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## Editor's Commentary

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As this is a global, international, world journal, it is with great delight that this issue is made up of all international authors.

Maggie Fearn, who resides in Wales, shares with us a technique she developed for using sand therapy in supervision. She integrates attachment concepts in her Creative Attachment Interview. Indeed, it's very creative and an interesting tool to bring awareness to the supervisee. I have the honor of knowing Maggie for many years, and even co-presented with her on supervision at the inaugural Slovakia Czech Republic Association for Play Therapy Conference held in Slovakia last year. Maggie is a veteran clinician, professor of play therapy at the Children's Therapy Center in Ireland, and a very delightful person. Enjoy her article!

Tanya Defferary, of South Africa, authored our second article in this issue. Her understanding of Contextual Therapy is impressive. Her ability to integrate sand therapy to assist facilitate client work in therapy is intriguing. See her use of small trays within the regular tray and how it works! I had the opportunity to be with Tanya recently (and last year) in South Africa. Her training company, *Global Therapy Connect*, sponsored me to provide advanced sandtray therapy training to local psychologists. What a rich and rewarding experience. Sand therapy is alive and vibrant in South Africa!

Finally, a research study from Thailand. The researchers, Kevalin Saksiamkul, Bussakorn Bison (both from Thailand), and Rachel Lev-Wiesel (of Israel) investigated the use of sand tray to explore the symbolic and narrative patterns and the resulting potential as an assessment tool for depression the Thai working-age population. They indicate this could be a more culturally sensitive way of assessment. Intriguing findings I believe the reader will find interesting and insightful.

I trust you will enjoy these articles and views of the use of sand therapy from various global perspectives.

It was also interesting to note that the lead author of the research report, Kevalin Saksiamkul, is also a holder of the new WASTP *Sand Therapy Foundational Certificate* (STFC). Sand therapists from nine different countries are represented in one of the certificate and two credentials:

Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Mexico, Romania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States. Welcome and congratulations to all!

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