

MITRIP Changes

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Dear Readers,

At last, *MITRIP* is back with a new issue. It's been too long, but I believe readers will find it to have been worth the wait. *From the Desert*, Bill Miller reminds us of the importance of avoiding insularity and rigidity in our practice and training, looking outward (toward the building of bridges with the Person-Centered Approach community) and inward (cautioning against "motivational interviewing fundamentalism" within the MI community). *Training & Supervision* brings us four empirical articles exploring the training of diverse practitioners—professional dieticians, doctoral psychology students, advanced undergraduate kinesiology students, and (non-professional, peer mentor) teen mothers. *Theory & Research* brings the results of studies of the relationship between MI quality and outcomes and of adding a (non-professional) "buddy" to MI interventions. It also presents a theoretical article of considerable import for MI research in general (as well as for certification of MI practitioners) exploring the vagaries of reliability in instruments used to assess MI proficiency and competence. And for the first time (but not, we trust, the last), *International MINT* presents translations, into Spanish and Portuguese, of an article (by Bill Miller) published previously in English in *MITRIP*.

Still, during the past two years it became clear to the *MITRIP* editorial board that change would be needed if *MITRIP* were to remain a going concern and fulfill its mission. So, changes are coming.

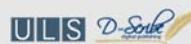
Most importantly for authors, *MITRIP* will be instituting a policy of peer review of submissions to the *Training & Supervision*, *Theory & Research*, and *Practice* sections of the journal. Rather than having all submissions reviewed by our section editors and co-editors, as has been our practice thus far, we will request reviews from trainers, practitioners, and researchers with expertise in the relevant subject areas to guide editorial decisions to accept, request revision of, or decline submitted manuscripts. We will continue to provide a more informal outlet for new authors (or those who simply want to have a little fun) in *International MINT* and *Features & Communications*, which will keep their current submission policies. In all sections, we will strive to maintain the "author-friendly" approach to which we committed ourselves when *MITRIP* was founded.

In addition to these policy changes, we will also be reorganizing our editorial board. Though its final form is not yet known, I expect that some of our stalwart editors will remain and some will move on as new volunteers, now waiting in the wings, step in to take their place.

As in every enterprise, fresh ideas and new energy are essential for continuing growth. Readers of *MITRIP* can look forward to both in the months and years to come.



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