
EDITORIAL

This is the last issue of which I am the Editor, but I will continue to act with Earl Hopper as Consultant Editor to Harold Behr, who is already on the Board and who has been working closely with me over the last year, and who is taking over. Harold is already editing a collection of articles from back numbers of GROUP ANALYSIS; he is a member of the Institute of Family Therapy and a graduate member of the Institute of Group Analysis. He was the convener of the 6th London Workshop in January 1979 (which I gather was highly successful) and will be publishing reports of that Workshop in the next issue. He is also Consultant Child Psychiatrist at the Central Middlesex Hospital. Welcome Harold!

Welcome, also, to Meg Sharpe, who is joining the Editorial Board and launching a new sub-section "News from the Institute of Group Analysis".

GROUP ANALYSIS is one of the many offshoots of the Group-Analytic Society (London), as were at one time both the Institutes of Group Analysis and of Family Therapy which are now separate bodies. Perhaps one day there will be a further offshoot, of the larger group, which itself demands a specific skill. The Institute of Family Therapy now has its own journal, but I hope GROUP ANALYSIS will continue to represent the interests of all these.

We sadly bid goodbye to June Talbot who has for some years been a stalwart supporter of GROUP ANALYSIS in her capacity as Trust Administrator. She has left for fresh fields at the National Children's Fund. In her place we welcome Paul Dayton who has agreed to continue to help in the journal's production.

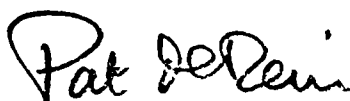
I must thank the members of the Editorial Board who helped to make my task as Editor extremely stimulating and pleasant. I think I am justified in remarking that GROUP ANALYSIS continues to flourish though I must apologise for the many errors of the last issue, the causes for which have been rectified.

Our circulation slowly increases and we are glad that despite inflation and an increase in the size of the journal, the price has remained the same over the last four years.

We value comments in the Correspondence section and wish to know whether people feel the material submitted is relevant to our subscribers' interests. This section on the whole is not as lively as we should like it to be. What is wanted are informal letters and replies in an on-going dialogue. Articles do not have to be formal either - we look for fresh rather than highly "scientific" contributions, spontaneous, short rather than long - and preferably not more than five pages.

We wish to express our thanks to Elizabeth Foulkes for the continued effort and care that goes into the annual indexing which is appearing in this issue for the 1978 volume.

This issue also contains the reports and papers of the Fourth European Symposium and Workshop held in Stockholm last August, which it is our privilege to be presenting here. Thank you, Göran Ahlin!



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