

WAPCEPC

From the Board

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This is the last newsletter before the PCE conference in Norwich. When you get this, the elections for the new board will have finished and we will be in the process of preparing ourselves for the GA. This is always a busy time for us; there is a lot of work to be done—a bit like getting the house tidy before visitors arrive. On the website you can see the agenda for the GA and you can read the proposals that we will take to the GA. If you cannot attend at the GA but you would like to vote on the proposals you can give someone who will be present written permission to vote for you. The GA in July marks the end of this Board's term. The past two years have gone fast. Much of the work of the Board is to manage the affairs of the WAPCEPC such as administration, membership, finance, journal, website and communication with members. This will continue to be one of the main Board responsibilities; without a good system of administration the WA cannot fulfil its aims. In the next few years we want to focus actively on the pro-

motion of PCE therapies and their presentation in the world of psychotherapy, for example through the Research Task Force (you can read about this initiative elsewhere in this Newsletter). We hope that the WA will become a lively forum for information and support, accessible and relevant to all its members. We are aware that PCE therapists in various countries are concerned about the status of the PCE therapy in relation to psychotherapy and counseling provision to a wide range of clients, and we will continue to seek ways of supporting our members in meeting these challenges.

However, it is important that we do not only focus on 'defensive' responses; it is equally important that we encourage each other to communicate examples of good practice, to talk about new developments, to share with each other the learning that we experience through the encounter with our clients.

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Assessing the Person-Centred Presence in Latin-American Academia

Beth Freire is currently developing a survey of the universities in Latin America (i.e., South America + Central America + Mexico) with person-centred lecturers or professors. The main objective of this survey is to foster the integration of the Latin American person-centred community with the World Association. Although the person-centred Latin-American community is huge, it is practically invisible to other colleagues around the world. This survey will be get a directory of academics that PCEP editors will be able to contact for better dissemination of the journal in the Latin America community. So far, the survey collected the name and contact details of 129 person-centred academics throughout Latin America (49 in Brazil, 73 in Mexico, 3 in Argentina, 1 in Peru, 1 in Colombia, 1 in Costa Rica, and 1 in Bolivia), working in 59 different universities (38 in Brazil, 15 in Mexico, 2 in Argentina, 1 in Colombia, 1 in Peru, 1 in Costa Rica, and 1 in Bolivia). Moreover, the survey has collected contact details from 29 person-centred training centers (16 in Brazil, 7 in Mexico, 5 in Argentina, and 1 in Colombia). This survey has been under taken through the e-mail network run by Alberto Segrera (RICentradaP@yahoogroups.com), and the Brazilian e-mail group run by Ana Lucia Palma (ListaACPBrasil@yahoogrupos.com.br). If you are interested in the results of this survey or would like to contribute with more information, please contact Beth at elizabeth.freire@strath.ac.uk

Evaluando la Presencia en la Academia de la modalidad Centrada en la Persona

Beth Freire esta realizando una investigación de las universidades en Latino América con profesores o conferencistas centrados en la persona. El más importante objetivo de esta investigación es lograr la integración de la comunidad latinoamericana con la Asociación Mundial. Aunque la comunidad latinoamericana centrada en la persona es enorme, es prácticamente invisible para otros colegas de alrededor del mundo. La investigación permitirá un directorio de académicos, por el cual los editores del PCEP podrán entrar en contacto para una difusión mejor de la revista en la comunidad de América latina. Hasta ahora, la investigación recogió el nombre y los detalles del contacto de 129 académicos centrados en la persona a través de América latina. (49 en Brasil, 73 en México, 3 en Argentina, 1 en Perú, 1 en Colombia, 1 en Costa Rica, y 1 en Bolivia), trabajando en 59 diferentes universidades (38 en Brasil, 16 en México, 2 en Argentina, 1 en Colombia, 1 en Perú, 1 en Costa Rica, y 1 en Bolivia). Además la investigación ha recogido contactos de 29 centros de entrenamiento centrados en la persona (16 en Brasil, 7 en México, 5 en Argentina, y 1 en Colombia). Esta investigación ha sido obtenida a través de la red Iberoamericana a cargo de Alberto Segrera (RICentradaP@yahoogroups.com), y la red Brasileira a cargo de Ana Lucia Palma (ListaACPBrasil@yahoogrupos.com.br). Si Ud. Esta interesado en los resultados de esta investigación o desea contribuir con mayor información, por favor tome contacto con Beth en elizabeth.freire@strath.ac.uk

