

## IN BRIEF

### Coming Events, Jottings and Announcements

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Paper Call: The 25th AASW National Conference in Canberra, 21–24 September, 1997, with the theme *Social Work Influencing Outcomes*. Enquiries to 25th National Conference Secretariat, PO Box 505, Curtin ACT 2605. Phone +61 6 281 6624 or fax +61 6 285 1336.

Paper Call: The 1997 Literature and Psychiatry Conference, Saturday, Sept. 6, 1997, with the theme *Doubles, Muses, Twins: Writing and Intersubjectivity*, sponsored by the School of English and Linguistics, the Department of Psychiatry, University of NSW and the Sydney Institute for Psychoanalysis. Contact Dr Joan Kirby, School of English and Linguistics, Macquarie University 2109, or Dr Craig Powell, PO Box 7, Boronia Park 2111.

Materials for Group Facilitators? Startts is offering its *Families in Cultural Transitions: A Resource Kit*, geared to helping immigrants or refugees deal better with the process of adjusting to life in Australia. Includes two board games, one exploring cultural differences and the other on public transport. Enquiries to Startts, PO Box 203, Fairfield NSW 2165. Phone +61 2 9794 1900; fax +61 2 9794 1910.

The Sixth Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect will be held in Adelaide, October 20–23, 1997, with the theme *Dialogue. Dreaming. Decisions*. Enquiries to Festival City Conventions, PO Box 949, Kent Town, SA, 5071. Phone +61 8 8363 1307 or fax +61 8 8363 1604. Email: fcceaton@ozemail.com.au

Language, Emotion and Knowing: An Explanation of What it is to Be Human, presented by Humberto Maturana, Melbourne, 23–25 August, 1997 at the Eltham Conference/Community Centre. Enquiries: David Mendes, Maturana Tour, 14 Dean Street, Kew, 3101. Phone: +61 3 9816 9593.

Centre for Child and Family Development, Professional Training and Clinical Development Programs for 1997. *Playing for Life—New Ways of Working with Mothers & Babies*, Saturday 30th August; *Accident, Suicide & Young People: Is there a connection between adolescent accident proneness and suicidal behaviour?*, six sessions, 9th October to 27th November. Con-

tact Ruth Schmidt Neven, Phone +61 3 9830 0422; fax +61 3 9885 7777.

International Four-Day Training Course: Parents in Transition sponsored by the Bernard Van Leer Foundation, The Hague, to be held in Haifa, Israel, in September, 1997. The workshop model is applicable to work with migrant and refugee families of all nationalities, and leads to developing local Network Resource Groups. Contact Ruth Schmidt Neven, Phone +61 3 9830 0422; fax +61 3 9885 7777.

III European Congress of Family Therapy, III Congreso Nacional de la FEATF, will be held in Barcelona, 1–5 October, 1997, with the theme 'Families and Therapists in Different Social Realities'. Enquiries to the Congress Office, Escuela de Terapia Familiar, Servicio de Psiquiatría, Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, Avda. Sant Antoni Maria Claret 167, 08025, Barcelona, Spain. Phone/fax: +34 3 291 9479; email: epta97@bcn.servicom.es

Children's Welfare Association of Victoria National Conference (in conjunction with the Child & Family Welfare Association of Australia), 24–26 November, 1997, with the theme *The Cutting Edge: Exploring Futures for Families and Young People*. Enquiries to CWAV/CAFWAA National Conference Secretariat: Conference Plus, Level 5, 406 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000. Phone +61 3 9602 3073, or fax +61 3 9642 5152.

The Sixth Annual Conference of the Australian Association of Trauma and Dissociation Inc., Brisbane, September 12–14, 1997, with the theme 'The Impact of Trauma and Dissociation'. Enquiries to the AAT&D 6th Annual Conference, PO Box 85, Brunswick, Victoria, 3056. Phone +61 3 9663 6225; fax +61 3 9639 3822.

*Gecko: A Journal of Deconstruction and Narrative Ideas in Therapeutic Practice*, ed. by Ian Law. This practice-based journal will be published three times p.a., costs \$38.00 (including postage), cheque or money order payable to Dulwich Centre Publications, Hutt Street PO Box 7192, Adelaide 5000, SA. Phone +61 8 8223 3966, fax +61 8 8232 4441. NZ representative, phone +64 9 630 6569, fax +64 9 378 0187; North American representative, phone/fax (604) 688 7865.