

EDITORIAL

This is an exciting and very full Volume containing both 1993 issues. Regrettably delayed in publication, it reflects the commendable amount of writing and reviewing in counselling carried out in New Zealand, considering the size of its population.

Reviewers, recognised in this Volume, see inside back cover, are peers in the counselling community who perform an invaluable task by commenting anonymously on submitted articles, thus enabling us to maintain the quality of publications.

The first issue in this Volume includes a number of the papers delivered at last August's IRTAC/NZAC Conference, and reflects the scale of international writing that has relevance to New Zealand. We hope that it will stimulate further local comment, research and writing.

The first article by Bob Nejedlo of the USA provides an overview of cultural challenges of distance and differences in counselling. This is illustrated in more detail by Cecilia Soong of Singapore with an analysis of counselling as it applies to Chinese clients - with clear implications for local practice. Cultural challenge of a different kind is addressed by Jean Lewis of the UK, who examines the process of self-integration faced by clients coping with disability - a neglected topic in our literature. The depth of inner change and integration in our clients is further discussed by Val Davies of the UK, reminding us of the respect that is necessary for subtlety and thoughtfulness in counselling. Finally, Anne Davis outlines and illustrates the process of educational counselling and guidance for adults in New Start, a well established programme at the University of Auckland.

The second issue contains articles that address some diverse topics of local interest, beginning with an article that had its origins in a discussion at the IRTAC/NZAC Conference. As they discussed their responses to ideas presented at Conference, Syd Davies, Angus Elkington and John Winslade developed the model they describe here for counselling Maori clients based on the metaphor of the duck, Putangitangi. A significant but perhaps somewhat neglected aspect of the dynamic of the therapeutic relationship is explored by Rosemary Tredgold in her article, Transference and Counter-transference. John Winslade then discusses the development of the GAIN programme in New Zealand, an early intervention programme designed for families with teenagers that has become increasingly popular since it was introduced to New Zealand at the 1989 NZAC Conference.

An important issue for counsellors of young people is addressed by Annemarie Wille in her article, Counsellor Support for Lesbian and Gay Youth in Schools. As a profession, we need to attend to the needs of this minority group who tend to remain invisible and marginalised, and its members isolated and vulnerable. Finally, Robert Manthei challenges counsellors to avoid the current pressure to buy into professional liability insurance schemes, raising questions about the basis for the growing belief that such insurance is necessary.

We trust that you will find much to stimulate and challenge your thinking and your practice in this Volume, and we invite you to develop your responses into letters to the Journal and further articles that contribute to our exploration of these themes.

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