Editorial

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On August 7, 1999, the IAEVG Board decided to establish a new professional journal for IAEVG members and interested academics and practitioners. This was a major challenge because the new journal replaced the former Bulletin, which had existed since 1958, but had appeared on an ad hoc basis only. A new editorial board was appointed with Raoul Van Esbroeck serving as the journal's editor. The first year meant a great deal of hard for all the board members. There were the preparations to bring together a team of reviewers and advisers, the negotiations with publishers and the development of general guidelines. But more particularly, there was the challenge of finding the first articles, and the subsequent reviewing and editing job. In January 2001, slightly over one year after the Board's decision, the first issue of the journal was officially presented at the 50th Anniversary celebrations held during the Going for Gold Conference in Vancouver (Canada).

Ten years after the initial decision to launch the journal, we can conclude that it has become a highly regarded publication among members of the career guidance community worldwide. But after 10 years, the time also has come to sit down and reflect on what has been achieved. This is exactly what I have been doing. Indeed, for 10 years, I was fortunate to serve as the editor of the journal. It was sometimes a demanding, but always a very rewarding task. During this long period I had the pleasure of working together with many distinguished scholars and practitioners from many different parts of the world. Sometimes, I was even given the possibility to support young researchers and practitioners with the publication of their first article in an international journal. These global and multi-cultural contacts are an unforgettable experience. It was also a period during which I had the feeling of being at the cutting edge of new developments in the field, and of being able to bring new initiatives to the attention of our readers. I realize I have been incredibly privileged and I am very grateful for this.

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Ten years is a long period, however, and I believe the time has come for a change in leadership, which is why I asked the Editorial Board to find a replacement for me as the journal's editor. The search for a new editor was not easy. In particular, because the journal is a multi-lingual journal, which requires a person who is fluent in the main languages used in the journal. It means that we need a person who not only has the capacities and experience to serve as an editor, but who also has the academic rigour and an overall view of the broad field of career guidance practice. Fortunately, IAEVG has many members of exception and we fairly soon found an excellent candidate to fulfil all of the requirements. The Publisher and IAEVG's Executive Committee gave their enthusiastic approval to the new candidate proposed by the Editorial Board.

It is with great pleasure that I present to you our new editor, who will be in charge of the journal from January 1, 2010. He is Jérôme Rossier, an active IAEVG member and an Editorial Board member of the journal since 2008. He is a experienced academic, who worked at the Université de Lausanne (Switzerland), first as a member of the group around Jean-Pierre Dauwalder—another long standing IAEVG supporter—and who is now the department's chairperson. He is a person, with an global view of educational and vocational guidance practice. Being Swiss, he is also fluent in the IAEVG official languages. And finally, Jérôme is a person with a wide-ranging interest in cross- and multi-cultural issues and often works together with African researchers and practitioners. We are convinced he really is the best person for the job.

Being able to present my successor in this editorial obviously gives me great pleasure. But at the same time, I am also very happy to be able to express my gratitude to many persons. Indeed, everything that was achieved for the journal these last 10 years was only made possible thanks to the support of an enthusiastic group of IAEVG members. I would like, in particular, to express my gratitude to Bernhard Jenschke, the former president, for giving me the opportunity of serving as the editor. It was under his leadership that I was appointed as editor, but he also granted me the privilege of being able to publish the last issues of the former Bulletin. Also José Ferreira Marques and Ed Herr deserve a special word of thanks. They paved the way that led to the launching of the journal. Thanks to their support, contacts and experience, the first special issue in honour of Donald Super could be realised. I would never have been able to do this without them. My heartfelt thanks also go to the initial Editorial Board members—Jean Guichard, Bernhard Jenschke, Spencer Niles, Elvira Repetto, and Tony Watts—who were always available to help me solve the many problems that are part and parcel of the editor's job. Evidently, I should not forget to mention the two more recently appointed board members, Jérôme Rossier and Bärbel Kracke; in particular Jérôme, who shadowed me during the last year as editor, deserves a special thanks.

