

Coming Events, Jottings and Announcements

- 🕒 **26–27th February 2007, Pat Crittenden** will conduct a two-day workshop in Sydney on ‘The Dynamic-Maturational Model of Attachment and Psychopathology’ (see Pat’s paper in our June issue). Day 1, ‘Pathways to psychopathology: Growing up unprotected and uncomforted’ presents a developmental approach to risk for psychopathology tied to attachment relationships. Age-appropriate assessments will be described. Day 2, ‘Psychological patterns and psychopathology: The empirical evidence’ surveys the empirical evidence from infancy to adulthood on the DMM. For more information, contact Andrea Caputo, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, ph + 61 2 9845 2005 or e-mail Andreas2@chw.edu.au
- 🕒 **4–6 October 2007, the EFTA/AFT Conference, ‘Beyond Oppositions: Families, Communities, Cultures’,** will be held in Glasgow. Each day has a theme, as follows: ‘Mind and Body’, ‘Self and System’, and ‘Cultural Integration and Differentiation’. Check AFT’s website at www.aft.org.uk
- 🕒 **Our thanks to Katie Splevins, who** brought her journalist training to the Press Releases Team. Katie wrote two professional press releases before her return to the UK for further study. We wish Katie well with her studies and her career in family therapy in the UK. We welcome to the team in her place Val Clark, and are proud to announce that the Australian end of this Team (Akivra Bouris and Val) is based in Newcastle. Frances Steinberg provides the New Zealand know-how for the Team.
- 🕒 **Simon Collins, Social Issues Reporter, New Zealand Herald** drew attention to the article in our June 2006 issue by Heather Chambers, Jacqueline Amos, Steve Allison and Leigh Roeger, ‘Parent and Child Therapy: An Attachment Based Intervention for Children with Challenging Problems’. Simon’s article (Saturday July 15 2006) begins, ‘A therapy developed in New Zealand to help parents tune in to difficult children has been taken up in Australia but ignored at home’. The report quotes Heather Chambers and Adelaide psychiatrist Jackie Amos, as well as the *ANZJFT* paper.
- 🕒 **Many thanks to Julie Burgess-Manning,** the New Zealand member of the E-discussions Team, for her keen support and participation, who has resigned reluctantly because of her other commitments. Robin Darracott of Brisbane has now joined Ben Hansen and Paul Rhodes. This team chooses and advertises the topics for the Skills Building E-discussion, and the stimulus paper for the collaborative E-discussion with the UK-based group and Family Process.
- 🕒 **As a follow-up to their 2004 article ‘Lesbian Parenting: Insiders’ Voices’,** (*ANZJFT*, 25, 3: 129–140) Amaryll Perlesz & Ruth McNair, joined by four co-authors, have now published a paper subtitled ‘Children and Grandparents in Lesbian Families Give Meaning to “Doing Family”’, *Journal of Family Therapy*, 28, 2 (2006).
- 🕒 **Harold Goldstein’s Acrobat/PDF Resources** site offers links to tools (which are free or cost little) for making PDFs, and other information relevant to PDFs. The site is at http://goldray.com/webdesign/acrobat_resources.htm. Any authors of papers in this journal prior to Volume 18 who have not scanned their papers and converted them to PDF may find this site useful.
- 🕒 **If your Head of Department hasn’t** asked you to rewrite your course objectives as competencies, *Family Process*, 44, 3 (2005: 321–362) contains three papers which will assist your thinking, and refers you to lists of family systems competencies. Look for E. Berman and M. Heru, ‘Family Systems Training in Psychiatric Residencies’; N. J. Kaslow, M. P. Celano and Mark Stanton, ‘Training in Family Therapy: A Competencies-Based Approach’, and T. S. Nelson and S. A. Smock, ‘Challenges of an Outcome-Based Perspective for Marriage and Family Therapy Education’.
- 🕒 **The Transcultural Mental Health Centre, Sydney,** has developed four new ‘wellbeing’ booklets in a number of languages used locally. The topics are: ‘Promoting Wellbeing’, ‘A Good Night’s Sleep’, ‘Stress and Stress Management’, and ‘Problem Solving and Setting Goals’. Check their website, www.tmhc.nsw.gov.au, or phone 1800 648 911.
- 🕒 **D. R. Crane et al., in ‘Costs of Treating Conduct Disordered Medicaid Youth with and Without Family Therapy’,** *American Journal of Family Therapy*, 33, 5: 403–413, found that ‘The average follow-up cost of medical care for adolescents who receive inoffice family therapy is approximately 32% less than for those who do not receive any form of family therapy’ (410).
- 🕒 **Nick Child, new list manager for the Association for Family Therapy’s** discussion group, writes in ‘Lists but not Listless’ (*Context*, 81, 2005: 11) ‘We respect individuals we work with by not slowing them to a stop in order to “take them apart”’. In ‘The Therapeutic Alliance in Couple Therapy’, L. M. Knobloch-Fedders, W.
- 🕒 **M. Pinsof and B. J. Mann examine the ‘predictive validity of several clinical variables — including marital distress, individual symptomatology, and family-of-origin experiences — on the formation of the alliance in couple therapy’.** Their results are preliminary, but particularly interesting, because gender-linked patterns emerge. For instance, ‘For women, family-of-origin experience appears to be a powerful predictor of the tendency to form a split alliance ...’ The paper appears in *Family Process*, 43, 4 (2004): 425–442.
- 🕒 **James Rowlands, in an article subtitled ‘Towards a Way of Working with Gay Abuse’** (*Context*, 84, 2006: 4–7), comments that ‘The only national survey of lesbian and gay male domestic abuse in the UK (Henderson, 2003) reported that 29% of male participants had experienced some form of abuse’.