

## Editorial Comments

We are pleased to begin our term as joint editors with this special resource volume, which presents an overview of counselling-related literature of the last decade. Such work provides a solid basis for us as we move into the next millennium. Our thanks go to Bob Manthei and Judi Miller for the outstanding work they have put into extending their earlier (1992) review. We are also grateful to Bob for continuing his review of our *Journal's* contents over the same time period. On a similar note, Fran Parkin introduces us to John McLeod's review of research evidence relating to counselling in the workplace.

We believe that all this material provides us with an excellent resource, and are pleased to be able to include it in one issue. Such tools are valuable compasses as we work in an increasingly complex and ever-changing field, assisting us as we seek to keep abreast and find new direction, as well as providing a valuable overview of our profession. We hope these articles will support your current work, be a resource for future reference or raise your awareness of current issues.

We anticipate peppering regular issues of the *Journal* with Special Issues, as appropriate. We welcome any ideas you may have about topics for future Special Issues.

As joint editors, we're in the process of coming to grips not only with the anticipated tasks of selecting material, liaising with reviewers and negotiating with layout designers, but with the more challenging role of clarifying our philosophy for a journal of this nature. This will determine how we canvass, solicit and commission material of relevance to counselling research in New Zealand.

Several things are clear. We want to keep the *Journal* user-friendly and we hope to publish regularly as part of encouraging research and informed discussion within NZAC. We want to keep a firm eye on international trends whilst encouraging contributors to place themselves more fully in relation to material they present.

We have already put out a request in the NZAC *Newsletter* and at the recent Annual Conference for people to join an Advisory Committee and to assist with reviewing articles.

The sorts of people we are looking for will have:

- interest in research or writing about counselling in New Zealand;
- some history of involvement with NZAC;
- small and discrete amounts of time in return for another professional acknowledgment to add to your c.v. ;

We already have some offers but, if you have a particular interest in joining this forum for discussion and critique, let us know.

We welcome any original essays, research, case studies, critical comment or book reviews relevant to the practice of counselling in New Zealand. We have updated the Guidelines for Contributors at the end of the *Journal*, so please consult that before you send in any material.

Our first editorial would not be complete without passing on our thanks and appreciation to Gary Hermansson for his generosity in taking time to hand over and mentor us into the new role. We certainly appreciate the work and commitment involved in your role as former editor.

**Fran Parkin**  
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