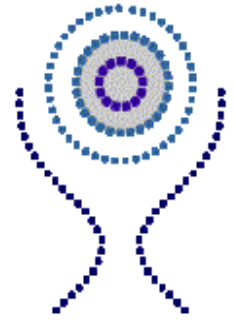


Association of Transpersonal and Emotional Release Counsellors



Australian Psychotherapy and Counselling Workforce Study
in collaboration with the
Society for Psychotherapy Research Collaborative Research Network

DEVELOPMENT OF PSYCHOTHERAPISTS COMMON CORE QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Member,

We would like to inform you about the Australian Psychotherapy and Counselling Workforce Study which is part of a large international study, the *International Study of the Development of Psychotherapists*. This larger study was developed by the Collaborative Research Network (CRN) of the Society for Psychotherapy Research (SPR) and examines the development and practice of professional psychotherapists and counsellors from over 25 different countries.

The Australian part of the study is conducted by Margot Schofield, Professor of Counselling and Psychotherapy, La Trobe University, Dr. Christine Knauss, Research Fellow, La Trobe University and Jan Grant, Associate Professor and Head of Counselling Psychology, Curtin University of Technology, in collaboration with the international group of researchers.

This study is important as the first comprehensive survey of the profession in Australia. Government advisers have indicated an urgent need for a more comprehensive profile of the profession to inform future policy and planning around the provision and funding of mental health and community services. For our professional body, accurate data about the workforce is very valuable to facilitate development of the profession as a whole and to inform advocacy on behalf of the profession.

We would therefore like to encourage you to take part in the online survey. For the survey to be useful for advocacy, it needs to represent a large proportion of practitioners – therefore your participation is important.

To read more about the study and take part in the online survey, please go to the following link:

www.thissurvey.com/APCWS

Kind regards,

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On behalf of the ATERC Management Committee