From the Board Continued

Finally- this is my last 'letter from the Board'. After 8 years of being a member of the WA board my time is up! Working with the board to help develop the WAPCEPC has at times been demanding and tiring, but I have enjoyed the opportunity to contribute to getting the WA started. And the best part of the job has been the contact I have had with so many members in all parts of the world.

I wish the new board well in their work over the next two years, and I hope that the WAPCEPC will continue to go from strength to strength with the help of all its members.

Elke Lambers
Chair

Alberto Zucconi elected to the Board of Trustees of the World Academy of Art and Science

As reported in the spring 2007 newsletter, **Alberto Zucconi** was elected as a WAAS fellow last year. He has now been elected to their board of trustees. Alberto is president of the Person-Centered Approach Institute (IACP), a non-profit international organization, co-founded with Carl Rogers and Charles Devonshire and dedicated to research in human behaviour and the promotion of health and the training of professionals. IACP is a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for research, training and consulting in Health Promotion at the workplace in Italy and the Host Institution for the SOLVE programs of the International Labour Office (ILO) in Italy. Dr. Zuc-

coni was a faculty member of the Western Behavioural Science Institute (WBSI) in La Jolla, CA and a senior staff member of the Carl Rogers' Peace Institute that has organized with the United Nations University for Peace cross-cultural communication and conflict resolution meetings with heads of state and diplomats. Dr. Zucconi is currently teaching Client Centered Therapy and the Person Centered Approach, at the post graduate level in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Siena (Italy). He has authored several articles and books on psychology, psychotherapy and health promotion and is a conference organizer for PCE 2010 in Venice, Italy

WAPCEPC 'Task Force' to Review and Develop the Evidence-Base for Person-Centred and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counselling

Internationally, there are increasing pressures on person-centred/experiential (PCE) therapists to justify their practice on empirical grounds. At present, however, we do not have a sufficiently rigorous and comprehensive body of knowledge that PCE psychotherapists and counsellors can draw on to support and promote their work. It is proposed, therefore, to establish a WAPCEPC Task Force to bring together research specialists in the person-centred/experiential field to review the evidence-base for PCE practice, to disseminate the results of this investigation, and also to identify key areas in which the evidence base for PCE practice needs to be developed. The Task Force would be coordinated by a small number of members, and would focus on a series of key tasks, such as:

- Meta-analysis of the overall effectiveness of PCE therapies
- Efficacy and effectiveness of PCE therapies for specific psychological problems (e.g., depression, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)
- Efficacy and effectiveness of PCE therapies for specific client groups (e.g., children and young people, specific ethnic and cultural persons)
- Meta-synthesis of qualitative evidence for PCE Therapies
- Evidence for necessity and sufficiency of Rogers' six conditions
- Comparative efficacy and effectiveness of PCE therapies with other therapeutic orientations
- Role of client agency in outcomes
- Relative effectiveness and efficacy of nondirective and directive practices
- Development, and application, of PCE approaches to research

Person-centred critique of concepts and methods in traditional psychotherapy research

Effectiveness of the PCE paradigm in non-psychotherapeutic areas, such as health and education

Identification of key priorities for further research

In a number of instances, these tasks may already have been conducted (e.g., published meta-analyses). The aim of the Task Force would not be to replicate these analyses, but to bring them into a comprehensive body of knowledge and to disseminate findings.

It is hoped that the Task Force would be in a position to disseminate the results of this inquiry by July 2010 (for PCE 2010). It is anticipated that the findings of the Task Force would be published in association with the World Association, with accessible summaries of the data published on the WAPCEPC website.

