

do this in haste at the last minute if a Bill is introduced.

*Shirley Wade*

Dear S&S,

Further to Richard Mowbray's latest article on the interesting registration debate, it's like watching a tennis match, following the lobs and volleys from either polarised side. I wonder if it might be helpful to imagine these two poles reversed, and have the energy of both sides pushing towards each other.

For instance, what *might* happen is that every newly-trained counsellor or thera-

pist should be compulsorily registered with either UKCP or BAC. Control and guidance would then be applied by suitably qualified and willing practitioners to fledgling workers, who would most probably welcome it.

What is then earned, after a suitable number of hours practice, say, or a suitable number of satisfied clients, is the right to go non-registered. Those who considered themselves to be 'top practitioners' — or are considered to be so by their ex-clients — could then describe themselves as 'Non-registered by UKCP or BAC'.

*Kay Lynnot*

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## **AHP Page**

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The membership list has been updated and is available to all members for £2 from Camilla Sim, BM Box 3852, London WC1N 3XX.

Thought is being given to an AHP Conference in September, 1997, and we need volunteers to help organise this. If you

would like to help in any way please contact Camilla as above. Members will shortly be receiving a questionnaire regarding conferences and we urge you to complete and return it, again to give us your ideas about what you would like.

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## **AHPP Page**

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There has been much discussion and debate about the core beliefs of AHPP, and we set up working parties to try and gather together ideas about what we hold as essential to being humanistic practitioners. The group is having a day together

in September, and hopes for some definition of the consensus about what is important. Far from being able to define beliefs and then apply them to procedures, much of the debate has centred around issues of accreditation, UKCP registration

— statutory or otherwise — and the forthcoming UKRC. I want to state here very firmly that AHPP has *no* intention of coming out of UKCP. We *are* proceeding with exploring getting our Counsellor members onto the UKRC and we shall continue to do so. We are *not* confined to these two organisations, and would appreciate hearing from members who do *not* want accreditation through these bodies, and we *are* open to looking at other forms of membership, self-accrediting through peers, the Independent Practitioners Network, etc. We should like to be able to give members a choice of ways of belonging. One of the difficulties of different types of membership is that, at present, AHPP is vouching for its members, and is prepared to look at complaints about any practitioner accredited by us. We therefore need a structure of knowing the therapist and their work. If you want some way of be-

longing to AHPP other than the present accreditation system, please come along to the next Annual General Meeting — make proposals for discussion.

We have also had recent criticism of the way the Board manages AHPP. We welcome your feedback, in writing, before the meeting, or better still with as many members as possible being present. The meeting will be held at University College, Malet St, London on Sunday November 17th. Please come along — put it in your diary now!

We are also looking for new Officers — my term as Chair finishes this year — Chair of Ethics Committee, a panel to back the General Secretary in the external and internal relations work (not necessarily on the Board), and especially some more Counsellor members on the Board. Please help: we can't run without your support.

