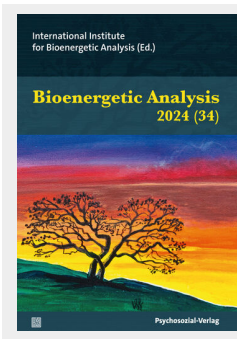


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Dear colleagues,

Here is the new volume of our journal – and the last one with me running the Editorial Board.

In this issue, I intend to give an idea of our 26th international conference, which took place in Brazil in 2023. It was the first conference in-person after the quarantine for the pandemic. For this reason, the event was a meeting full of joy and good energy, counting more than 300 people! For those who could not be there, we give an idea of what happened.

We had three keynote speeches followed by panels, which are represented here.

The first one was a video showing an interview of *Stephen Porges* by *Vincentia Schroeter* about the Polyvagal Theory, which is summarized here by Vincentia herself. *Thomas Heinrich* and *Patrizia Moselli* (participants of the panel) show their own view about this presentation.

The other keynote – “Dreams and Psychedelic Science” – by *Sidarta Ribeiro* (a famous Brazilian neuroscientist) had the panelist *Marcelo Leite*, who writes about controlled powerful substances (LSD, Ecstasy, etc.) and their influence over the treatment of many psychological disturbances (PSTD, Depression, etc.).

The last text regarding the 3rd keynote speech brings *Maria Cristina Francisco* who summarizes her speech “Times of challenge and diversity”, sharing the need of looking and considering racial issues.

Three more papers complete this issue: one of them brings an important contribution on children treatment by *Perisson Dantas*; another shows a parallel between the theories of Bioenergetics and Personality Organization, by *Ann Coleman*, and at last, a simple and moving analysis upon Tolstoy’s novella *The Death of Ivan Ilyich* by *Christoph Helferich*.

I have been in this job for eighteen years and have very much learned. I want to thank to Margit Koemeda, who was the first chief editor for this “new” phase

of the Biogenetic journal (starting in 2005). She stayed on the job for ten years and along this time provided space and presence for good debating. And I want to thank in a very special way to Vincentia Schroeter, who stayed as chief editor after Margit's leaving. Even after she officially left the board (five years ago) she has been a real partner and friend, sharing all sort of matters regarding the journal – including giving me strength and hope when, occasionally I felt despondent. Our journey together has been very rich, even because we are friends since a long time ago.

I thank the whole community of IIBA, to whom I dedicated the best of me to offer the good and precious papers that helped us all to enhance our knowledge and the ability to reflect upon themes of great importance.

I feel very moved by saying goodbye and wish with all my heart that the journal keeps being an amazing source of knowledge for our community.

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