

## Letter from the President

It is with pleasure that I write the introduction to this new 'Forum' issue. The Forum appears amongst many other similar publications. It is often different from the rest, reflecting the original identity and specificity of our association: the International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes. Of course, it relies on thought and research, but these are above all based on the experience of practitioners who are personally involved *in vivo* in intervention practices concerned with the modification of difficult, painful and sometimes fatal situations, both individual and collective. The role of the authors is two-fold: writers, evidently, but also co-authors engaged in the discernment, diagnosis, awareness and action of reconciliation and transformation, which I refer to by neologism: *Trans-FormaCtion*.

We are therefore in a real process of *Praxis* by means of a constant back and forth movement between thought and action, between detachment and engagement.

The international quality is also one of the characteristics of our work since this time we welcome the United Kingdom, South Africa, Morocco, Spain, Sweden, Russia, Japan, France, Australia, Italy, and Iceland. This international trait relates to the themes covered and the theoretical approaches used by the authors. The IAGP seems to be the only international organisation where different psychotherapy trends are brought together in a constant dialogue and are able to institutionally meet the various currents of group processes. This mutual and progressive improvement joins the initial will of what our founders named the *Sociatry*.

The Forum therefore strives to be an instrument of reflexion to enhance theory, but also and above all, a practical manual, a compass maybe, at the service of a world in multiple crises and distress, at the service of its individuals as people.

Wishing you a good and inspiring read,

David Gutmann  
President