

## A Message from the President – *J. Christopher Muran*

### ***Our Future***

Happy New Year, SPR!

As we look forward, I'd like to highlight our efforts to support our young scholars.

At our last Executive Council meeting, the EC voted to significantly increase our financial support of our *International Student Awards* program (<http://www.psychotherapyresearch.org/?page=SPRAwardsIntStud>). We also established a new *Emerging Scholars* program with matching funds from Taylor & Francis, which I'd like to describe in more detail here:

#### **Taylor & Francis Emerging Scholars Program**

Co-sponsored by the Society for Psychotherapy Research (SPR)

*Aim & Rationale: To provide support for young talented scholars (1) who show promise as psychotherapy researchers & significant contributors to the field & (2) who are economically challenged and require financial assistance to attend the international meetings.*

*Eligibility Criteria: Eligible scholars should be within five years of completing their doctoral degree. More senior scholars who are entering the field of psychotherapy research for the first time from economically challenged regions may also be considered.*

*Application: Applicants must demonstrate economic need & professional promise. They must also present a program of interest, including two specific proposals for studies. An award committee will be established by the Executive Council of SPR to review applications.*

*Award: Each award will be approximately \$2500 for a maximum number of three years. Continuation of an award will be evaluated each year by the achievement of specific outcome criteria. The award committee will be responsible for this review.*

*Outcome Criteria: Two submitted manuscripts after 1st year & two submitted manuscripts after 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Grant proposals can be substituted for manuscripts.*

*Mentor: Each awardee will be assigned a mentor from SPR based on his/her area of interest who will provide guidance during the term of the award.*

And as a reorganizational effort, we are putting oversight of both these programs in the hands of the incoming General Vice President. Thank you, **Mariane Krause**, for being the first in this regard. She will be creating a committee of representatives from our various chapters to participate in this effort.

*An email soliciting applications (along with website posting) will be forthcoming very soon.*