

## EDITORIAL

We dedicate this first issue of the *Revista da Abordagem Gestáltica – Phenomenological Studies* entirely to the thought of Carl Rogers, more particularly to the works presented at the **XII International Forum on the Person-Centered Approach**, held in Praia das Fontes, coast of Ceará State, between May 26 and June 1, 2013.

We begin with the text in Spanish, *La Familia Cambia: Duelo en Hijas Adultas por la Muerte de sus Madres*, authored by Enrique Rivera Medina (Si Vis Videre, México), which presents a qualitative study whose intent was to understand the process of mourning adult daughters with the death of their mothers and the changes in their families. In *O Conceito de Tendência Atualizante na Prática Clínica Contemporânea de Psicoterapeutas Humanistas*, Thabata Castelo Branco Telles, Daniel Georges Janja Bloc Boris & Virginia Moreira (linked to the Universidade de Fortaleza) made a critical study of the concept of actualizing tendency of Carl Rogers, from an analysis of statements of ten psychotherapists about this notion.

In the text *Proposta de Estágio Supervisionado para Atuação de Psicólogos na Saúde Pública*, Railda Fernandes Alves (Universidade Estadual da Paraíba); Emily Souza Gaião (Universidade Federal de Pernambuco); Gabriella César dos Santos (Universidade Estadual da Paraíba) & Luisa de Marillac Ramos Soares (Universidade Federal de Campina Grande/PB) discusses professional training in public health, with a proposal of supervised work based on the Person Centred Approach and National Policy humanization. In *O Sentido de Ser Professor da Língua Portuguesa em Escola Pública: Uma Pesquisa Fenomenológica*, Sandra Souza da Silva, Francisco Bento da Silva Filho, Noely Cavalcanti de Menezes, Bruna Jucilene Carlos Gonzaga & Cicera Michelly Teles de Sousa – linked to the Universidade Federal da Paraíba – have a search with six teachers of Portuguese Speaking of high school, using the versions of meaning.

A final empirical contribution is presented by the text *Gestão Organizacional Centrada no Grupo: Relato de Experiência*, authored by Anita Bacellar, Joan Simielli Xavier de Souza Rocha & Maira Flower. The authors reported the experience of an organization of clinical psychology, called Espaço Viver Psicologia, based on the principles of ACP.

Then we have a critical literature review, titled *Experiência Empática: Da Neurociência à Espiritualidade*, written by Marcia Tassinari & Wagner Alves Teixeira Durange – linked to Universidade Estácio de Sá – in which they proposed a review of studies on empathy relating them to neuroscience and Buddhist philosophy.

The set of theoretical studies begins with a just homage to the figure of John Wood, great collaborator of Rogers. In *John Keith Wood e a Abordagem Centrada na Pessoa no Brasil*, Virginia Moreira, Liane Bastos Landim & Geórgia Silva Romcy, linked to Universidade de Fortaleza, presented his life and his work. Then, in *La Entrevista Fenomenológica: Una Propuesta para la Investigación en Psicología y Psicoterapia*, Salvador Moreno López (ITESO - Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara, Mexico) recognizes the phenomenological interview as a valuable tool for data collection in qualitative research aimed to understanding the Lived-World. In the article *Dependência Química e Abordagem Centrada na Pessoa: Contribuições e Desafios em uma Comunidade Terapêutica*, Rafaella Medeiros Brito de Mattos & Tiago Sousa Monteiro – linked to the Universidade Federal do Ceará – discusses the possibilities of treatment for chemical dependency, theoretically based the Person Centred Approach.

In the article, *Emotional Experience: Applying Person-Centered Approach to the Practice of Existential Analysis*, Elena Stankovskaya (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow/Russia) focuses on the integration of the ideas of person-centered and existential approaches, showing that the “necessary and sufficient conditions” proposed by Rogers are incorporated in logotherapy and existential analysis. In *Os Valores e a sua Importância para a Teoria da Clínica na ACP*, Iago Cavalcante & José Celio Araújo Freire – Universidade Federal do Ceará – discuss the place of the personal values of the clinical psychologist in the theory of the ACP, including the Rogerian psychotherapy as a process meaningful learning of values, suggesting greater ownership of the values of the Person Centered Approach by professionals, as well as promoting environments and products that address the ethical aspects of their practice.

In *A Conciliação Humanista como Medida de Acesso à Justiça – A Aplicação da ACP na tentativa conciliatória dos conflitos judiciais*, Nayara Queiroz de Sousa Mota discusses the process of reconciliation as an effective way for resolution of legal conflicts, proposing the use of resources of the ACP to enable the magistrate as a facilitator of dialogue. The article *Person-Centered Approach in Business Relations: Training of Active Listening for Businessmen*, Wladimir A. Stroh (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow/Russia) discusses the possible applications and limitations of the person-centered approach in business education in case of active listening training for managers. Then the article *Ludoterapia Centrada na Criança – uma Leitura a partir da Ética de Emmanuel Lévinas*, authored by Rose

Angela Cortez & José Celio de Brito Freire (linked to the Universidade Federal do Ceará), present a reading of the proposal of Virginia Axline from the ethics of radical alterity by Emmanuel Levinas and Peter Schmid. Finally, in *Downshifting: Foundations and Dynamics of Personal Choice*, Anna Paukova (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia) analyzes the phenomenon “Downshifting” considered as a process of internal choice between two options for personal fulfillment.

Encerramos este número com a tradução de um importante texto original de Carl Rogers, *A Note on the Nature of Man*.

Good reading to all.

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