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IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

*P*erhaps the most dramatic and far-reaching future significance of our work is simply our way of being and acting as a staff. To create a climate where power is shared, where individuals are empowered, where groups are dealt with as being trustworthy and competent to face problems — this is unheard of in ordinary life. Our schools, our government, our businesses and corporations are permeated with the view that neither the individual nor the group is trustworthy. There must be power over power to control. The hierarchical system is inherent in our whole culture. Even in many of our religions, persons are regarded as basically sinful, and hence, in need of discipline and guidance. In the psychological sphere, psychoanalysis takes a similar view — that at the core, individuals are full of unconscious impulses which, if uncontrolled, would wreak havoc upon society.

The paradigm of Western culture is that the essence of persons is dangerous; thus, they must be taught, guided, and controlled by those with superior authority.

Yet our experience, and that of an increasing number of humanistic psychologists, has shown that another paradigm is far more effective and constructive for the individual and for society. It is that, given a suitable psychological climate, humankind is trustworthy, creative, self-motivated, powerful, and constructive — capable of releasing undreamed-of potentialities.

The first paradigm of controlling the evil in human nature has brought civilization to the brink of disaster. Can society come to see the effectiveness of the second paradigm? It appears to be the only hope for survival.

A Way of Being © 1980, Carl R. Rogers

Departing Editor of The Person-Centered Journal Excited and Enthusiastic about the Future

Dear ADPCA members,

Perhaps you have already read in Renaissance that I am stepping down as TPCJ editor after this coming Fall issue, and that I have offered to continue on as managing editor of the journal given that an editor emerges with whom a working relationship such as I described could unfold. Following my announcement in Renaissance, I received what to me was a most exciting inquiry. Dr. Jon Rose, a longstanding ADPCA member, former membership coordinator, and journal associate editor since my coming on board expressed interest in the position of editor in chief.

In my dealings with Jon over the years I have found him to be highly capable, responsive, insightful and cordial. His questions regarding editor tasks, and our communications about how we might work together as an editorial team have left me feeling enthusiastic and reassured that in his hands the journals' direction would move forward. Although this statement is not meant in any way to diminish additional offers of editorship, I would like to offer my endorsement of Jonathon Rose as the editor elect of The Person-Centered Journal beginning with the Spring, 2001 issue. I have appreciated your support, and encourage you to submit the presentations you're making at ADPCA to the journal. I hope to see you in England in 2001.

*Sincerely,
Jo Cohen Hamilton*

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Jon Rose Offers to Work as Editor-In-Chief

I was sorry to read in Renaissance that Jo Cohen will be resigning as Editor-In-Chief of The Person-Centered Journal. The Journal under Jo's leadership has continued to be a source of scholarly writing about Client-Centered therapy, while expanding its breadth to include a wide variety of activities that reflect a Person-Centered perspective. The Journal, in my opinion, reflects the inclusive nature of its sponsor, The Association for the Development of the Person-Centered Approach.

As an Associate Editor, I am aware of Jo's efforts to encourage all submissions to the journal that are related to the Person-Centered Approach without compromising the journal's quality. This has been accomplished by having reviewers communicate openly with authors to clarify their ideas and writing, and teaching authors how to conform to APA style requirements. I am proud that we have featured significant contributions from first-time authors and from authors who speak English as their second language.

It has been easy and pleasurable to work with Jo, and I am grateful for her endorsement.

I would like to become the journal's next Editor-In-Chief. My goal would be to continue the Journal's current editorial policies.

If selected, I hope that the current editors, reviewers and consultants will continue to support The Person-Centered Journal in the same or other active positions. Jo has offered to take the role of Managing Editor, including taking responsibility for soliciting contributions. I am very sorry that she is unable to attend the ADPCA Annual Meeting to campaign for this position. I believe we would make a great team.

I have not been too involved with the business side of running the Journal, though I am aware of the costs and revenue. I hope the responsibilities of the Managing and Chief editor positions can be clarified by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting, with input from the community, and that everyone interested in working to keep the journal moving forward will find a suitable role.

Jon Rose

ADPCA 2000 — SAN DIEGO

The ADPCA 2000 annual meeting will take place from Wednesday, **August 9** through Sunday, **August 13**, 2000 at the University of California at San Diego, a beautiful location in La Jolla, close to the ocean. We want to offer a welcoming occasion for persons to discover more about the person-centered approach, themselves and others.

Full room and board are inexpensive: \$56 double or \$65 single per day, for the four days of the meeting. Parking is provided (And included with room and board.) All facilities are handicap accessible. The meeting registration fee will be \$190.

The conference is sponsored by ADPCA and hosted by the Center for Studies of the Person. A 33 year old CSP project — the La Jolla program — will take place just before the conference (**July 29-August 6**), in case some of you would be interested in attending that as well. The La Jolla Program (lajollaprogram@yahoo.com) is an intensive 9 day.... followed by a 2-day training seminar. (15% tuition discount for ADPCA attendees).

