

## In Brief

## Coming Events, Jottings and Announcements

- © **September 4–25 2005, our next** e-discussion will invite comments on Joel Cullin's paper 'The Ethics of Paradox: Cybernetic and Postmodern Perspectives on Non-Direct Interventions in Therapy', in this issue. Join via our interactive website!!!
- © **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, Alan Jenkins and Laurie MacKinnon. For more information: [nswfta@exemail.com.au](mailto:nswfta@exemail.com.au) or [www.nswfta.org.au](http://www.nswfta.org.au)
- © **10–13 November 2005, 17th Annual** Conference of ANZAP (Australia and New Zealand Association of Psychotherapy Ltd), The Unconscious Now: Self Relatedness and Consciousness, at the Manly Pacific Sydney, Manly NSW. Contact details; ANZAP 2/11 Young St Paddington NSW 2021; ph. + 61 2 8354 0881; fax +61 2 9331 2906; [info@anzapweb.com](mailto:info@anzapweb.com); [www.anzapweb.com](http://www.anzapweb.com)
- © **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](mailto:dulwich@senet.com.au); [www.dulwich-centre.com.au](http://www.dulwich-centre.com.au)
- © **3–6 September 2006, the 27th** Annual Australian Family Therapy Conference, Hallowed Turf: Common Ground: What's Unique, What's Shared, at Melbourne's Hilton on the Park, overlapping with the Gestalt Association (GANZ) on the third day. For more information contact Pam Richards ([enquiry@prcc.com.au](mailto:enquiry@prcc.com.au)).
- © **George Burns, author of 'When** Watching A Sunset Can Help A Relationship Dawn Anew, *ANZJFT*, 21, 4: 184–190, appeared briefly in the ABC TV News on Monday April 4th. George was one of many volunteers who successfully nursed thirteen beached whales for 28 hours in what was like an 'open-air, chest-deep-wet, war-time emergency hospital', he said 'what a mind-blowing, emotional, privileged experience to be hugging, nursing and releasing these deep sea creatures that rarely have contact with humans'.
- © **Paul Rhodes and Sloane Madden's** paper 'Scientific Family Therapists, Post-Modern Medical Practitioners, and Expert Parents: Second-Order Change in the Eating Disorders Program at the Children's Hospital at Westmead' appears in a special issue ('Multi-Family Therapy in Anorexia') of *Journal of Family Therapy*, 27, 2 (2005). This follows Paul's paper, *ANZJFT*, 24, 4: 191–198.
- © **'The Implementation of Contextual** Therapy in the Therapeutic Community for Substance Abusers: A Case Study' by V. Soyez, H. Tatrai, E. Broekaert & R. Bracke (*Journal of Family Therapy*, 26: 286–305) reminds us that Boszormenyi-Nagy 'wanted to add constructs related to relational justice to the important assumptions of all other approaches to psychotherapy' (290). The authors comment that the traditional therapeutic community approach has needed to adapt to treat 'often more difficult' clients (302).
- © **Introducing a higher level of analysis** into the ethical debate about dual relationships, R. Rocco Cottone's paper 'Detrimental Therapist–Client Relationships — Beyond Thinking of "Dual" or "Multiple" Roles: Reflections on the 2001 AAMFT Code of Ethics' appears in *The American Journal of Family Therapy*, 33, 1 (2005): 1–17. Cottone believes that the key concern of a 'profession, based on a systemic-relational worldview' is how to 'maximize the beneficial effects of therapist–client interactions without risking harm to clients.'
- © **David Duerden reviewed *Using*** *Workbooks in Mental Health*, edited by Luciano L'Abate (2004), in our last issue. Luciano and Bess L'Abate and Eleonora Maino's paper 'Reviewing 25 Years of Professional Practice: Homework Assignments and Length of Therapy', *The American Journal of Family Therapy*, 33, 1, concludes (2005: 28) that 'the administration of written homework assignments increases rather than decreases the number of therapy sessions' which 'could be interpreted as signifying greater involvement on the part of respondents'.
- © **In 'Remembering Gianfranco** Cecchin', in *Context*, 73, 2004: 23–32), Desa Markovic provides the text of a short 1992 interview with Cecchin. He speaks of the multitude of forces in 'family therapy now' that 'want to make a "proper", politically correct profession of it ... And then, they will become a regular, dignified profession of family therapists, care workers and very slowly systematic ideas will fade away. It is a negative prediction' (ibid: 32).
- © **Raie Goodwach, whose two-part** Education Update 'Sex Therapy' begins in this issue, wrote 'Jocasta and the Oedipus Myth: The Adoption-reunion Context for Feelings of Sexual Attraction' (*Australasian Journal of Psychotherapy*), 23, 2 (2004): 46–65, based on her qualitative study in Melbourne.
- © **Betsy Wood of *Family Process*** presented a plenary to the last Annual Meeting of The American Family Therapy Academy, 'Bridges Among Genes, Parenting and Marriage: A Personal Account of Attempted Crossings', dealing with the research of David Reiss and others. (See Churven, Crago & Wilson in *ANZJFT*, 26, 1: 39–42). She comments: '... the common rearing environment of twins has little impact on their marriage. Twins marry different types of men and co-construct very different marriages — a matter of great significance for "relational behavior genetics"' (*AFTA Newsletter*, 91, 2004: 9). She continues: '... family relational process may influence gene expression. One powerful implication for such findings is that they may indicate that family systems theory and practice may, and perhaps should, move into a stage which prioritizes prevention' (idem: 10). Find a copy of Betsy's article on both the Family Process ([www.familyprocess.org](http://www.familyprocess.org)) and the AFTA websites ([www.afta.org](http://www.afta.org)).