

Coming Events, Jottings and Announcements

- © **2–5 July 2003, 'Netz oder Nie! [Net or Never!]',** Grossgruppen als systemische interventionen, organised by Fritz B. Simon, Gunthard Weber and Friends, to be held in the Kongresshaus, Heidelberg. Harrison Owen (Open Space), Sandra Janoff (Future Search), Kathie Dannemiller and Silvia James (Whole Scale Change/RTSC), and Diana Whitney and David Cooperrider (Appreciative Inquiry Summit) will be present in person to explain their approaches. Contact Simon, Weber and Friends, Symposiumssekretariat, Weberstrasse 2, 69120 Heidelberg; info@simon-weber.de
- © **30 April–3 May 2003, Leidenschaft und Verantwortung im Herzen von Konflikten: 4th International Conference on Systems Constellations,** addressing 'Passion and Responsibility' in the wake of September 11. In addition to German, English and Spanish will be the conference languages, providing the numbers are sufficient. Bert Hellinger's approach began with individuals; this conference focuses on its relevance to international conflict. The venue will be the Congress Centrum, D-97070 Würzburg. For information, Ph + 49 0931 78 40 100; Fax + 49 0931 7840 101; a.u.b.marh@t-online.de; www.international-hellinger-congress.com
- © **1–2 November 2002, International Family Therapy Festival,** celebrating 10 years of the Accademia di Psicoterapia della Famiglia, 25 years of the journal *Terapia Familiare*, and Maurizio Andolfi's 35 year career in family therapy. Venue: Università S. Tommaso d'Aquino, L.go Angelicum, 1 – Roma. Robert Wendt, who was interviewed in the June 2002 issue of the ANZJFT, will be one of the presenters at a 2nd November plenary session, discussing 'Quale formazione per quale terapeuta?' For information, contact Accademia di Psicoterapia della Famiglia, Via Guattani, 15 – 00161 Roma; apf@mclink.it; www.accademiapsico.it/
- © **24 October 2002, Mark Pearson** and Helen Wilson of Turnaround (turnarnd@dnet.aunz.com) present 'Dealing with Grief and Loss [in Children and Adolescents] Using Expressive Therapies'. This is one of three workshops in Sydney which the ACER Professional Development Unit is sponsoring this year, to be run by Mark and Helen. Contact ACER: ph + 61 3 9835 7403.
- © **Helen Pavlin joins the Journal Team** as Associate Editor. In addition to her work as an assessor, Helen will assist in preparing some manuscripts for publication. Although a very experienced assessor, Helen is a relative newcomer to the world of emailing and attached files!
- © **Des Casey, whose paper 'Therapy and Ecology'** appears in this issue, now runs workshops designed to assist businesses, organisations and community groups to become more environmentally aware. Go to his website www.sustainableystems.co.nz for further information. Des still maintains his private practice as a therapist in Auckland.
- © **Adelaide's Collaborative Outcomes** Research Project members are consumers and service providers at Southern CAMHS. Their paper 'Co-researching Consumer Experiences of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services: Reflections and Applications' by Anna Byas, Deby Hills, Carole Meech, Lorraine Read, Kathleen Stacey, Elaine Thompson and Andrew Wood appeared in *Families Systems & Health*, 20, 1 (2002). This paper outlines, reflects on and critiques the team's experience of doing collaborative research. We hope to see a second paper, which describes the research outcomes in detail, appear in 2003.
- © '... some of the most influential family therapy journals such as *Journal of Family Therapy*, *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, and the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy*', write D. Russell Crane and McArthur Hafen Jr. in 'Meeting the Needs of Evidence-based Practice in Family Therapy' (*Journal of Family Therapy*, 24: 114). Influential? We have a long way to go. One measure of this is Ivan Eisler's comment that 'outside of family therapy the knowledge of [our outcome] research ... is poor' (Eisler in "Comment", *Journal of Family Therapy*, 24: 129).
- © **Next time a client needs a referral** in Christchurch, remember Victoria Therapy Centre: Te Raukura, Victoria Square, 208 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch, NZ. Ph + 64 3 379 7817; fax + 61 3 379 6747. The agency offers a full range of services. The staff includes people and faces familiar to conference goers in the 'West Island', Rosemary Smart and Bruce McNatty (who is also a clinical member of the Victorian Association of Family Therapists).
- © **Going against the trend for family therapists** to return to their original qualifications when describing themselves, Brian Stagoll recently was described as 'Family Therapist', at the foot of his review of Roy Porter's *Madness: A Brief History* in *Readings® Books and Music Monthly*, May 2002. Thank you, Brian.
- © **Bruce Hart, who took initiative** and lobbied the Journal Board to set up a website, has now stepped down from his role of Online Editor, Coordinator of the Discussion Page, and Associate Editor. We thank Bruce for his hard work, which has helped to raise the profile of the ANZJFT, and has made it possible to subscribe online. He is now working with Jan Riley on the VAFT website. We have arranged for an IT expert to update www.anzjft.com, and apologise to those who have been frustrated by the site's failure to advertise the Hobart conference. Our new Discussion Page Coordinator is Maria Nichterlein.
- © **Ivan Eisler is Editor Elect** of the *Journal of Family Therapy*, and will follow Eddy Street as Editor. Ivan is Senior Lecturer in Clinical Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry, London. Read his paper 'Comment — The Scientific Practitioner and Family Therapy: A Way Forward, a Strait-Jacket or a Distraction?'