

## Coming Events, Jottings and Announcements

- ☉ **Beginning July 15, Psychotherapy with Families**, a series of eight seminars led by Sally Young, will focus on contemporary readings on psychoanalytic couple and family therapy, with opportunity to discuss relevant clinical work. Cost \$275 (includes GST) for the series, Monday 6.30–8.30 p.m. For information about this and other training events (including the Psychotherapy Supervision Seminars for Clinical Professionals [suitable for all clinical professionals]), contact The Brisbane Centre for Psychoanalytic Studies Inc., PO Box 584 Spring Hill Q, 4004; + 61 7 3356 5068; mail@bcps.asn.au; www.bcps.asn.au
- ☉ **27–30 August 2002 at Wrest Point**, Hobart, the 23rd Australian Family Therapy Conference. The organisers are planning a 'boutique' feel. Hobart conferences have been described as intimate and friendly as well as challenging and practical. Contact Convention Wise c/- Mures Building, Victoria Dock, Hobart Tasmania 7000; ph + 61 3 6234 1424; fax + 61 3 6231 5388; mail@conventionwise.com.au
- ☉ **September–October 2002, a workshop/study tour in Bhutan**, Kingdom of the Thunder Dragon. The study program will also include workshops in self-hypnosis/mediation, metaphors and story-telling, and Nature-Guided Therapy exercises practised along the scenic mountain trails. Ph: + 61 8 9388 2733; Fax + 61 8 9388 3740; burnsg@perth.dialix.com.au
- ☉ **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.
- ☉ **The Child and Family Network** has been launched in Melbourne. Annual individual membership fee \$25.00; institutional fee \$44 (both including GST). There will be a twice yearly newsletter, seminars once per term, and ongoing professional development for graduates of the Centre for Child and Family Development's Foundation and Certificate courses. For details, ph + 61 3 9830 0422; fax + 61 3 9830 0455; ccfdau@ozemail.com.au, or write to the CCFD at 721A Riversdale Road Camberwell Victoria 3124.
- ☉ **Transcultural Mental Health Centre** (A Service for NSW) produces a range of publications, e.g. *Nobody Wants to Talk about It: Refugee Women's Mental Health*, Ed. Barbara Ferguson & Eileen Pittaway (1999) (monograph, \$27.50); *Multilingual Family Help Kit* (audio available, at \$2.20 per cassette with booklet, in Arabic, Cantonese, Croatian, English, Filipino, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Korean, Macedonian, Mandarin, Serbian, Spanish, Tongan, Turkish and Vietnamese). Contact Locked Bag 7118, Parramatta BC NSW 2150; ph + 61 2 9840 3800; fax + 61 2 9840 3755; website www.tmhc.nsw.gov.au.
- ☉ **The Australian Council for Educational Research Limited (ACER)** is a not-for-profit company which publishes books, some of which are reviewed in the *ANZJFT*, including one by Jo Howard, which Sarah Jones reviews in this issue. ACER has this year begun to reprint (with permission) from the *ANZJFT* and other journals the full text of reviews of their titles. Go to www.acer.edu.au/acerpress/.
- ☉ **St Kilda GP Nick Carr, who wrote 'Fathers and Sons'** in *ANZJFT* 21, 1 (2000), now presents on ABC *People Dimensions* at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, reporting stories like 'Kosher food and Rabbinical family life' and 'men and divorce'. Nick is the partner of family therapist Sarah Jones (see note above).
- ☉ **Joe Tucci made a brief appearance** on the ABC *7.30 Report* and other news media on the evening of February 20th, as the National Co-ordinator for the Kids First Foundation. In the midst of a series of allegations that the Governor General, Dr Peter Hollingworth, had mishandled charges of sexual abuse of children laid against Anglican clergy during his years as Archbishop of Brisbane, Kids First Foundation released a statement indicating that Dr Hollingworth had withdrawn his patronage from the Foundation. Joe will be known to many as a teacher in the Family Centred Practice programs offered through Monash University by Barbara Fraser and Associates.
- ☉ **Thanks to Simon Kennedy** for his years of service as the inaugural Coordinator for Research into Practice. Simon retains a part-time academic position at Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, and has moved back into private practice, providing therapy and assessment (mainly psycho-legal), and treatment, assessment, training and research for businesses around work climate and stress. Research into Practice will now be co-ordinated by Alistair Campbell, Brisbane.
- ☉ **VAFT Inc. Professional Development Video Series**. \$80 for the three Geoff Goding Memorial Lectures (\$30 each, 90 mins. each): Virginia Goldner 'Feminism, Family Therapy and Psychoanalysis: Facing the Same Dilemma'; Doug Breunlin 'Towards a Theory of Constraints', Ruth Wraith 'What Happens to my Child Happens to Me'. Available as well are 'A Morning with Olga Silverstein' (150 mins, \$65); VAFT Professional Development Committee, 'Dialogue with Difference' (120 mins, \$45) and VAFT Ethics Committee, 'An Ethical Look at the Implications of Clinical Membership' (60 mins, \$25). To purchase, contact Kim Cornford, c/- The Bouverie Centre, 50 Flemington St, Flemington, Victoria 3031; ph/fax + 61 3 9376 9162; vaft@primus.com.au
- ☉ **Two papers in *The American Journal of Family Therapy*** take a close look at the Global Assessment of Relational Functioning, which is DSM's attempt to include family diagnoses, measuring relational health. See Nicole M. Ross and William J. Doherty, 2001. Validity of the Global Assessment of Relational Functioning (GARF) when Used by Community-Based Therapists, *AJFT*, 29: 239–253, and Karen E. Mottarella, Carol. L. Philpot and Barbara A. Fritzsche, 2001. Don't Take out this Appendix A! Generalizability of the Global Assessment of Relational Functioning Scale, *AJFT*, 29: 271–278.