

WAPCEPC

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From the Board

First of all- Happy New Year to all readers of this edition of the Newsletter! Welcome to new members who receive the newsletter for the first time, and to those who have been a member last year. Thank you for your membership this year.

We hope that these regular Newsletters give you a feeling of connection with the WA. For us, the Board, they are a good way of keeping you informed. We are pleased to get the bits and pieces of news from colleagues from different parts of the world and we encourage you to send us your contributions (to jcornelius-white@missouristate.edu).

The next months are going to be busy for the Board. We are in the process of preparing for the election of new board members and for the General Assembly (GA). You will receive more information about the GA near the middle of February by email. If you are thinking about putting a proposal to the GA, you will find information about the process on the WA website: <http://pce-world.org>.

This will be an interesting year for the WAPCEPC. We have the conference in Nor-

wich, UK followed by the World Congress for Psychotherapy in Beijing. We are delighted to hear that Margaret Warner has received an official invitation to present a keynote address at this prestigious event. She and her colleagues have been working hard to put together a PCE symposium in the congress. We wish them well in their efforts and are excited about the new possibilities for contact with colleagues on the Asian continent.

In the past year we have seen an interesting paradox in the development of the PCE worldwide. Recent reports of difficulties with the status and recognition of PCE therapies, e.g. in Germany and the UK, stand alongside news of continuing and growing interest in the approach, e.g. in South America and Australia. And you can find reports of important positive developments in Italy, Portugal, and North America in this newsletter too.

PCE conferences, the Forum and ADPCA meetings are well attended, as are national events. The journal is evidence that the PCE therapies are not a static or dogmatic 'cult'; it presents an image of an approach that continues to have real meaning and relevance for

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both clients and practitioners. PCE practitioners have always been confident about what they can offer, and PCE remains a 'popular' approach with clients, but PCE has suffered from 'lack of exposure' in academic circles. Even now, our journal, *Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies* is not widely subscribed to in academic libraries. We are working with our publisher to remedy this situation; we plan to have the journal marketed by major a provider of journals to academic institutions by the end of the summer to make it available for online subscriptions and access.

In the coming year we hope to make the WAPCEPC more visible, stimulate more colleagues to become members, and make the journal more accessible

and widely available. We would welcome your support with this too. Please send us your suggestions, bring in a few new members, be a candidate for the board, or write something for the Newsletter.

We look forward to hear from you!

On behalf of the Board

Elke Lambers

Chair

BOARD ELECTION 2008- INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS

The board of the WAPCEPC is an executive Board. It looks after the

day-to-day management of the WA- the administration, finances, non-editorial tasks associated with *Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies*, membership, website and Newsletter, and any other tasks that further the aims of the WA. It is also concerned with advocacy and development of PCE approaches on an international scale.

The board reflects the variety of nationalities, cultures and traditions in PCE, but does not represent or favour any particular group of members or interests.

If you are interested in standing as a candidate, or if you want to nominate someone as candidate, please contact any of the board members to talk about what is involved in being a Board member. Further information about the election and about how to make a nomination can be found on the website www.pce-world.org. Look for *election 2008 information*.

The election for the WAPCEPC Board will take place in May, by email. Nominations have to be received by the 1st April.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2008

The General Assembly of the WAPCEPC will take place during PCE 2008 in Norwich, UK on **Monday 7th July, 19.30**. All members are invited.

Individual and organizational members may submit proposals for the agenda to secretariat@pce-world.org. See www.pce-world.org for further information about the GA and about how to make a proposal. Formal invitations and information about the GA and the agenda will be sent in advance, by email.

Barbara T. Brodley Passed

Barbara Temaner Brodley was an icon in the client-centered approach. She embraced the radical premise of Carl Rogers that the client was her own best expert about her own life. Barbara dedicated much of her life to clarifying and explaining the meaning of that premise and exploring the tasks that might help to communicate that message.