A meeting to discuss the establishment of this Task Force will be held at the World PCE Conference in Norwich 2008, and all members of the person-centred and experiential community are invited to attend. Individuals who have already made a commitment to being involved in this project include: Michael Behr, Art Bohart, Mick Cooper, Jeffrey Cornelius-White, Robert Elliott, Beth Freire, Dagmar Holldampf, and Bill Stiles. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Mick Cooper at mick.cooper@strath.ac.uk to indicate your interest.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN BRAZIL PROMOTES APPLIED PCA August 13-14

The **Cátedra RELUS 2008** is an annual socially responsive event which aims to promote the creation, innovation and diffusion of applied scientific knowledge. It is free-of-charge and open to anyone interested in its various themes, which were developed during a 12-month period of advanced weekly studies by a team of 40 researchers (including undergraduate and graduate students, both in the Master's and Ph.D. programs, as well as honorary members) associated with the RELUS Laboratory (Lusophonic Happiness Studies Network). The team comprises attorneys, theologians, philosophers, engineers, architects, speech therapists, psychologists, educators and historians from the University of Fortaleza (Brazil), the Federal University of Ceará (Brazil), and the Pontifician University of Salamanca (Spain), among others. The event takes place at the University of Fortaleza (UNIFOR), which is the oldest private University and is located in Fortaleza, the fifth largest city in Brazil, within the state of Ceará. In 2006, UNIFOR was voted the Best Private Institution in Northeastern Brazil and, in 2007, the Best Private Institution in Northeastern Brazil for Scientific Research. This year's event, *Cátedra RELUS 2008*, has chosen as its theme "Psychotherapy, Salutogenesis and Meaningful Learning" and will take place on August 13-14, 2008. The event will honor psychologist Raquel Wrona from São Paulo (a founding member of the Paulista Association of the Person-Centered Approach), for her life-long services devoted to the decrease of human suffering within the pioneer walk-in Psychological Emer-

gency clinics in Brazil. The opening address, "Formative Tendency in the PCA," will be given by Professor Jeffrey H.D. Cornelius-White, Psy.D. from Missouri State University (USA). In preparation for *Cátedra RELUS 2009*, the II Thematic Seminars will take place from August to December of 2008 with an opening session entitled "The Pragmatist American Philosophy of Richard Rorty", which will be presented by Professor John Rothfork, Ph.D. from Northern Arizona University (USA). The Seminar is also planning for the visit of Professor Jack Loomis, Ph.D. from the University of California Santa Barbara (USA). Please feel welcome at UNIFOR and the RELUS Lab, where research and humanism are pillars for innovation and growth. For information: cat-edrarelus@gmail.com - www.cavalcantejunior.com.br/relus

Cátedra RELUS Showcases Person-Centered Efforts in Brazil

The RELUS Lab is the largest Experiential Humanistic Psychology research group in Brazil and a pioneer among the international research groups focused on the study of the Formative Tendency in the Person Centered Approach (PCA). It is coordinated by psychologist Francisco Silva Cavalcante, Jr., M.Ed., Ph.D., a full professor in Psychology at UNIFOR. RELUS Lab studies fall within three areas of inquiry: (1) *Research on Psychotherapy and the Emergency Psychology Clinic*, coordinated by pro-

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fessor Armando de Melo, M. Sc.; (2) *Salutogenesis: Pathways to a Fulfilling and Happy Life*, coordinated by professor Marcília Simeão, M.Sc.; and (3) *Meaningful Learning: Method, Wisdom and Transformation*, coordinated by professor Terezinha Joca, M.Sc. Beyond the academic domain, the RELUS Lab is developing outreach intervention-inquiry programs for the community through (4) the *Flourishing Project*, which provides psychotherapy, a walk-in psychology emergency clinic, a support group for parents of children and adolescents, and psychoeducational and Human Flourishing groups and through (5) *Innovations Group on Psychotechnologies* which is responsible for developing interface strategies between Public Health, Family Health Strategies, Health Promotion, Mental Health Promotion and Salutogenesis. The RE-

LUS Lab is also a partner of (6) *Ipê House - The Institute for the Person/O Semeador Nucleus*, in developing Model of the Whole Person Care and of (7) *CEARAcP - Center for Advanced Studies of Rogers and the Person Centered Approach* which both promotes the Annual CEARAcP Seminars and is an articulating center for (8) *The Intercontinental Consortium of the Applied Person Centered Approach Formative Tendency*. All these year-long initiatives, which are conducted across a spectrum of disciplines and institutions, raise broad challenges and contemporary questions of the PCA. This year's event, Cátedra RELUS 2008, has chosen as its theme "Psychotherapy, Salutogenesis and Meaningful Learning" and will take place on August 13-14, 2008.

