

Letter from the Editor

As your new editor, I hope you will allow me to share some of my thoughts about *The Individual Psychologist (IP)* with you. I have undertaken this responsibility with mixed feelings of excitement due to the challenge, and apprehension due to some problems which have plagued this publication in the past.

My first act as editor was to contact a large number of ASAP members to see if they felt the IP had a distinct purpose and if so, what suggestions they could offer on how to fulfill this role. The responses were numerous and positive—yes, there is a unique place for the IP, a pragmatic journal geared to practitioners of Individual Psychology. There was also consensus on how this could be accomplished, by publishing articles that were of professional quality but not of a totally theoretical or research nature. Clear, concise writing about what is new, what is changing, what is useful to help those with whom we work. This reaction echoed the feelings of the committee selected by the ASAP senate to scrutinize the function of the IP and my own attitudes. Thus, I believe there is a distinct, useful role for this journal.

Knowing what is needed and fulfilling this need are, however, two distinctly different problems. Whereas one individual or a small group can decide what a publication should be, the entire readership is needed to insure it does in fact meet this objective. This means manuscripts from those who have something of interest to share. No amount of desire or effort on my part can accomplish this. I must have your cooperation. My role is to maintain an editorial staff who will give your contributions prompt and professional criticism, with the basic consideration always being the quality of the IP. I will be making selections of the editorial staff before the publication of the next issue. However, they must have input from you to do their job.

I would like to see the day when this journal is a springboard for the discussion of new ideas, where letters debate issues, where not only full-length articles appear, but also a section to update readers on programs that have been described in earlier editions. A feature I would like to continue in each issue is the *Casebook*. Many of you have interesting cases that uniquely demonstrate the value of a technique or exemplify utilization of theory—others could learn from your experiences. I would appreciate your suggestions regarding other features you feel would be of value.

Please let me hear from you, I need your cooperation to reach my goal.

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