We were friends and colleagues for over fifty years after we met in 1957. Her husband and supervisor, Rudyard n. Propst, introduced us to several theories of therapy including Rogers' client-centered theory. We were each 25 years old. We developed the same adherence to client-centered therapy albeit in somewhat different ways. We agreed, however, that we learned the approach from working with the people who had spent many years as patients in mental hospitals.

In my view, Barbara was a sophisticated intellectual, a diva who loved her sexuality, a nurturing and supportive wife to her husbands, and a mother who

adored her two children (always showing their pictures at conferences and talking about them with ebullient admiration). She despised cocktail parties and the effects of alcohol. She was always in awe of babies and young children and had a keen eye for the beauty around her including architecture and art.

She developed the term "Empathic Understanding Response" as the representative task for the therapeutic attitudes. She was a purist in the approach and skeptical about deviations and variations from Rogers' theory of therapy. She did not like loose and weak thinking, and practiced a much disciplined approach and method in her own therapy and writing. Although she was a dedicated atheist and a skeptic about anything that smacked of religious or spiritual connotations, she practiced the core of all religions. She was empathic and compassionate in her daily interactions with others.

Jerold D. Bozarth

Dear Friends,

I am very happy to inform you that the WAPCEPC Member "**ISTITUTO di PSICOLOGIA UMANISTICA "EMPATEIA"** (New Headquarter MESSINA-SICILY ITALY) have been authorized by the Italian Ministry of University and Research to train post-graduate training programm (4 years) in Person-Centered Psychotherapy and Counselling reserved, in accordance with italian law , to doctor and psychologist. Whoever finishes the training program can work privately in individual and group person-centered psychotherapy.

Many greetings and thanks

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News from the German acknowledgment process

In November the Bundespsychotherapeutenkammer (legal board of psychotherapists) renewed their statement that person-centred psychotherapy fulfils all requirements to be accepted for payments from health insurance. Nevertheless, the "Gemeinsamer Bundesausschuß (GBA)" [United Federal Board] on the 20th of December did not follow this recommendation and instead changed the regulations. The Bundespsychotherapeutenkammer (legal board of psychotherapists) now supported this, which is paradoxical because both the legal board of psychotherapists and the GBA only consist of psychotherapists from the acknowledged approaches. Nevertheless, PCE Psychotherapy still has considerable attraction among German psychologists and would compete seriously with the already acknowledged training institutes, implying economic not scientific or democratic motives. Now a new decision from the GBA is expected in April based on the new regulations and decisions.

Karl-Otto Hentze / Michael Behr

Neues vom Anerkennungsprozess in Deutschland.

Die Bundespsychotherapeutenkammer hat am 05.11.07 ihre Stellungnahme abgegeben und stellt (erneut) fest, dass die Gesprächspsychotherapie alle Anforderungen erfüllt und in die Kassenversorgung aufzunehmen ist. Am 20.12.2007 hat der G-BA aber keine Entscheidung zur Gesprächspsychotherapie getroffen, sondern die Psychotherapie-Richtlinien geändert. Die Bundespsychotherapeutenkammer hat - parallel zur Erarbeitung ihrer Stellungnahme zur GPT - die Änderung der Richtlinien mit vorbereitet und den Beschluss vom 20.12.2007 begrüßt. Das widersprüchliche Verhalten der BPTK lässt sich wohl nur daraus erklären, dass der Vorstand ausschließlich von Psychotherapeuten besetzt ist, die die zugelassenen Verfahren vertreten. Die Gesprächspsychotherapie hat in Deutschland bei Psychologen weiterhin große Attraktion und würde nach einer Kassenzulassung eine ernsthafte Konkurrenz für die etablierten Verfahren und deren Ausbildungsstätten werden. Zur Gesprächspsychotherapie will der G-BA erst im April 2008 beschließen und dann die geänderten Richtlinien zu Grunde legen.

