

## THE AHP CHAIR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

This new era in the history of AHPB, in partnership with Routledge, having been launched to great effect with a celebration in January, continues its innovative work with its monthly workshops (see Rachel Tribe's review in this issue – eds). These workshops offer a flavour of Humanistic Psychology, with its concern for exploring human capacity and potential so as to enhance both the individual and society, which the Board is committed to promoting.

The workshop series has been organized by two members of the Board – Serra Pitts and Roselle Birkbeck – whose hard work has been evident in the high quality of the events to date. The first three events have certainly been participative, with leading-edge theory and ample opportunity for discussion, led by top presenters Dr Dinah Glouberman (a member of the AHPB Board) on 'Vision Your Future: The Therapeutic Uses of Imagery'; Martin Polecoff (ex-AHPB chair) on 'Improvisations – Brushing up your Clinical Intuition'; and Professor Andrew Samuels on 'The 2015 Election So Far: Therapy Thinking and the Political Process'. On each occasion attendees, a mixture of therapists and others, were engaged with individual experience being drawn on in an exploration of the field of enquiry offered by the workshop leaders. The ongoing series promises further stimulating monthly events through 2015, and will continue into 2016. For further information please contact Serra Pitts at [serra@arresmedia.com](mailto:serra@arresmedia.com). The workshops are part of the new era under the ongoing inspired leadership of the co-editors of this journal, Richard House (a member of the AHPB Board) and David Kalisch (a long-standing *S&S* editorial board member), who continue to oversee *Self & Society* to a high standard.

Sadly, our Treasurer Victoria Room, who has worked tirelessly to help create a sound foundation on which the AHPB can go forward into the new era, is standing down. The Board is deeply indebted to her for all that she has done, and she will be missed.

The Board is in need of someone to join and take on the key role of Treasurer. Anyone who feels they have the requisite skills and enjoys such tasks as creating clear accounting systems and would like to join this innovative, leading-edge organization should get in touch – we'd be delighted to hear from you. The work is in collaboration with the rest of the Board and our administrator Beverley Crouch, to whom warm thanks are also due for her thorough and painstaking approach which is vital to securing a sound basis for the future of the AHPB.

The Board is also extremely grateful for the invaluable contribution of Dominique Fray-Aitken (Research Student, University of Roehampton), who

started volunteering with the AHPB in January. She is working hard in securing membership renewals from existing subscribers.

More help is needed with the job of sustaining membership. This task is vital for fulfilling our contractual obligations to Routledge, and to provide the fantastic benefit to subscribers of online access to the whole archive dating back to 1973. All volunteers will receive free membership and free admission to the events described above. This is a great opportunity to work with an organization with its global broad-based readership.

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