

S&S News

UKCP Appointment

Whiz Collis, who was chair of AHP, has been elected to the governing board of the UKCP. She was supported by members in the analytic sections as well as those in the humanistic and integrative section. Tricia Scott is on the Training Standards Committee and Judy Ryde remains on the Intercultural and Equal Opportunities Committee, having been Chair.

UKCP seems to be developing a very open and democratic style moving well away from the authoritarian 'top table' mentality which has made some organisations look very dated. Enthusiasm for statutory registration is weakening in the UKCP, which seems realistic and is a tribute to Richard Mowbray's book *The Case Against Psychotherapy Registration*.

Emmy ♥ Digby: Official

Emmy van Deurzen and Digby Tantum, both of them ex-chairs of UKCP, have

announced that they are getting married. S&S offers them our very best wishes.

What does 'humanistic' mean to you?

What does the word 'humanistic' mean to you? Send us a few sentences (up to 150 words) so that we can print what you say alongside the report of

the AHPPs working party on humanistic principles. Phone your views to 0171 223 7020 or write to S&S at 39 Blenkarne Road, London SW1 1 6HZ.

Good Journalism

Please send examples of Good and Bad Journalism referring to counselling and psychotherapy to *Self & Society* at the address inside the front cover.

Angela Neustatter (*The Guardian*, 12 January) wrote a well researched piece on Relate (until 1988 the National Marriage Guidance Council). First person accounts of what it is like to have couples counselling that is a failure, even a disaster, were given alongside accounts of successful and enjoyable experiences. This seems to reflect the reality of this type of

work which, as she pointed out, is often a last resort for relationships that have reached the point of breakdown. Description of the size and scope of Relate included some sensitive statements about the very real management difficulties and differences of opinion to which Relate, like other counselling organisations, are prone.

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