Karl-Otto Hentze / Michael Behr

Latest New from the German PCE Acknowledgment Process!

On January 15th the "Oberverwaltungsgericht NW" (an important court in Germany) decided in response to a protest by a German training institute, that person-centred psychotherapy with young people must not be excluded from the catalogue of science-based psychotherapy approaches. Practitioners shall be allowed to perform it as psychotherapy, and training institutes shall be so acknowledged. PCE with adults had been acknowledged to meet this first step some years ago. This is a big step forward. However a revision and further court trials are possible. This ruling does not directly affect the current battle with the GBA (Gemeinsamer Bundesausschuss), whose members hinder PCE Psychotherapy from being reimbursed by health insurance. This would be the second and final step in the German acknowledgment process.

The Development of the Person-Centred Approach in Portugal

In the late 1960's Carl Rogers's thought was introduced in Portugal through Carlos Caldeira at the Lisbon Faculty of Medicine. Following Caldeira's death in 1982, João Hipólito proceeded the effort of broadcasting this stream of thought, as well as of developing training programmes. Nearly everyone in Portugal working within this approach has worked with one of them directly or with someone trained by them.

By the late 1980's Hipólito, along with some colleagues, formed a scientific society and an institute devoted to training and to developing the Rogerian model. However, for ethical and deontological reasons, Hipólito moved away from that group and formed the currently existing Portuguese Association for Person centred Psychotherapy and Counselling (APPCPC) which persists with training and advocacy activities. We outline the publication of the Journal of the APPCPC, *A Pessoa como Centro: revista de estudos rogerianos*, in which original articles are included in a

bilingual edition (www.appcpc.com). Its Scientific Board counts a group of international personalities of recognised merit. The APPCPC, which is composed by 62 associate members, also distributes among these the *Journal of the World Association for Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling*, considered as the second official publication endorsed by the APPCPC.

Each year, in February, the APPCPC promotes a congress and, in November, an Encounter Group. It also develops and conducts training programmes in Counselling and Psychotherapy, in collaboration with Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa. The APPCPC is a member of the NEAPCEP and of the WAPCEPC.

Odete Nunes
President of the APPCPC

Congratulations to Eugene Gendlin!

Eugene T. Gendline recieved the
**GRAND AWARD OF THE VIKTOR
 FRANKL FOUNDATION OF THE CITY OF
 VIENNA for 2007**

to honor his outstanding achievements in
 the field of meaning-oriented
 humanistic psychotherapy "This prize is
 awarded for the life work, in
 terms of publications, teaching, therapeu-
 tic work, of persons who have

won international acclaim in the field."
 For more information on Gendlin, go to
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/
 Eugene_Gendlin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Gendlin) or focusing and related
 work, please go to [http://
 www.focusing.org/](http://www.focusing.org/). For more informa-
 tion on the Viktor Frankl award, please
 go to [http://logotherapy.univie.ac.at/e/
 vf_awards_07.html](http://logotherapy.univie.ac.at/e/vf_awards_07.html)

PCE 2012: Planning Ahead for Our Conference

Four and a half years ahead seems not to early to
 start thinking about the organization of our ma-
 jor biannual PCE event. The WA board herewith
 directs your focus on each organizational mem-
 ber's option to be the host of the world wide per-
 son-centered and experiential community.

Procedure for establishing a venue for the World PCE Conferences

· The guidelines for PCE Conferences are pub-
 lished on the WAPCEPC website [www.pce-
 world.org](http://www.pce-world.org). National groups or other organiza-
 tional members who are interested in convening
 the Conference are invited to indicate their in-
 terest by sending a letter to the Board by a date
 specified by the Board ([secretariat@pce-
 world.org](mailto:secretariat@pce-world.org)). In their proposal, the members pre-
 sent their team, their competencies on the scien-
 tific, administrative and financial level, and their
 plans concerning the site.

