

Well, that'll teach me for being just a bit hopeful in my last piece about UKCP and the possible welcoming of humanistically oriented child psychotherapists. After much wheeling and dealing and almost biting of lips we get to have to accept the idea of holding the whole decision over for another year of 'due process'. Vested interests would seem to abound and I find it all very sad. Andrew Samuels writing on the whole issue of state registration for psychotherapists in *The Psychotherapist*, UKCP's publication for members, puts it like this when urging UKCP to act against a form of state registration which would allow a continuation of 'the manner in which the Association of Child Psychotherapists is grossly abusing its supposedly independent position as a Designated Authority for NHS employment by behaving as little more than a trade protection organisation.' Hear, hear!

Ever hopeful however; there's some light still emerging from a consultation day on working with children that UKCP did host in May and wider discussion may emerge and illuminate the areas of deadening conservatism for what they are. Light also from what seems to be the end of the rather scary tunnel of AHP(B)/UKAHPP's funds negotiations with the Charity Commissioners. I hope that by the time this hits your doormat we will have agreed between ourselves a contract allowing UKAHPP to use its savings from the time when we were still formally joined. A relief all round I suspect and a lesson in dealing with the formalities of the 'real' world.

Once we can agree terms we'll be advertising our next set of low cost taster workshops more widely. For now I'll remind you that they are to continue, will probably be in the same place and, this time, will feature some whole day events. Details as ever on our website: www.ahpp.org.