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I am delighted with the contributory articles in this issue which are written by therapists drawn from the modalities of integrative psychotherapy, existential psychotherapy, counselling psychology and gestalt therapy. The articles address, in turn, therapist development toward integration, the evolution of an integrative training programme, trainee reaction to sexual attraction from clients, grief and mediation.

Many therapists embrace an integrative perspective in their practice and in the first article Tomáš Řiháček and Ester Danelova, from the Department of Psychology, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic explore what motivates therapists' development towards integration. Fifteen integrative therapists' autobiographic narratives are analysed using grounded theory analytic procedures. The study received support from the Czech Science Foundation Grant GAP407/11/0141.

In a case study exploring the formation of an integrative psychotherapy training programme Jana Kostínková and Jan Roubal, also from the Department of Psychology Masaryk University, describe the unfolding process which eventually led to the formation of an integrative training concept. The case study focuses on the formation of master's level integrative training programme by therapist-trainers who had each evolved their integrative position gradually over time, supported by the assimilation of their clinical practice alongside their psychotherapy education.

In the third article trainee therapists' moralistic reactions and defensive handling of client sexual attraction in therapy is the focus of a very

interesting article by Maria Luca, Regents University London. Her study explores how trainee therapists react to and handle client sexual attraction in their work and will be of particular interest to psychotherapy trainers and supervisors. Transcripts from twelve interviews are analysed using constructivist grounded theory. The research highlights the difficulties trainees experience in relation to client sexual attraction including a climate of fear that client sexual attraction could potentially influence the therapist into behaving unethically.

"There is no therapist and no person immune to the inherent tragedies of existence" (Yalom, 2002, p.8). Therapeutic work in the midst of grief is the fourth article and is a literature review by Matilda De Santis and Linda Finlay providing a brief but comprehensive overview of the theory and existing literature in the psychotherapy field which explores the nature of therapeutic work while the therapist is the midst of grief. Current knowledge is critically examined with a view to informing practice and further research.

The final article by Mike Talbot explores and analyses, via autoethnography, the application of his skills and experience as a gestalt psychotherapist to the field of mediation. The transfer and application of a psychotherapeutic perspective to this field is a welcome addition to the journal widening the scope beyond the clinical room.

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