**CONFERÊNCIA ANUAL NO BRASIL PROMOVE
A ACP APLICADA - 13 e 14 de Agosto de 2008**

A Cátedra RELUS 2008 é um evento gratuito, socialmente responsivo, realizado anualmente, com o objetivo de promover a criação, a inovação e a difusão de saberes científicos aplicados. O acesso é livre e facultado a qualquer pessoa interessada nos temas apresentados que, ao longo de 12 meses, no formato de cátedra de estudos avançados semanais, foram desenvolvidos por uma equipe de 40 pesquisadores (bolsistas de iniciação científica, mestrandos, mestres, doutorandos, doutores, professores e membros honorários) do Laboratório RELUS (Rede Lusófona de Estudos da Felicidade) composta por juristas, teólogos, filósofos, psicólogos, engenheiros, arquitetos, fonoaudiólogos, pedagogos, historiadores, representando a Universidade de Fortaleza, a Universidade Federal do Ceará, a Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca (Espanha), dentre

outras. O evento é sediado no campus da Universidade de Fortaleza (UNIFOR), a mais antiga universidade privada localizada na quinta maior capital brasileira, a cidade de Fortaleza, no Ceará. A UNIFOR foi eleita a Melhor Instituição Particular do Nordeste, em 2006, e a Melhor Instituição Particular do Nordeste em Pesquisa Científica, em 2007. Neste ano, a Cátedra RELUS 2008, com o tema "Psicoterapia, Salutogênese e Aprendizagens significativas", acontece nos dias 13 e 14 de agosto de 2008, homenageando a psicóloga paulista Raquel Wrona (membro fundadora da Associação Paulista de Abordagem Centrada na Pessoa), por seus trabalhos prestados na escuta e redução do sofrimento humano nos serviços pioneiros de Plantão Psicológico no Brasil. A Conferência Magna de Abertura será proferida

CONFERÊNCIA ANUAL NO BRASIL continued.

pelo Prof. Jeffrey H.D. Cornelius-White, Psy.D. (docente da Missouri State University, EUA), com o tema "Tendência Formativa na ACP". Em abertura à Cátedra RELUS 2009, ao longo dos meses de agosto a dezembro de 2008, o Laboratório RELUS promoverá o *II Seminário Temático*, cuja abertura caberá ao Prof. John Rothfork, Ph.D. (docente da Northern Arizona University, EUA), com o tema "A Filosofia Pragmatista Americana de Richard Rorty", e contará, ainda, com a visita do Prof. Jack Loomis, Ph.D. (docente da University of California Santa Barbara, EUA). Seja bem-vindo à UNIFOR e ao Laboratório RELUS, onde pesquisa e humanismo são pilares de inovação e crescimento. Informações: catedrarelus@gmail.com - www.cavalcantejunior.com.br/relus

Cátedra RELUS demonstra os esforços Centrados na Pessoa no Brasil

O Laboratório RELUS é o maior grupo de pesquisa em Psicologia Humanista Experiencial no Brasil e pioneiro dos grupos internacionais de pesquisadores enfocados nas discussões da Tendência Formativa na Abordagem Centrada na Pessoa (ACP). Ele é coordenado pelo psicólogo Francisco Silva Cavalcante Jr., M.Ed., Ph.D., professor titular na Graduação e Mestrado em Psicologia na UNIFOR, estando organizado de forma integrada em três núcleos de investigação: (1) *Pesquisa em Psicoterapia e Plantão Psicológico*, coordenado pelo Prof. Armando de Melo, MSc.; (2) *Salutogênese: caminhos para uma vida plenificante e feliz*, coordenado pela Profa. Marcília Simeão, MSc.; e

