetings. Members of all constituent associations can access training provided by the other constituent associations at the member cost. Thus QAFT events are open to members of PACFA's other eight associations in Queensland. And they even hold 'PACFA Parties' to help people fill out their PACFA registration forms!
- © **Glenn Lerner and Sydney psychiatrist Majella Lajoie** introduce GPs to family therapy as a solution to some of their client dilemmas, in 'Family Therapy in General Practice' in *Australian Doctor* (10 December, 2004: 223–30), online at www.australiandoctor.com.au. We commend Glenn for using his writing talents in this form of outreach.
- © **This year, our e-discussion** following the March and June issues, as advertised on our site and in emails to those interested, has been a collaboration with the UK-based discussion list, and *Family Process*. Our next discussion with an ANZJFT paper as its stimulus will take place September 4–25 and will invite comments on Joel Cullin's paper 'The Ethics of Paradox: Cybernetic and Postmodern Perspectives on Non-Direct Interventions in Therapy' which will appear in our September issue. Go to our site a month before the discussion to download a copy of the paper.