

**WORLD ASSOCIATION for PERSON-CENTERED and EXPERIENTIAL
PSYCHOTHERAPY and COUNSELING**

**NEWSLETTER
Summer 2002**

On June 29th it was two years ago that the Statutes and Bylaws of the World Association were agreed by the General Assembly in Chicago. Since then, the Board has worked hard on developing means of supporting the goals of the Association.

What has been achieved so far?

Journal

Work on the journal, *Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies*, is now in an advanced stage. The co-editors (Robert Elliott, Dave Mearns and Peter F.Schmid) have come to an agreement with the publisher, PCCS Books, on format, costs and publication dates. The journal will be launched in November 2002 with a combined issue 1 and 2, 180 pages of not previously published papers.

In this new journal we are trying to create a dialogue among different parts of our tradition, to inform, support and challenge each other and to stimulate our creativity and impact in a broader professional, scientific and political context. Thus, the mission of the journal is to encourage and disseminate worldwide, new work on Person-Centered and Experiential therapies, including philosophy, theory, practice, training and research. The journal will not give preference to any parts of the world, nor to any philosophical or theoretical emphases within the approach, but will instead seek to increase our awareness and appreciation of each other's contributions.

As an international journal, *Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies* will appear in English, but will fully recognize the major contributions of non-English speaking countries. Thus, the journal will publish abstracts of all articles in up to four languages: English, Spanish and German and, if appropriate, the language of the submitter. In addition, there will be a book review section.

There will be 4 issues in 2003. Visit the website (www.pce-world.org) for a preview of the journal design and its contents.

Members will receive a journal flyer by snail mail in the next few months. We hope you will let as many people as possible know about the Journal and about the World Association. Perhaps you can distribute some journal leaflets, put an announcement in local newsletters or journals, tell your students. Feel free to make extra copies of the journal leaflet.

Contents of Volume 1, issue 1 and 2

Inaugural Special Double issue: *100 Years on: Breadth and Developments in the Person-Centered and Experiential Therapies.*

The United Colors of Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies.
Germain Lietaer

Research policy and Practice in Person-Centered and Experiential Therapy:
Restoring Coherence.
John McLeod

The Future of Person-Centered Therapy: Crisis and Possibility.
Martin van Kalmthout

Knowledge or Acknowledgement? Psychotherapy as the 'Art of Not-knowing'-
Prospects on Further Developments of a Radical Paradigm.
Peter F.Schmid

Further Theoretical Propositions in Regard to Self-Theory within Person-
Centered Therapy.
Dave Mearns

Where We Came from and Where We Are Going: The Development of Person-
Centered Psychotherapy.
Hans Swildens

Therapeutic Presence: Therapists' Experience of Presence in the
Psychotherapeutic Encounter.
Shari Geller & Leslie Greenberg

Aspects of the Actualising Tendency from a Humanistic Psychology Perspective.
Jobst Finke

Contextualising Rogers' Helping Principles: Towards an Extended Theory of
Change.
Goff Barret-Lennard

Render unto Caesar: Quantitative and Qualitative Knowing in Research on
Humanistic Therapies.
Robert Elliott

Publicity and Recruitment.

One of the first tasks of the Board was the publication of a flyer describing the Goals and Principles of WAPCEPC. Many of you will have seen this leaflet; so far we have distributed nearly 8000! The various conferences this summer will offer excellent opportunities for publicising the World Association and for recruitment of new members.

The majority of members are from Europe; in the coming year we will concentrate our efforts on making links with other parts of the world. ***We welcome any information about possible contacts in Eastern Middle Europe, Eastern Europe, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the African continent.*** Do you know of anyone, individual or organisation, who could be interested in becoming a member? Contact us on: secretariat@pce-world.org.

A major development has been the on-line registration and payment facility via the website. However, we still have a number of members who have not yet paid their dues!

We intend to publish a survey of the membership in the autumn edition of the Newsletter.

PCE 2003.