- These letters are put on the website, in
 the *Newsletter* and in the Conference folder,
 so that all members are informed.
- Voting procedure: The Board is responsi-
 ble for inviting proposals and for arranging the
 voting procedure. Voting may take place at the
 GA or it may be done electronically, in order to
 ensure that the conference organizers have a
 period of at least 2.5 years for the preparation
 of the conference.
- Details of the voting procedure will be
 available on the *WA website* and will be pub-
 lished in the *Newsletter*.

Look at [http://www.pce-
 world.org/idxevents.htm](http://www.pce-world.org/idxevents.htm) to get complete in-
 formation how to gain the status of being the
 host.

PCE 2008 Update: Deadline for abstracts and reduced booking rate extended to 29 February!

The pace of bookings for PCE 2008 in Norwich UK for July 6-10 is now beginning to heat up as we near the original 31st of January deadline for the reduced booking rate and submission of abstracts. We have in fact decided to extend the deadline for both, in order to fit better with this edition of the newsletter. **The deadline for both reduced booking and the submission of abstracts is now Friday the 29th of February, 2008.** We have some very exciting and stimulating abstracts beginning to arrive via email, fax and through the post and hope that members will keep them coming!

Online Booking

We are very pleased to now have secure online booking set up so the registration process is very simple. To access the form directly just go to <https://wapcepc.webapp2.uea.ac.uk/> or you access the booking form via the PCE2008 brochure on www.uea.ac.uk/edu/wapcepc. The abstract form is also available in a version that can be submitted directly to the PCE 2008 Conference Office by accessing <http://wapcepc.webapp2.uea.ac.uk/abstract/>

Bursary Places

This is the first time that WAPCEPC and the conference organisers have offered bursary places (i.e. scholarships) to delegates from countries that fall under World Bank categories B, C and D. The deadline for bursary applications has now passed and we are delighted to report that ten delegates from countries from as far afield as South America and Africa will now be able to attend the conference who otherwise could not have attended, thus making the conference more than ever a truly international conference.

Join Us!

We have one significant change to the programme so far. Mia Leijssen has had to change the time of her Keynote address from 20:00 to 11:30 on Monday 7 July and so we have re-scheduled the WAPCEPC AGM from 16:15 to the evening slot. Generally speaking, at this point, everything is running smoothly here and things are looking good for July! Please join us by booking now!

Judy Moore

On behalf of the Local PCE Organising Committee

CHINE 2007

Notes sur le 4^{ème} Congrès de psychologies et de psychothérapies humanistes et transpersonnelles

Guangzhou. Le taxi quitte la route principale et franchit la grille du parc gardée par un soldat, arme au pied, traverse un parc superbe et s'arrête sur le perron du GuangDong SongYuan Hotel. Le luxe fonctionnel du Parti Communiste me stupéfait à chaque fois. Me voilà arrivé au 4^{ème} Congrès des Psychologies et Psychothérapies Humanistes et Transpersonnelles (4th International Conference on Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychologies and Psychotherapies)

Hall somptueux. Accueil.

Je m'approche des tables où sont exposés et vendus des livres : des titres assez surprenants... spiritualité, bouddhisme, taoïsme et, bonne surprise, je vois enfin les ouvrages de Carl R. Rogers traduits en chinois (Renmin University Press). Je m'empresse d'en acheter trois pour les offrir par la suite. On me dit que cinq ouvrages ont été traduits. Je sais que Brian Thorne a été traduit aussi à Taiwan... C'est encourageant.

Pré-congrès (Pre-Conference workshop): j'assiste au workshop de Margaret Warner « Empathy, Rational Depth and Client-Centered Therapy ». Je tente de m'informer sur le planning de congrès qui n'est pas encore disponible en anglais et me sens très honoré d'être en si bonne compagnie : noyés dans les caractères chinois je repère les noms de Natalie Rogers « Using Person-Centered Expressive Arts in Psychotherapy » de Mike Arons qui a travaillé avec Maslow « Anatomy of Creativity »...

