

EDITOR'S COMMENTS



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We wish to welcome our readers to a new perspective of the *Milton H. Erickson Foundation Newsletter*. It is our intent to continue some of the innovations of the previous editors, which serve as a base from which we can refine the *Newsletter* to meet the needs of the professional community.

Some of our initial changes include two new features:

"Speaking of Research" is our personal tribute to Dr. Erickson. Though his reputation was most widespread as a clinician, he was deeply committed to the advancement of hypnosis through scientific research. In order to make genuine progress in psychotherapeutic processes, scientific research is essential. This column will provide a forum wherein those participating in research can share ideas, and those who may not be involved in research can grow to appreciate its value.

"Introducing the Institutes" provides a brief profile of one or more of the 50 plus Milton Erickson Institutes affiliated with the Erickson Foundation. With this readers can learn about the diverse ways the Institutes are structured and the range of services they offer.

We will continue book and media reviews. We will direct our readers' attention toward resources from which they can learn more about approaches to psychotherapy and hypnosis pioneered by Dr. Erickson.

Our most important action will be our expansion of the contributor base. The views presented will reflect those of the broad and diverse group of professionals who have become interested in the work done and inspired by Dr. Erickson. Readers who wish to contribute should contact us directly.

The opinions presented herein do not necessarily reflect those held by the Foundation, or those of the editors. Our purpose is to encourage thoughtful

examination of valid ideas in this evolving field. By so doing, we can define in more precise terms the principles, constructs and methods that constitute an "Ericksonian" approach to therapy. This search is a central objective of the *Newsletter*.

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