

Editorial

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I am glad to be editing *The Person-Centered Journal*. I am gladder that the membership who attended in Warwick, UK at the 2005 annual conference communicated a clear message of support and commitment to keep the journal going and growing. I am excited about working with Ian Fallows as Managing Editor, Laura Aitken and Kristen as Copy Editors, Leslie McCulloch as Media Review Editor, Barry Grant as Consulting Editor, and Renate Motschnig as Online Editor. I also thank the many others involved in *The Person-Centered Journal*. To me, the *Journal* is in an energetic phase of its evolution.

When I consider my new role as Editor, I am humbled. I appreciate the role that person-centered journals have played, play, and will play in the development of the approach, especially our *Journal*. I aimed to learn a little history when writing this and am thankful for Carol Wolter-Gustafson's efforts in keeping and sharing history. I will offer below a little remembrance of yesterday and some hopes for tomorrow.

Nat Raskin organized the first meeting of the Association for the Development of the Person-Centered Approach at the International House of the University of Chicago in September, 1986 together with a group of Chicago colleagues. This event was particularly special as it was Rogers' last meeting. David Cain initiated the creation of ADPCA's first journal, *Person-Centered Review*. Rogers (1986) valued the international communication that a scholarly journal could engender and had "high hopes for the *Review*" (p. 5) as cited by Raskin (2005). The *Review* lasted nearly seven years and served as a communication venue for many classic articles by Carl Rogers, John Shlein, Arthur Combs, Maureen O'Hara, Ranier Sachse, Clark Moustakas, Julius Seeman, Arnold Lazarus, David Aspy, William Watson Purkey, Nat Raskin, Barbara T. Brodley, Jerold Bozarth, and many others. Some of these works are available via the PCCS publication (Cain, 2003).

Jerold Bozarth and Fred Zimring agreed to start *The Person-Centered Journal* as a "pilot" endeavor after the *Review* and the association separated. They inaugurated its first issue in October 1992. Jerold Bozarth (1992) envisioned "that there will be a continuous evolution" (p. vi) while Fred Zimring (1992) aimed to "make the journal inclusive to different materials and a variety of viewpoints related to the person-centered approach" (p. vii). After their co-editorship, Jerold was sole editor followed by Jeanne Stubbs as editor. Jo Cohen-Hamilton began as editor in 1998 and passed the editorial baton to Jon Rose until 2004. During each of these times, many additional people helped or offered to help with various aspects of the journal. I am grateful for each contribution personally and on behalf of the Association.

To me, editing *The Person-Centered Journal* is not just about reviewing and producing an issue. It represents a connection to not only our past but to other journals with similar missions. Person-centered journals have helped to foster resurgence in person-centered writing, particularly as they all started after Rogers' death. Shortly after

the start of *The Person-Centered Journal*, Tony Merry began and edited *Person-Centered Practice* in association with the start of the British Association for the Person-Centered Approach, which continued until his unfortunate death last year. *Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies* began during the tri-annual world meetings with the forming of the World Association for Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling under the co-editorship of Dave Mearns, Robert Elliott, Peter F. Schmid, and (recently added) William Stiles. It is now in its fourth year. *Person-Centered Quarterly*, the British Association for the Person-Centered Approach's new newsletter edited by Pete Sanders, now has a small section designated to scholarly contributions. These journals have also served as an important communication forum for the approach. I invite collaboration between *The Person-Centered Journal*, *Person-Centered Quarterly*, and *Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapies* for our shared purpose to promote and disseminate communication about the person-centered approach.

Regarding our future, I first hope that you will be more involved with the *Journal*. I personally invite each of you to share your ideas and energy with us. In particular, we need more articles, more members and increased citation of the *Journal* in publications appearing in other venues. *The Person-Centered Journal* represents an important voice as the longest running person-centered journal written in English. It is important for new authors and a "variety of viewpoints." Likewise, the *Journal* has been a unique outlet for those seeing nondirectivity as a core aspect of client-centered therapy.

Equally important, the *Journal* offers an invaluable forum for applications outside therapy as were seen last year and this in education and training. It is these wider applications that have been increasingly drawing my attention in recent years. Even as Brian Levitt (this issue) discusses in his eloquent application of the approach to *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, the person-centered approach can save the world.

It is my hope that through the renewed energy in the *Journal*, communication will occur that brings the broad reaching implications of the approach to deeper and more influential levels. We need your submissions, ideas, reviews, and everything to make this a reality. Please contact us if we can help facilitate scholarly information-sharing for you.

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