Et mon nom à deux endroits. Moi qui suis d'abord un praticien, j'avais imaginé parler de mon expérience de l'efficacité des conditions théra-

peutiques rogoriennes en Asie du Sud Est...et je vais parler d'éthique en psychothérapie et counselling et tenter de cerner d'éventuelles spécificités asiatiques (un deuxième thème, proposé en alternative). Et, surprise, je suis l'un des cinq orateurs qui s'adresseront hors congrès à une foule dense d'étudiants de l'université de médecine. Mais on ne m'avait, comme il se doit, pas averti... « Oh, on sait que tu sais faire ça... » Et quel est le thème ? je demande... « Oh, on parle de personnages remarquables... »

Je parlerai donc de Carl Rogers, des problèmes psychologiques des étudiants de mon université, des problèmes des étudiants chinois et de l'aide dont ils peuvent bénéficier par le counselling.

Chez ces étudiants, comme chez les participants au congrès je sens un appétit, une disponibilité, une ouverture par rapport aux thèmes, informations, messages de la psychologie humaniste et centrée sur la personne. Vers la fin du congrès, Natalie Rogers aura droit à une standing ovation quand elle pourra enfin rejoindre le plénum, encore assise sur une chaise roulante suite à un accident de circulation lors de son arrivée au Congrès. Il y a des vibrations dans la salle, de l'amour, du respect : impressionnant.

Cet intérêt, je le retrouve à Nanjing University quand je rejoins, quelques jours plus tard, l'équipe du Prof Sang, responsable du counselling.

Ma dernière visite remonte à quatre ans. Après d'autres rogoriens, notamment Ute Binder, et plus anciennement déjà des collègues de Hong Kong, je suis invité à contribuer à la formation des counsellors ici. Leur programme n'est pas

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exclusivement centré sur la personne, mais il en est imprégné grâce à Mme Sang. Apports théoriques, supervision de cas, jeux de rôle qui ne sont pas des jeux mais souvent des émotions et des larmes. Comment dire ? J'expérimente après bien d'autres, que je peux transmettre des éléments essentiels de l'ACP. Que c'est possible, même avec un interprète. Je me laisse donc filmer, je donne mes scripts, je donne mes présentations Power Point. Pas de copy right.

Déjà nous esquissons la suite du travail pour 2008.

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(English Translation of Chine 2007-Continued on Next Page)

Report from the 4th International Conference on Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychologies and Psychotherapies

Guangzhou. The taxi leaves the main road and crosses the gate of the park, manned by an armed soldier. It drives through a superb park and stops at the entrance of GuangDong SongYuan Hotel. The functional luxury of the Communist Party astounds me every time. Thus I had arrived.

Sumptuous hall. Welcoming. I move near the tables where books are displayed and sold: rather amazing titles... spirituality... Buddhism... Taoism and, good surprise, the books of Carl Rogers, translated into Chinese (Renmin University Press). I hasten to buy three of them to give away later. I am told that five books have been translated. I know that Brian Thorne has also been translated in Taiwan. This is encouraging.

Pre-congress (Pre-conference workshop): I partici-

pated in the workshop of Margaret Warner "Empathy, Rational Depth and Client-Centered Therapy". I try to get information about the program of the conference, which is still not available in English, and I feel very honoured to be in such a good company: drowned in Chinese characters, I spot the names of Natalie Rogers (presenting "Using Person-Centered Expressive Arts in Psychotherapy") and of Mike Arons, who worked with Maslow (presenting "Anatomy of Creativity"). And my name appears in two places. Being mostly a practitioner, I had imagined myself speaking about my experience on the effectiveness of Rogers' therapeutic conditions in South Asia. However, I am going to speak about ethics in psychotherapy and counselling, and to try to point out some possible Asian particularities (a second topic, offered as an alternative). And, to my astonishment, I happen to be one of

CHINE 2007 English translation continued.

the five speakers who, beyond the conference, will address a dense crowd of students at the university of medicine.. "Oh, we know that you can do that!" they said. "And what is topic?" I asked. "Just speak about remarkable figures."

