

Presidential Message

Our Intellectual Community

We have been a longstanding community of incredible talents and significant contributions.

It has been such a privilege to know and learn from so many who have innovated and developed assessment tools, research designs, and intervention strategies.

As a community, our greatest asset (as many can attest) has been our collegiality, our unbridled desire to support and share. It is what has made and continues to make our meetings so special. It is what makes the following contributions to SPR unsurprising:

- David Orlinsky and Helge Rønnestad have given the royalties from their book *How Psychotherapists Develop*.
- Hadas Wiseman and Orya Tishby have given the royalties from their book *The Therapeutic Relationship*.
- Sarah Knox and Wolfgang Lutz have given the royalties from their book *Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in Psychotherapy Research*.
- Louis Castonguay and Chris Muran have given the royalties from their book *Practice-Oriented Research in Psychotherapy*.
- And as mentioned previously, Adam Horvath has gifted the copyright for the *Working Alliance Inventory (WAI)*.

On behalf of our Executive Committee (EC) and SPR at large, I would like to extend a special thanks to these members. (I apologize if I missed anyone who has contributed likewise over the years: This list is based on our current financial records.)

Adam's generous gift represents a particular opportunity and challenge for the organization. As I mentioned in a previous message, we would like to see our website develop into a resource, an intellectual warehouse, for our membership – where we can store materials or tools like the WAI. We could also make available unpublished manuals and recorded presentations, among other possibilities. Other organizations have done something similar for their members.

This idea does pose a significant challenge –and that is, how to manage intellectual property. To manage this, we would like to establish a committee that will oversee this initiative and that will coordinate with the EC and ComCom (our communications committee that is responsible for our website). I would like to invite any member to serve on this ad hoc committee to help develop policy and procedure for this initiative. Please contact me if you're interested and willing (jcmuran@adelphi.edu). This seems as a natural progression for community in this day and age.

- J. Christopher Muran, Ph.D.