People interested in coming earlier or staying later and seeing La Jolla can book room space at the University in advance of the annual meeting, from Sunday August 6. Space will be available in nearby dorms until the 9th when Blake Hall opens up for us. After the 13th people can remain in Blake Hall for at least three days. The cost is \$39.66 single and \$30.66 double; meals extra at the cafeteria or wherever people want to eat.

Reservations need to be made through the ADPCA conference, so let us know in advance the specific dates you want if you want accommodations before or after the conference.

Our very general focus for a theme for the conference is "Power and the PCA." Any ideas you have about the theme or for special events or new ways of meeting are welcome either as feedback or as subjects of a presentation at the conference. We want to keep the planning process for the 2000 conference open to every one's interests, concerns, needs, ideas and energy. To do that we hope you will communicate with us. All presentations — whether on or off the conference theme are welcome. Please submit proposals to Jere Moorman, at jere Moor@aol.com. Include: title or type of presentation, name, address, phone, e.mail and or fax; rationale and content description, objectives, any special audiovisual requests, short description for conference program, brief resume or vita.

PUBLICITY IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE HELP US GET THE WORD OUT!

If you know of a mailing list, or individual persons that you would like to hear about the meeting (in addition to the ADPCA membership), we would appreciate hearing about this. Also please distribute, post, and discuss information about the meeting, especially to students. We are eager to hear from you. **If you have the opportunity to distribute our San Diego 2000 brochure in relevant workshops, classes or organizations, please ask us for additional copies.**

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Annual Meeting:



Final Update

So far we have received about 42 registrations for the August 9-13, 2000 ADPCA Annual Meeting, and indications that many folks are intending to come but haven't registered yet. For those of you requesting single rooms, there are a limited number of singles. We will try to accommodate you, but you may need to share a room with another person. Let me know if that is not feasible for you. In general we will assign the singles on a first come (date of registration) basis.

The University rates are for a four-day package, so regretfully we can not reduce the room and board cost for persons attending less than four days. For those of you staying off campus, or not on the room and board plan, the cost of meals at the cafeteria is inexpensive — \$3.95 for breakfast, \$4.95 for lunch and \$5.95 for dinner.

It will help us with our financial obligation to the University if you send in the balance of your fees before the start of the conference.

Please let us know if you have special needs, such as chemical sensitivity (perfumes, colognes, hair sprays, etc.), hearing needs (sound amplification, microphones), and others. It will help us in the planning and in our communications to those attending, if we hear from each of you with special needs ahead of time. For persons trying to contact conference participants, a **message board will be available at Blake Hall**. The phone number is **1-858-534-3303**.

There have been few requests (4 or so) for Continuing Education Units, so regretfully we will not be offering CEU's. It is an arduous process to apply for them from the many different agencies involved, each with its own procedures. Perhaps the information on how to do this could be gathered together by persons interested in CEU's for our meetings, and then provided to future coordinators — An item for our next business meeting.

Parking spaces are available in the yellow striped spaces. Parking permits are included in the room and board rate. Obtain them in the Blake Hall office. For those not staying on campus, parking is free on Saturday and Sunday - for other days obtain permits in the Blake Hall office for \$6 per day or \$19 per week.

It is possible to stay in the dorm rooms for a few days before and after the conference for \$30.66 per night shared double, and \$39.66 single, arranged through the conference.

The more proposals for presentations the better. Our deadline is flexible. Please let us know your ideas and interests. We all gain from your sharing your special knowledge, concerns and practices.

For each of you who are coming, we look forward to your being here and to engaging together for a great conference. **AND it would help us greatly for you to send in your registrations and proposals as soon as possible.**

Warm regards, Ferdinand van der Veen and Jere Moorman (Co-coordinators)

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ADPCA 2000 conference web site: www.geocities.com/adpca2000

MEMBERSHIP IN A.D.P.C.A

The Association for the Development of the Person Centered Approach is an interdisciplinary network welcoming the participation of educators, psychologists, nurses, social workers, health-service providers, pastoral counselors, psychiatrists, psychotherapists, counselors, marriage and family therapists, organization-development specialists, and other professional and lay persons involved in the field of human relations and personal and interpersonal development.

We are an international network of persons who support the development and application of the person-centered approach. ADPCA seeks to further a pioneering spirit and vision of what a person can become.

ADPCA sponsors an annual meeting, usually held in a different location every year. The meetings include activities that are experiential, theoretical, and practical (such as business meetings). Annual meetings are based on a sliding-scale fee established by hosting committees.

ADPCA also disseminates information about other person-centered activities and organizations throughout the world.

Membership Benefits include subscriptions to the *PERSON-CENTERED JOURNAL* and to the quarterly Association newsletter, *RENAISSANCE*, as well as a listing in, and a copy of, the Association Membership Directory.

Additional contributions are welcome from those who are able, to provide membership for those unable.

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