

IN BRIEF

Coming Events, Jottings and Announcements

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: fceaton@ozemail.com.au

Children's Welfare Association of Victoria National Conference, (Co-sponsored by the Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia), 24–26 November, 1997. Theme: 'The Cutting Edge: Exploring Futures for Families and Young People'. CWA/CAFWAA National Conference Secretariat: Conference Plus, Level 5, 406 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000. Phone +61 3 9602 3073; fax: +61 3 9642 5152.

The Second International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health will be held 12–15 January, 1998 at the World Congress Centre, Melbourne. The closing date for early registration fee will be August, 1997; onsite registration fee, December, 1997. Enquiries: c/- ICMS Pty Ltd, 84 Queensbridge Street, Southbank Vic 3006. Phone +61 3 9682 0244; fax: +61 3 9682 0288; email: 2icsw.98@icms.com.au

The International Family Therapy Association (IFTA) in cooperation with DFS* Dachverband für systemisches Arbeiten and Hakon Oen (Congress Coordinator), Schonwalder Institute for Family Therapy announce the Xth World Family Congress, May 15–20, 1998, in Dusseldorf, Germany: *Calling all Systemic-Thinking Psychotherapists: Our Next Clients are our Societies*. Congress Office: Am Kleckers 31, 47839 Krefeld, Germany. Phone: +49 2151 973234; fax: +49 2151 973235; email: 101752.1037@compuserve.com

Family Planning NSW Education Services provide training programs for health, welfare and education professionals in sexual and reproductive health promotion. They offer also professional consultancy in program and resource development. For information call +61 2 9716 6099.

Oz Child Information Service, meets the information needs of human service professionals working with children and families throughout Australia. Their monthly, *Nexus*, contains 200 abstracts of relevant articles. They offer also an Information Service database. For further information, contact OzChild at PO Box 1310, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205.

Ex-Editor of the QAFT Newsletter, Robin Darracott,

who has been working in the UK for some years now (currently at Folkestone in Kent, with Shepway Family Services), has been continuing to pursue his interest in writing. In 1996, Ashford Writers, Ashford, Kent, published the picture story book *The Strange Case of the Tawny, Scrawny Spotted Lion*. In the course of this tale, Dr. Ostrich promises to 'arrange a course of psychotherapy for the Spotted Lion ... to learn confidence in himself ... Then he won't have to blame his problems on people who aren't there ...'

Thanks and Farewell, Julian Hafner! His first appearance in the *Journal*, back when it was *The Australian Journal of Family Therapy*, was with his article 'Marital Homeostasis and Spouse-Aided Therapy in Persisting Psychological Disorders' (1980, 2, 1: 2–8). Appointed in April 1982 (3, 3) as one of the South Australian members of the Advisory Board of the *Journal*, Julian Hafner worked with Foundation Editor Michael White and then with Editor Max Cornwell. He will be much missed as an assessor, providing respectful and useable guidance to authors whose manuscripts he reads. We wish him well in the next phase of his life.

Counselling Children, by Kathryn Geldard and David Geldard, published by Sage (London), is described as a practical guide to counselling children through the use of media and activities, and available from ASTAM Books +61 2 9566 4400 from June 1997. David Geldard will be remembered for his earlier work, *Basic Personal Counselling: A Training Manual for Counsellors*, which went into its second edition in 1993.

Union membership for members of the Association for Family Therapy. The Association has concluded an agreement with GMB/Apex—Britain's General Union. The agreement includes: training, access to MPS and MEPs, specialist advice at national and local level, specialist advice on pay, grading and other conditions of employment, a voice for AFT members. Benefits of membership include: individual representation with the member's employer, expert advice on pensions, health, safety, and legal matters, discount services, financial benefits, professional indemnity of £1,000,000, and professional officers at national and local levels. For further information, Freepost, 22–24 Worple Road, London SW19 4YY, UK.

Wanted, the opportunity to live and work in Australia for a time. Qualified and UK CP registered family therapist currently based in the UK, qualified also for probation, social work and teaching, is looking for anyone interested in discussing possibilities. Responses please to Jan Bolton, 214, Gordon Ave, Camberley, Surrey, UK GU14 2NT.