

Coming Events, Jottings and Announcements

- ☉ **28–30 Sept 2004, 'Getting it Together: Family Therapy Practice for the Future'**, 25th Australian Family Therapy Conference in Brisbane. If you are interested in integrating approaches, not cutting off from our therapeutic family of origin, be in warm Brisbane to hear Paulo Bertrando, Doug Breunlin, Carmel Flaskas, Paul Gibney and Hugh Crago. The overseas speakers will offer pre and post conference workshops on the Monday and Friday. Contact: PO Box 1237, Milton Qld 4064, Ph: + 61 7 3371 0333, Fax: + 61 7 3371 0555, email: corinne@orgaus.com.au
- ☉ **29 September–2 October 2004, *Creating Futures: Systemic Dialogues across Europe***, V European Congress for Family Therapy and Systemic Practice, Berlin. The organisers are the German Society for Systemic Therapy and Family Therapy (DGST) and the Systemic Society (SG). EFTA's main congress languages will be German and English (with simultaneous translation). Contact CPO Hanser Service GmbH, PO Box 33 03 16, D-14173 Berlin; ph + 49 30 300 669 0; fax + 49 30 305 73 91; berlin@cpo-hanser.de; http://www.efta2004.de
- ☉ **'Working with Adolescents' (all day 1st October)**, and **'Dealing with Challenging Cases' (all day 22nd October)** are just two of the courses offered by Centrecare Corporate in Western Australia this year. For enquiries, contact corporate@centre.com.au, ph. + 61 8 9288 2230, fax + 61 8 9221 3631, or visit www.centrecare.com.au
- ☉ **14–17 October 2004, Bertold Ulsamer** will lead a Constellation Flow workshop, Women's College, Sydney University, Newtown, 9.30 a.m.–5.00 p.m., at the cost of \$595/465 (early bird until September 2) on his way to Indonesia. He will be working in Aceh province with people affected by the war. Bertold, a Doctor of Law, psychologist and psychotherapist and author of two books on family constellations, has been leading family constellation seminars since 1995. Contact: Gabriela Salabert: + 61 2 9705 7952; Mobile: 0404 463 323; gaby.salabert@lycos.com
- ☉ **17–19 November, 2004, in Adelaide, Creating Connections**, the first national conference on family and sibling issues where a child has special needs, will be hosted by Siblings Australia Inc. The aim is to explore areas such as mental health, education, community responses, research, family strengths, early intervention, and future directions relating to policy and political agendas. Information is available at www.siblingsaustralia.org.au
- ☉ **Eddie Gallagher's paper 'Parents Victimised by their Children' (ANZJFT 25/1)** was written up on page three of The Sydney Morning Herald (12/04/04) under the unfortunate heading 'Spoilt Children May Turn Parent-Bashers'. Eddie was also interviewed on ABC 702 Sydney in a half-hour slot in which he fielded listeners' questions. ANZJFT Board Member Akivra Bouris has a new role, to issue press releases featuring papers like Eddie's which have the potential to interest the media.
- ☉ **Surprises await those who use the search engine 'google'**. Enter the name of Carmel Flaskas and you have to click on 'Physical Testing of Textiles BP Saville Textile and Fibre', which leads to an entry for Carmel Flaskas and Amaryll Perlesz, *The Therapeutic Relationship in Systemic Therapy*. Enter Robin Wileman's name, and you will be directed to http: ebro.unizar.es/ebro/rits/mosaico/Mosaico6/resenas2.htm, which contains a review, in Spanish, of Wileman, Robin and Wileman, Bud, 1995. Towards Balancing Power in Domestic Violence Relationships, *ANZJFT*, 16, 4: 165–176.
- ☉ **Do you believe Joseph J. Poznanski and Jim McLennan's findings about family therapists**, in 'Becoming a Psychologist with a Particular Theoretical Orientation to Counselling Practice' (*Australian Psychologist*, 38 (2003): 223–226)? Was their sample biased? They say 'Family-systemic psychologists tended to emphasise the formative role of their own family-of-origin and their belief in the potency of families as a determinant of experiences.' This paper is a must-read for all trainers.
- ☉ **Todd M. Edwards and Armann Heshmati's paper 'A Guide for Beginning Family Therapy Group Supervisors'**, *The American Journal of Family Therapy*, 31: 295–304 (2003) refers to Kerry Proctor's article: 'The Bells that Ring: A Process for Group Supervision' in *ANZJFT*, 18, 3 (1997). Edward's method incorporates regular videotape analysis. As well, for the Summer Quarter (July–Sept 2004), an instructor at Capella University, an online-only school in the US, has placed this article on reserve on the web, accessible only to their students. Find it on our website www.anzjft.com
- ☉ **The Australian Broadcasting Commission's children's show *Play School*** hit the ABC 7.00 p.m. News on June 3rd. Outraged adult watchers protested about the scene in which two happy little girls were going on an outing with 'our Mums'. The ABC was accused of showing a 'lesbian family'. Ruth McNair, Chair of the Fertility Access Rights Working Group of the Victorian Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby, co-author of a paper in this issue, was given about 30 seconds to defend the family seen on *Play School*.
- ☉ **Reference was made in Max Cornwell's interview with Brian Stagoll** in our March 2004 issue to *Social Justice Walk around Fitzroy*, a publication of the Fitzroy History Society, edited by Brian. Be inspired to involve yourself in social action, and get hold of a copy!