Good progress is being made with the organisation of the 6th World Conference on Person Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counselling, to be held from July 6-11 in Egmond aan Zee, Holland. The conference theme will be ***'Process Differentiation and Person-Centeredness'***.

Keynote speakers will be Les Greenberg, Dave Mearns, Rainer Sachse, Peter Schmid and Hans Swildens.

Look out for up-to-date information on the WAPCEPC website. Members will be entitled to a reduction on the conference fee. More information will be sent out in September 2002.

Administrative procedures.

One of the most time consuming tasks of the Board is the development of administrative procedures: management of the membership office, budgeting and developing procedures for the election of future Board members and the selection of venues for the PCE conferences. Our aim was to design procedures which are transparent and allow maximum participation of the members. Exact details can be found on the website:

Membership fees for 2003 will be announced in the autumn.

Website.

The website gives up-to-date information and news about the World Association and about activities, developments and contacts world wide.

One of our projects in the coming year is to collect information about training and research. Your help is crucial! Please send any information about PCE events and other relevant news to: webmaster@pce-world.org

World Congress for Psychotherapy 2002, Vienna, 14-18 July 2002

The 3rd World Congress for Psychotherapy, with an expected attendance of 4000, represents many of the psychotherapies worldwide. As part of the conference programme there will be a special symposium organised by the Austrian Person-Centered Associations:

Symposium 'Carl Rogers 1902-2002'

Keynote speakers will be:

Ute Binder: Gesprächspsychotherapie bei Menschen mit Psychosen: Ein systemimmanentes, störungsspezifisches Verstehens-und Handlungskonzept.

Wolfgang Keil: Zur Erweiterung der personzentrierten Therapietheorie

Germain Lietaer: Identity aspects of Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies: a challenge of globalization.

Dave Mearns: Client-Centred Therapy in the modern era: an expanding theory of therapy

Maureen O'Hara: Changing minds: What Carl Rogers has to offer for addressing coping with life in the global society.

Peter F. Schmid: The person in the center of therapy: The ongoing challenge of Carl Rogers for psychotherapy

Margaret Warner: Person-Centered theory for the new millennium: totally the same and totally different.

There will be many more presentations, workshops and opportunities for encounter. For more details visit www.pca-online.net

Conferences and symposia-2002

July 2-5: Carl Rogers: Centenaire de sa naissance, vitalité et de sa presence.
www.ifrdp.net

July 24-28: Carl R. Rogers Symposium 2002, La Jolla, California.
www.saybrook.edu/crr/

August 14-18: 17th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Development of the Person-Centered Approach (ADPCA), Cleveland, Ohio. Contact:
KevinPsy@aol.com

September 19-22: 'Dialogue': First national Conference of the British Association for the Person-Centred Approach, Durham, UK.
www.bapca.org.uk

NEAPCEPC: 5th General Assembly, Vienna, July 12-14. www.pce-europe.org
(Network of the European Association of Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling).

SUCCESS

The German "Wissenschaftliche Beirat Psychotherapie (WBP)", the Scientific Committee of the Federal Chamber of Physicians, decided on June 16, 2002 to recommend the recognition of "the scientifically approved method Gesprächspsychotherapie" (Client Centered Therapy) for training in accordance with the law for psychotherapists - an important step towards the full recognition of CCT in Germany.

The Italian Ministry of Health has given a grant of 500.000,00 Euro to the Istituto dell'Approccio Centrato sulla Persona-Italy (IACP) to design a model to promote health among young people. The design is person-centered; the project is based on empowerment and self-esteem.

Finally..

- **Remember to pay your membership dues for this year**
- **Send us information about events, developments and publications**
- **Keep us up-to-date with address changes**
- **If possible, let us have an e-mail address where we can send you information. We hope to use e-mail as much as possible-it is quicker and cheaper than the post.**
- **Next newsletter: Autumn 2002. Send us news you want to have included, or responses to this newsletter: newsletter@pce-world.org.**

