

## THE AHP CHAIR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

This exciting new era in the history of the AHP, in partnership with Routledge, was launched on 12 January 2015, with a convivial gathering of 40 people at the Open Centre in London. Professor Andrew Samuels was Master of Ceremonies. There was much to celebrate.

The reinvigorated, enthusiastic and committed AHP Board – Roselle Burkbeck, Dina Glouberman, Richard House (co-editor of *S&S*), Serra Pitts (Secretary), Victoria Room (Treasurer) and myself (Chair) – are keen to sustain the spirit of the work. This will be reflected in a series of innovative monthly experiential-participative workshops, with leading-edge theory (CPD) and round-table discussions led by guest panellists. They include Dr Dina Glouberman, Martin Pollecoff, Professor Andrew Samuels, Michael Soth, Professor Ernesto Spinelli and Dr John Rowan. They will be held at 7–9 Breems Buildings, London, starting on 20 February. Further series are also being planned. For more details, please email Serra Pitts at [serra@arresmedia.com](mailto:serra@arresmedia.com).

Another cause for celebration was the honouring of John Rowan, to whom the last issue of *Self & Society* to be produced by AHP as an independent organization was devoted. This special *Festschrift* issue celebrates John Rowan's 90th birthday and acknowledges his massive contribution to Humanistic Psychology in Britain over many decades. As readers will know, contributors to this issue included John himself, Andrew Samuels, Jocelyn Chaplin, Mick Cooper, Dina Glouberman and Ernesto Spinelli

John Rowan in his turn conferred Honorary Life Membership on Professor Andrew Samuels. This is in acknowledgement of Andrew's selfless hard work behind the scenes that made the Routledge deal possible; and he has also been hugely supportive of Richard House and David Kalisch, the *S&S* co-editors, in numerous ways. Andrew has been involved in the AHP and has been on the editorial board of *S&S* for several decades

The quality of the work recognized by Routledge has been enhanced by the stunning and effective designs of our ex-designer, Carrie Bremmer. Her services will no longer be required, as all design and publicity will now be undertaken by Routledge. The AHP Board is immensely grateful to Carrie for her key contribution to making the journal so aesthetically pleasing; very professional looking, yet full of 'heart', too. Thank you, Carrie.

The AHP Board is also indebted to Beverly Crouch who is continuing as a paid administrator. She will be overseeing our membership base, which is crucial to sustaining the organization.

In its bid to sustain membership, the Board is looking to recruit volunteers who can devote several hours each week to administering the *Self & Society* subscription base. This is vital in order to fulfil our obligations to the new owners, Routledge, and so provide subscribers and members with the fantastic benefit of online access to the whole digitized archive dating back to volume 1 in 1973. The volunteer will receive free membership and free admission to our *S&S* events. This is a great opportunity to work in this innovative, leading-edge organization with its global reach and broad base of readership.

One volunteer, Dominique Fray-Aitken, a research student at the University of Roehampton, started helping with administration in January. Her commitment and enthusiasm are very much appreciated, and we wish her well in her position.

More help will be very much appreciated. It's a great time to join the AHP. If you share humanistic values and want to make a difference by engaging in exploring human capacity and potential so as to enhance both the individual and society, AHP is for you.

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