

Editorial

One year on ... what's better?

SFCT has now been functioning for just over a year. In that time we have seen much progress. This is the third issue of *InterAction*, which is helping us to establish SF as a credible intellectual, as well as practical, tradition as we build links with universities and academics around the world. The growth of our editorial advisory board, now including Mike Brent from Ashridge Business School in the UK, is testament to this.

We are also delighted to be one of the official supporting organisations for the OD World Summit 2010. This event runs in Budapest from 22 – 26 August 2010, and features leading speakers from many OD networks and approaches. We are thrilled that SF can now appear alongside Appreciative Inquiry, Open Space, World Café, the Society for Organizational Learning and the OD Network amongst many others at this prestigious event. We urge as many members as possible to attend and support, and to get involved in papers and presentations.

Another development this year is the start of SFCT national chapters. Chapter Heads have stepped forward from around the world, and national/language group networks are now forming. The Finnish chapter, led by Marike Tammeaid, was the first to meet face-to-face. They were shortly followed by the British chapter, where 20 members met in London for a continuing professional development (CPD) day in March. Chapters are also forming in Germany, Scandinavia, Japan, North America and the Baltic States at the moment – look out for news if you are in those areas. Each chapter will hold its own events including meetings, telecalls and other networking forums – see the SFCT website for the latest news.

Our innovative approach to professional recognition through reviews is also gaining momentum, with several applicants achieving Full Member status and others in the process of so doing. We are very pleased with the way in which the review process results in good learning for everyone involved, including the reviewers. It offers a way to recognise good SF practice without being over-specific about what this entails. Our tradition is a practical one where ‘every case is different’, and so what constitutes good SF practice remains an exploration every time.

This issue of *InterAction* continues to develop our intellectual voice with peer-reviewed papers from Coert Visser on self-determination theory and SF and Sabine Indinger on links with Victor Frankl’s logotherapy. Julie Gregory shows how an SF approach can improve entrepreneur education in business schools, and cases from Adie Shariff and Alison Abington (UK) and Alan Kay (Canada) show SF in action in strategic and organisational settings. BRIEF’s Chris Iveson is our interviewee, sharing some perspectives on the need (or lack of it) to talk about actions in SF conversations based on his twenty years of exploring this approach. Rayya Ghul introduces our classic paper, Gale Miller and Steve de Shazer’s *Emotions in Solution-Focused Therapy: A Re-examination* from 2000. Paolo Terni is this issue’s research reviewer.

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