Since the journal is multilingual and my mother tongue is Dutch, which is not one of the official IAEVG languages, I needed a fair amount of assistance from native speakers. The editorial assistants started with me 10 years ago. All these years they have proofread and corrected the final versions of the texts or translated the abstracts. Jean Paul Broonen (French), Hubert Haas (German), Beatrice Malik (Spanish), and Michael Whitburn (English) have done a wonderful job, and I am

truly indebted to all of them. I would, however, like to address a special word of thanks to Michael Whitburn. Michael is a personal friend and colleague at my university. His special field of professional interest and research is teaching English as a Second Language (ESL). He is clearly not a member of the career guidance professionals' family. Nevertheless, I am convinced that having read so many articles about career guidance for so many years he may in fact have very interesting things to say about the subject. Michael, many thanks for all your help and voluntary work.

Many other people should also be given due recognition for their support. For 10 years we have been able to rely on many Advisory Board members to review articles and make interesting proposals for articles and special issues. Some of them even served as guest editors for special issues. There was also the large group of occasional reviewers. There were in fact many changes over the years, but all of them did a wonderful job. Without this team there simply would not have been a journal. Without good reviewers, there would not have been a good journal. My thanks, then, to all those who worked behind the scenes fulfilling a crucial role.

Up till now, only those involved in the content part of the journal have been mentioned. But a journal also needs to be printed and distributed. This brings us to the publisher. The journal was originally published by Kluwer, and later by Springer. The production team(s) working for these companies in charge of the journal were always very supportive. They could always be counted upon to assist whenever a problem arose. The team members and I know only too well that there were problems and unexpected difficulties. But thanks to their support we managed to publish three issues a year and have them distributed on time. To all of them, many thanks.

After this long introduction and words of gratitude some attention should also be devoted to the articles in this issue. The first contribution is the article by Ada Sinacore and her colleagues from the McGill University on "Cultural transitioning of Jewish immigrants: Education, employment and integration". This paper studies some aspects of the cultural transitioning process of Jewish immigrants entering the province of Quebec in Canada. The results of this study, in particular in relation to the confrontation with local groups from the same religious and cultural background, are important findings that deserve to be given due attention. The complexity of the transition process and the difficulties immigrants face illustrate the fact that globalisation has more drawbacks than would appear from the somewhat optimistic views expressed by some authors. It is clear that career guidance and counselling for immigrants and global workers will be a new challenge for practitioners.

The contributions by Paulo Cardoso and João Manuel Moreira (Universities of Evora and Lisbon, Portugal) on "Self-efficacy beliefs and the relation between career planning and perception of barriers" and by Peter A Creed, Wong Oi Yin and Michelle Hood (Griffith University, Australia) on "Career decision-making, career barriers and occupational aspirations in Chinese adolescents" are both studies on career barriers resulting from efforts to develop instruments for use in the local culture. They provide a good illustration of the necessity to adapt the instruments

and show how such studies can lead to interesting findings that can help counsellors in their practice.

The last article by Chiara Ghislieri, Paola Gatti and Gian Piero Quaglino (Università di Torino, Italy) on “Factors affecting willingness to mentor” is related to an important issue from career management. This contribution illustrates how previous experience and personal characteristics can influence the willingness to take on a mentor role.

The current issue is once again an illustration of the Editorial Board’s unrelenting effort to try to bring closer together the academics and practitioners working in the different rooms of the broad field of career studies. The four articles cover topics that are important in the area of providing support to adolescents, but at the same time they also deal with issues that relate to an adult population in the career building phase. Again, we were very fortunate that papers of such quality were submitted. We hope to receive more such contributions in the future and look forward to reading many more manuscripts from the counselling and organisational psychology fields.

Thank you for all your support during these long years and I look forward to meeting many of you at future IAEVG conferences.