I shall speak therefore about Carl Rogers, about psychological problems of the students of my university, about the problems of the Chinese students and about the help from which they can benefit with the counselling.

By these students, and by the participants in the congress, I feel an appetite, an availability, an opening towards the topics, the information, and the messages carried by the humanistic psychology humanistic and the person-centred approach. At the end of the congress, Natalie Rogers got a standing ovation - when she finally was able to join the plenary meeting, still sitting on a wheelchair after the car-crash she had when she arrived. There are vibrations in the room of love and respect. It's impressive. I find the same interest in Nanjing University,

when I join, some days later, the team of the Prof. Sang, responsible for the counselling.

My last visit goes back to four years ago. After other Rogerian people, such as Ute Binder, and still earlier colleagues from Hong Kong, I was invited contribute to the training of counsellors there. Their program was not exclusively person-centred, but is influenced by it, thanks to Mrs Sang. Theoretical presentation, case supervision, role-plays, which truly are not roles, but heart-felt expressions of emotions and tears. How to describe my experience this time?, Like many others, I experience that I can transmit essential elements of the PCA. That it is possible, even while being translated. I allow them to film. I give my paper. I give my Power Point presentations. No copyright. Already we sketch the follow-up of the tasks for 2008.

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Donor Fund Usage Up! Need Donations Now!

Thankfully, we are gaining members from countries classified as having B, C, or D economies (e.g. Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America). However, this also means that we now need more donations to keep these members engaged. Please consider donating a small or large amount now. Go to <http://pce-world.org/> for details (Search for donor fund or look under membership services, then member's online payment 2008 and scroll down or click on Other payment methods).



Journal News:

Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies

Journal of the World Association for Person Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling

Editors: Dave Mearns, Scotland
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Editor Emeritus: Robert Elliott

The first Issue of Volume 7 of *Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies* is with the publisher and the other three Issues are in preparation. Although the order of publication is unclear at this time, Volume 7 will include two Special Issues - one on Gender and the other on Working with Couples and Families, with contributions to each from some of the most experienced people in the fields.

Also during Volume 7 we will publish a number of 'Commentaries' pieces. These are short, 3,000 word views on the position of PCE some 20 years after Rogers' death. The pieces will focus on a wide range of issues, such as the state of the approach in different parts of the world, the diversity within the approach, the approach applied in different contexts, theoretical developments within the approach and many other topics. We invited some people to begin this feature by producing papers, but we also want to extend that invitation to anyone. Please send papers or correspondence on possible papers to any of the editors at the addresses below. Commentary articles are reviewed in the same way as other papers

For the first time since the journal was launched we have undertaken a survey of the 60 members of the Editorial Board, seeking their views and support on a

number of issues and checking whether they wish to continue with the work. Sometimes these circulars do not get through institutional spam filters, so anyone on the Editorial Board who has not received this circular is asked to contact Dave Mearns.

The circulation of the Journal remains strong, mainly due to the support of the many national associations who take it, as the international journal, for their members. This creates considerable economies of scale which contributes to the low cost of the journal. Currently, each volume (4 Issues) of the journal costs €18 to publish plus €2 towards the expenses of the editorial process. Unlike other international journals, the editors contribute their combined 40 hours per week free, as do the members of the Editorial Board. These costs have applied during the first six years of the Journal though, from Volume 7, they are to be increased by €3 to cover the expense involved in creating wider, on-line, access and purchasing journal management software.

The production values of the Journal are high and we are very conscious that it is only maintained at this low cost by the aforementioned support of the Na-

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tional Associations. That support is praiseworthy in another way. Many individual associations have different preferences among the various 'tribes' that comprise the broad PCE 'family'. Despite such preferences the associations are willing to support the Journal which actively favors all approaches equally. That is enormously encouraging of dialogue.

