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Editorial

I am delighted to announce the re-launch of the online *European Journal for Qualitative Research in Psychotherapy*. It has not appeared since 2015, following the sudden death of Dr Ken Evans, the journal's founder and senior editor. Now, generously hosted by the European Association of Integrative Psychotherapy (EAIP), the journal is back!

This special inaugural volume is a commemoration of Ken Evans, who spent many years promoting psychotherapy in Europe. To celebrate his contribution, we offer Ken's 2015 issue #8 once more (with some edits and updates) as Volume 8 (2018). Joanna Hewitt-Evans, Ken's wife, has contributed her own introductory message to sit alongside this editorial and Ken's original one.

This fresh launch has created the opportunity to re-vamp the journal's design, structure and format, bringing it in line with other contemporary online professional journals. We will publish an annual volume, adding articles online as soon as they become available. We hope you'll like the changes we've made.

The mission of the *European Journal for Qualitative Research in Psychotherapy* is to provide an accessible forum for qualitative inquiry that advances psychotherapy in Europe and the rest of the world. We want to promote dialogue in our community and inspire therapists to engage with research, whether by reading it or doing it themselves. We welcome contributions from diverse methodological and theoretical standpoints, together with relevant literature

reviews, critical explorations of methodology, scholarly analysis and so on. Submissions of qualitative empirical research are particularly encouraged. In time we hope to offer space for short research reports, responses to articles, and book reviews.

As editor, I am honoured to be working with an excellent, diverse and experienced editorial team, whose members will have primary responsibility for reviewing submissions. From time to time, we will also call on respected colleagues who have the particular clinical experience and/or research expertise to act as peer reviewers. If you would like to become an occasional peer reviewer, please let me know. Your energy and interest will make a welcome contribution to our task to grow this journal and its value and contribution to our community.

We invite you to enjoy the riches within this 2015/2018 Volume - and feel inspired to become a contributor yourself: preparations for Volume 9 (2019) are already under way and we eagerly await your own submissions. Please feel free to contact me if you want to discuss the possibility of submitting an article, or if you would like to write but are unsure how to go about it.

I will leave the task of introducing the 2015 contributors' papers to Ken Evans, through the words of what would sadly prove to be his last editorial.

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