

IN BRIEF

Coming Events, Jottings and Announcements

Attention Deficit Disorder: Problems in the Child, the Family and the Community is a short course comprising two one-day training workshops, 9th and 30th October and four work discussion seminars 5.30–7.30 p.m. on Thursdays 15th October, 22nd October, 5th November, 12th November. This course for professionals is to be held at the University of Melbourne. Contact The Centre for Child and Family Development, ph. +61 3 9830 0422; fax +61 3 9885 7777.

First International Conference on Drugs and Young People, November 22–24 1998, Melbourne. Contact Geoff Munro; ph. +61 3 9278 8100; fax +61 3 9328 3008; adf@adf.org.au; <http://www.adf.org.au>

Narrative Conference in Adelaide, 17th–19th February, 1999—Dulwich Centre Publications' Inaugural Conference. The aim is to gather practitioners from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences whose work is informed by narrative ideas. Go straight on to WOMADE-LAIDE world music festival the next day! Contact The Conference Collective, Dulwich Centre: ph. +61 8 8223 3966, fax +61 8 8232 4441.

Joint Conference in the UK (venue not yet known), 16–18 April, 1999, The Association for Family Therapy and Systemic Practice, National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations, and Young Minds. Enquiries: Val Goldberg, IMCOT Ltd, PO Box 298, Guildford GU2 5ZN; ph. +44 01483 300717.

Original assessors resign. Brian English, now Professor Brian English, the busy Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University, and psychiatrist Terry Heins, whose interests nowadays are focused on special education and rural psychiatry, were among the members of the original Advisory Board of the then *Australian Journal of Family Therapy*. The names have changed; we now have assessors rather than advisers. In the eighteen years since, many of the names have gone, but readers will find Tom Paterson, Bruce Tonge and Max Charlesworth on our inside front cover still, and Colin MacKenzie, back after some years absence. How many papers does an assessor read in eighteen years? Sincere thanks, Brian English and Terry Heins.

Thank you, Liz Roberts, first listed as assessor for WA in the December issue, 1985. Liz will be remembered for her paper 'Meeting your Ghosts', *ANZJFT*, 4, 3: 165–172. Thank you, Liz, for twelve years of reading MSS.

Calling cartoonists! Brian Cade will be contributing cartoons to the *ANZJFT* as the muse inspires him. Cartoons have always enjoyed a very appreciative audience. Brian is happy to hear from interested people who would like to submit cartoons for the *Journal*. Contact him at PO Box 386, Eastwood 2122 Ph +61 2 9868 2606; fax +61 2 9876 6068; email: bcade@netspace.net.au

Any Japanese-speaking family therapists reading this? Currently the editors receive a Japanese language family therapy journal and can't read it. We'd like to know what is happening in Japan. Anyone who could read issues to keep us all informed, please contact the Editors.

MacKillop Family Services Newsletter (Vol. 2, No. 1, March 1998) is a four page glossy publication designed to celebrate the disability services work of the Sisters of Mercy, Christian Brothers and Sisters of St Joseph in Melbourne and Geelong. For further information, contact the editor at 123 Paisley Street, Footscray, Victoria, 3011. Phone +61 3 9687 7166; mfs@c031.aone.net.au

Simon Kennedy now officially taking over Research into Practice, the column designed to encourage potential writers to think more deeply about their methods before they embark on a research study and finally send the resulting article to us with fundamental methodological flaws! (It's designed to keep the rest of us pure in thought as well.) Simon's job is to make the column almost as entertaining as a Cade cartoon. The column also invites short contributions from those engaged in innovative clinical practices on which they would like someone to conduct an outcome study.

The notion of reality on David Pocock's website at <http://www.poey.demon.co.uk/real.htm>; his email address is dpocock@poey.demon.co.uk. He invites web users to access his annotated reading list on the topic of reality, and join the debate. Sample David Pocock in *Journal of Family Therapy*, 19, 3: 283–302: 'Feeling Understood in Family Therapy'.

Eating Disorder Internetwork. Contact Carmel Fleming on 07 3352 6192; email address: internetwork@altavista.net. With membership of this internetwork comes a variety of advantages, including: the latest research finding and best practice guidelines for eating disorders, regular forums to discuss practice based problems, and free subscription to the new electronic journal *Eating Disorders On-line*.