(3) *Aprendizagem Significativa: método, sabedoria e transformação em contextos diversos*, coordenado pela Profa. Terezinha Joca, MSc. Além do universo teórico-acadêmico, o Laboratório RELUS desenvolve extensão de cunho investigativo-interventivo nas comunidades, por meio do (4) *Projeto Florescer*, desenvolvido no Sistema Único de Saúde (Regional VI - SPA/NAMI/UNIFOR), oferecendo psicoterapia individual, de casal e de grupo, plantão psicológico (emergência psicológica), grupo de orientação a pais de crianças/adolescentes em atendimento, grupos psicoeducativos e Grupo de Florescimento Humano; (5) *Célula de Inovações em Psicotecnologias*, responsável pelo desenvolvimento de estratégias na interface na Saúde Pública, Atenção Primária em Saúde, Estratégia de Saúde da Família, Promoção de Saúde, Promoção de Saúde Mental e Salutogênese. O Laboratório RELUS é, ainda, parceiro da (6) *Casa do Ipê - Instituto da Pessoa/Núcleo O Semeador*, por meio da construção do M.A.P.T. (Modelo de Atendimento à Pessoa Total); (7) da *CEARAcP - Confraria de Estudos Avançados de Rogers e da Abordagem Centrada na Pessoa* e dos *Seminários Anuais CEARAcP*, e centro articulador do (8) *Consórcio Intercontinental de Tendência Formativa Aplicada em Abordagem Centrada na Pessoa*. Todas essas iniciativas com periodicidade anual, realizadas com um prisma interdisciplinar e transinstitucional, elegem desafios abrangentes e questionamentos contemporâneos da ACP. Neste ano, a Cátedra RELUS 2008, com o tema "Psicoterapia, Salutogênese e Aprendizagens significativas", acontece nos dias 13 e 14 de agosto de 2008.



Preparation for the General Assembly

The General Assembly of the WAPCEPC will take place on Monday 7th July, 20.00-21.30, during the PCE conference in Norwich. The agenda for the meeting has been published at www.pce-world.org. The purpose of the GA is for the Board to give an account of how it has looked after the WA in the past two years, and to present to the GA proposals that require a vote from the membership. We will present brief reports about our activities, the finances of the WA and the journal, and the results of the board election. At the moment there are two proposals that will be presented for a vote. You can read them in detail on the website, but below is a brief summary.

Amendment to the Bylaws: procedures for the formation of Regional Chapters.

The principle of Regional Chapters was accepted at the 2006 GA, but there was no agreement about the procedures for Chapter formation. This proposal describes in detail how a Regional Chapter can be formed and defines the relationship between Regional Chapters and the WAPCEPC. Regional Chapters are autonomous (e.g., they decide on their own activities and conduct their own business) but accountable to the WA. The WA may be able to offer practical or administrative support to a Chapter, but only in a financially neutral way.

The WA board will negotiate with potential Chapters on the

details of the formation of the Chapter and of the relationship between Chapter and WA, taking into account specific factors related to the Chapter's regional and economic context.

The Board proposes that membership dues can be raised by a maximum of 20% in the next two years if the financial situation of the WAPCEPC requires this.

The WA dues have not been increased since 2000, and large proportion of members, approximately 40%, pay a reduced membership. In order to meet all the costs of the administration and development of the WA we may need to increase the dues. Reduced memberships will still be available. The same proposal for a 20% maximum was passed in 2006.

These two proposals will be presented to the GA for approval. If you cannot attend at the GA but you would like to vote on the proposals you can give someone who will be present written permission to vote for you. We hope to see many members on the 7th July!

Report on NEAPCEPC By Magda Draskoczy

The board of the Network of European Associations for Person-Centred and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counselling had a meeting at the beginning of April. The board members have confirmed that the NE still wishes to apply to become a Chapter in the WA when the frames of forming a chapter are clear. The WA has stipulated in its proposals for its General Assembly that all members of a chapter must also be a member of WA. However, at present NE has too many members who are not yet members in the WA. Many may assess they cannot afford to become members both in the WA and its European chapter. However, reduced fees may be available for qualifying associations. We have asked those members who are not WA members if they are willing to become members. We hope that they will join the WA, but are not willing to leave them out of NE by becoming a chapter. Because of our willingness to become a Chapter we have contacted European WA member associations who are not NE members to invite them to join NE.

