



## Editorial

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I usually keep my Editorials fairly short because I prefer you to be reading what the authors have provided rather than my interpretations of their material. However, this Editorial will be somewhat longer because I want to give you some more general information about the status of the journal and the status of research.

First, you may have noticed that we did not publish our regular January issue. You are now reading a June issue, which is a combination of late January and early July issues. It also contains a mix of practice and research articles. We expect to publish another issue later in 2018, so that we will have maintained our minimum two issues per annum, albeit in different months to the previous pattern. We intend to return to the January and July pattern in 2019, hopefully with additional issues if more content is submitted now that we have formally announced the extension to our coverage.

As part of the change in date of publication, our sponsorship arrangement has changed for the same reason that led to the delay in publication of the January issue. You may well not have noticed the change of sponsorship because the information appears only on the website. The change has been made because the current EATA Council took a different view to the Council that existed during 2012 and expressed disquiet about the inclusion of Practice.

The Editorial Board and I therefore agreed that we would not use the EATA funding, at least until the current Council have met in July and clarified their intentions. If they decide to permanently discontinue support for the journal, we will investigate alternative sources of finance but be reassured that we will find a way of providing bursaries for individual authors who have no access to research funding that includes payment for publication.

Meanwhile, we have exciting news – IJTARP is now listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (see [www.doaj.org](http://www.doaj.org)) which makes us accessible in more databases and to many more potential readers. We

have also alerted all previous authors to put their papers into Academia ([www.academia.edu](http://www.academia.edu)) where they are available to over 60 million academics. These developments have been possible because IJTARP is an open access journal. It is not restricted to readers who must pay subscriptions to be members of any specific professional association.

During a keynote address at the British Psychological Society's Annual conference recently, Professor Brian Nozek, who was named in *Nature's* 2015 list of the 10 most influential scientists, pointed out that the norms of science need to include communality, by which he meant a willingness for open sharing of work and data – with the benefit of increased credibility because such material can be properly validated and critiqued. (Rhodes, 2018). He also spoke of the OSF (2018) – the online Open Science Framework - where a search shows there are 259,441 searchable registrations as of June 11, 2018. I found nothing there when I searched for transactional analysis but then we have our own version of this on the same website we use to publish the translated abstracts of IJTARP - I invite readers to begin to show their forthcoming and ongoing research projects at [www.taresearch.org](http://www.taresearch.org).

Now that we are including Practice articles, authors have the opportunity to share their practice as well as their research through a journal that is accessible to anyone. By way of reassurance, both research and practice articles still go through the same thorough blind peer review processes so that we maintain the high quality of what we publish.

We have always had a policy that we will publish, in English, material that has previously been published in another language. We are now beginning a series of articles published originally in Portuguese by the Brazilian TA association. We are also beginning the translation of a series of research articles presented at French research conferences.

I invite you to contact us with suggestions of other articles that might usefully be published in English – reviewers who can work in various languages,

combined with online translation software coupled with access to volunteers, means that we do not require authors to pay translators themselves before we will consider their work.

So why not go ahead and submit your material to us, whether it is an original article or published elsewhere in a language other than English. If you are suggesting a translation, please first ask the original publisher as we will need their permission; we will of course include an acknowledgement to them when we publish so their journal gets extra exposure, and so readers can access the original in their own language if they wish.

If you are new to academic writing, our previous authors will vouch for how helpful we can be in the editing processes.

Finally – a nudge! EATA have been paying translators to convert the Abstracts into French, German, Italian and Spanish. We are now hoping to find volunteers to do this, just as we have done for the translations of abstracts into Russian, and for the translation of

articles into English from French and Portuguese so far. This is a great way to get more involved with TA practice and research, and willing volunteers can be rewarded with free supervision sessions. We would also like to extend the range of languages. If you think you might be interested in volunteering – in any language – please email me at [editor@ijtar.org](mailto:editor@ijtar.org). If you would prefer to discuss your involvement with me first online, without any commitment, you can choose a slot in my calendar that is convenient for you if you go to <http://bit.ly/JHBOOKME>.

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