

Further to her report, June briefly outlined the work underway to promote membership and make the organisation more effective. It was hoped that the circular suggesting 'ways that you might like to contribute' would bring in more ideas and help. In considering future events the problem of an appropriate balance remained in the light of the success and disappointment of the conference. Meanwhile we await with interest the meeting of AHPP to consider proposals to change their relationship with AHP.

Eric Whitton reported on the continuing professional developments and representations. He indicated that AHPP would be seeking a separation, not a divorce from AHP. Perhaps some members' experience has been that separation is a rather more stressful experience than divorce! Apparently some 25% of the members of AHPP have had neither connection with nor experience within AHP in the past, their concerns and background differ, hence the considerable support for separation.

The Administrator, Sally Forster, reported that since hand over at the end of January the system for maintaining the computer records for the organisation has

been streamlined and the process of registering with the Data Protection Registry is underway. Membership is holding steady at over 900 AHP individuals, 44 organisational subscribers and 65 *Self & Society* subscribers. The new website is nearly flying; see Sally's piece which follows.

Sally has also created a mailing list of 452 institutes who offer training in psychotherapy and counselling. Each institute has been sent a few membership leaflets with a letter asking if they wanted more, if they thought the association appropriate for their students or colleagues, if they would consider recommending *S&S* to their library or if they would like an inspection copy of *S&S*.

Finally, 1999 is the thirtieth year of the Association for Humanistic Psychology in Britain. The AGM decided that this was something worth celebrating in style. And we have been very lucky! Do you remember Whirlygig? Well, they have agreed to help us celebrate our birthday, on October 2nd at the Jackson's Lane Community Centre, 269a Archway Rd, London N6 (opposite Highgate tube and wheel-chair accessible). Tickets are available on postal application to the administrator.

AHP on the World Wide Web

Sally Forster

As you may have read on the AHP page, we now have a web page at ahpb.org.uk. How should we use it? We have come up with a few ideas but we are hoping for lots more from you — so please

let us have them. As the administrator, my basic hopes are that the web-site will both contribute to our mission as stated in the constitution '...to advance the education of the general public about humanistic psy-

chology' and also enhance our sense of community in this hectic and pressured time. Members who can't come to meetings for pressure of time, distance or disability, may be able to become more actively involved in debate on the Internet in a more immediate and less formal way than *Self & Society* offers.

With these basic hopes in mind the text from our membership leaflet has been included, along with details of how to join, details about the work of AHPP, the contents pages of past and future issues of *Self & Society*, as well as the ethical issues from *Self & Society*, and the opportunity to join an e-mail debate on the issues. There will also be a News & Reviews page and links to other internet sites that would be of interest to people visiting our page, these will include the page for the American AHP, John Rowan's *A Guide to Humanistic Psychology*, and many more. (Please let me know of any news, reviews or links that you think are worth including).

The decision to include the Ethical Issues as a taster for a user-group was led

partly by a sense of frustration at the protracted nature of a debate held in a bi-monthly magazine and partly by a belief that e-mail will reach a different audience to the one prepared to put pen to paper and so widen the debate.

Other possibilities for online debate are limited only by our imagination, ones that spring readily to my mind include: The sense that *Self & Society* is more about self than society and what does that mean about us and our work? Where should an Association for Humanistic Psychology be focusing its energy for the next millennium? The efficacy of short-term time-limited therapy and the ethical implications of that for open-ended once-a-week work for some client groups, the National Curriculum and its implications for the humanistic education of our children, and I wonder if that old chestnut — psychotherapy registration — has still got an interested audience!

As I say, the possibilities are only limited by our imagination — so please let me have your ideas. E-mail or paper and ink will do!

Another View of that AGM

Sharon Eden

AHP, in its present form, is a fading hippy-skirt-dinosaur well past its sell-by date. I saw, heard and sniffed that at its AGM in April. The venue exemplified AHP's condition; the small, old-fashioned, over-furnished, dark, dusty, decayed grandeur of a university meeting room.

I attended the AGM from curiosity, expecting a room full of woolly socks, san-

dals and gypsy skirts. Although my stereotype seemed invalid (only two pairs of woolly socks and one of sandals), attendance was very small, most wouldn't see 45 again, and the accoutrements seemed to exist in the minds if not on the bodies.

However, there was a recognition that AHP is no longer the dynamic animal it was 25 years ago. Then it had a spurt to its