News from the Acknowledgment Process in Germany

The "Gemeinsamer Bundesausschuß" is a board that may decide whether a medical treatment is reimbursed by public health insurance. It again rejected Person-Centered Experiential Psychotherapy to be accepted within public health insurance on the 24 th of April, 2008. Only psychodynamic and cognitive-behavioral therapy still are designated as reimbursable. This Board argues there is only one acceptable study to prove the outcome efficacy of PCE. This political decision was not unexpected. Meanwhile the three German PCE Associations have given a united statement. It is very probable that court trials against this decision will follow. See more online at pce-world.org for the World Association's involvement last year in this ongoing saga.

Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies

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

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Editor Emeritus: Robert Elliott



Throughout the first five volumes of *Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies* we struggled to develop a *publication queue*. It may seem perverse actually to welcome a queue when in our wider life we would seek to avoid them, but in Journal publishing a steady stream of papers is essential for smooth running. If we know that we have a supply of already finalized papers to fill the next few issues the editorial and production processes can be reflective rather than frenetic. During Volume 6 things began to improve and now, in Volume 7, we have our sought after security giving queue.

The increase in submissions dates to our winning of full and backdated citation status in PsychInfo, but is only partially related to that event. Looking at the papers received in the past year, there is a noticeable increase in submissions from PCE research and development teams worldwide. Also, there is a growing tendency for prominent PCE academics to see PCEP as a place where they can co-publish with their research students. Indeed, often the student or recent graduate is encouraged to submit a sole publication, with PCEP being regarded as a safe place to take that kind of risk. It is safe, not for the reason that its review process accepts papers too readily, but because we take our developmental role seriously and offer the student considerable support.

Issue 7.2 is currently with the printer and will be distributed in June. It is a Special Issue on

gender in relation to PCE therapies, edited by Suzanne Keys and Veronika Prüller-Jagenteufel. It is good timing for this special issue to come out just before the conference because it could inspire much discussion.

During the Norwich conference the editors and the publisher will all be present at an open dialogue on the Journal. In previous conferences these sessions have been very well attended and extremely lively. It is the only occasion when all the editors and the members can have direct contact.

At this time of writing, participants to the 2008 conference in Norwich will be preparing 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.

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Getting Ready for PCE 2008!

The sun is shining as I write this, and I hope that the good weather will continue for PCE 2008. While the weather is beyond our control, we are currently doing our best to make sure that all other aspects of the conference run as smoothly as possible. We are being helped by many within our university who are preparing the grounds and buildings so that they will be in good order by the time we get to July 6th and the beginning of the conference.

We are pleased to announce day places at a cost of £150 and 24-hour places at £200. There is also a £10 reduction for WAPCEPC members on both day and 24-hour places. If you are aware of colleagues who might like to take up one of these day or 24-hour places, do please let them know. It is also still not too late to book for full conference attendance.

Numbers for the Pre-Conference Diversity group currently stand at 65, which is almost the upper limit that the room can take. The

book of abstracts and the conference programme are now nearing completion, and we are pleased that a significant number of presentations consider the complex issues raised by offering person-centred counselling in different cultures, truly reflecting the international nature of the conference.

For details of how to book 24-hour and day places, please consult the conference website. The conference programme is also now available on the website, as are details of how to get to Norwich and UEA. We look forward to seeing those of you who are coming to the conference in 'the Hive' (see map!) for registration between 2 and 5 p.m. on Sunday 6 June. The website reference is www.uea.ac.uk/edu/wapcepc

All good wishes from us all at UEA,
Judy Moore
Chair, Organising Committee PCE 2008

Thanks again to Teresa King-Coleman, Graduate Assistant to the Department of Counseling at Missouri State University, for serving as Assistant Editor!

Please write to Jef Cornelius-White with news, comments, suggestions for the future newsletters and information about people, projects and events. Send it to newsletter@pce-world.org



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