At this time of writing, participants to the 2008 conference in Norwich will be preparing abstracts for their papers. We remind presenters that PCEP is interested in publishing their work during Volume 8 and we will be pleased to receive papers and to discuss possibilities - simply contact any of the editors at their addresses below. Also, presenters do not need to wait for the conference itself. Some authors get a jump on the production process by sending us their work in advance of the conference.

Best wishes for 2008.

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January 17, 2008

Good News from North America!

The American Psychological Association Division 12, The Society of Clinical Psychology has recently decided to include Process-Experiential/Emotion-Focused Therapy in their Empirically Supported Treatment list, specifically for depression. This list is often consulted by North American insurance companies for payment of claims. We appreciate the vital research and advocacy efforts that have gone into this political victory.



Thanks again to Teresa Coleman,
Graduate Assistant at Missouri
State University, for serving as
Assistant Editor!

Please write to Jef Cornelius-White, Edi-
tor, with news, comments, suggestions for
the future newsletters and information
about people, projects and events.

Send it to newsletter@pce-world.org

PCE 2010 – Venice, Italy

9th World Conference for Person Centred and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counselling

We have considered various suggested topics for the PCE 2010 and are leaning towards: **Empowerment: The politics of the helping relationship**. This topic suggests an awareness of the issues among the different tribes of PCA and Experiential Psychotherapies and Counselling, the issues and relationships with other paradigms, the issues of how we deal with the larger society and our way of being and doing in terms of design and management of the various settings: psychotherapy, counselling, research, training, intercultural relationships, education, parenting, play, and other modalities. We would like to receive your suggestions and feed back on this theme or other ideas by mail: PCE2010@iacp.it. For more information, including information about Venice see <http://pce-world.org/idxevents.htm>.

We hope you will join us!

Warm regards,

Alberto Zucconi and all the IACP and ACP colleagues from Italy





Second Announcement and Call for Papers

8th World Conference for Person-Centered and
Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling

PCE 2008: Present Strengths and Future Challenges

Sunday 6th July - Thursday 10th July 2008

University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK

Conference Venue

PCE 2008 will be held on the campus of the University of East Anglia, which is situated three miles outside the historic city of Norwich in the east of England. The academic programme will include papers, workshops, poster displays and a concluding plenary discussion. Keynote addresses relating to the conference theme will be given by Michael Behr, Mia Leijssen, Claudio Rud and Pete Sanders.

Space will be given for reflection groups throughout the conference and the social programme will include visits to the city of Norwich and places of interest in the surrounding countryside, including the beautiful waterlands of the Norfolk Broads.

There will be a pre-conference group but registration for the final programme will begin at 1400 hours on Sunday 6th July. The Conference will finish after lunch on Thursday 10th July. A reduction of £33 (50 Euros) in the overall conference fee will be available to WAPCEPC members.

Invitation

On behalf of the World Association and the International and Local Organising Committees we invite colleagues from around the world to join us in exploration of the conference theme of '**Present Strengths and Future Challenges**' in Norwich in 2008. This particular theme arose from our perception that for the person-centred approach worldwide we appear to be living in critical times. Whereas in some countries the approach is healthy and practitioners are numerous and influential, in others, the approach is marginalised and is little respected. The conference aims to explore what are the genuine strengths of the approach at this point in the evolution of psychotherapy and counselling and to consider where the major challenges will lie during the coming decade.

The majority of time slots will be for one hour and participants who plan to deliver papers should bear this in mind. A limited number of places are also available for workshop presentations of one and a half hours. Further information, registration and standardised abstract forms will be sent out and available on the conference website from July 2007. The deadline for submission of conference papers is 31st January 2008.

Website Address

www.uea.ac.uk/edu/wapcepc