

A Message from the EABP President

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Congratulations to all involved in this edition of the *IBPJ*. The Boards of EABP and USABP are delighted to be publishing the *Journal* together once more. We have been ensuring focus and support for the new editorial team of *IBPJ*: Antigone Oreopoulou, Managing Editor; Madlen Algafari, Editor-in-Chief, and Aline LaPierre, Deputy Editor, who are deepening the collaboration between the two associations in order to jointly produce and develop our journal for practitioners of contemporary body psychotherapy, somatic psychotherapy, and for wider audiences.

I am particularly pleased that the *Journal* will offer members from each association insight into what is happening “across the pond!”

Alongside this collaboration, I am working with Christopher Walling – President of the USABP – and liaising with the Managing Editor and the whole editorial team in planning the new directions and focus of the *Journal*. Both boards support plans for an improved website, and are seeking external advertising funding to help develop the *Journal*. Our vision is for the *IBPJ* to become the journal of choice for those wishing to understand the effective contribution body psychotherapy offers clinical work and our wider society.

In this issue, we celebrate our efforts and achievements in body psychotherapy and somatic praxis dialogues by exploring society and our roles within it. We also explore the role of love in embodied medicine, and speak to the opportunities and need for further research by our members through developing a stronger research culture – something we plan to highlight in future issues. I welcome and commend the new editorial team on their initiative in developing a new feature, *Body Psychotherapy Around the World* that will give us the opportunity to learn more about each other, both now and in the future. This issue presents the development and challenges of BP in Turkey.

At EABP, we are busy preparing for the 17th EABP Congress and General Assembly in Bologna, Italy. The congress – *Sense and Sensation: The Fullness of Experience in Body Psychotherapy* – will offer an opportunity for conversations between members of USABP, EABP, and the *IBPJ* team.

I encourage members from both associations to take up subscriptions to *IBPJ* as it develops, and to support the continued dialogue and collaboration that the boards and editorial team are excited to be involved in. I look forward to meeting many of you in Bologna, and also through your contributions to future issues of *IBPJ*.

Once again, warm congratulations to the new editorial team at *IBPJ* on their first issue as a team!



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