

Welcome to *MITRIP*

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Dear Readers,

It is our great pleasure to present to you the inaugural issue of *Motivational Interviewing: Training, Research, Implementation, Practice*, the journal of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT).

From 1994 through 1999, under the founding editorship of David Rosengren, the *Motivational Interviewing Newsletter for Trainers* served as the primary vehicle for communication among members of the newly formed International Association of Motivational Interviewing Trainers (IAMIT). In 1999 the organization took the name of Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) and a closed listserv, restricted to members, was established. In the face of these changes the newsletter was renamed *Motivational Interviewing Newsletter: Updates, Education and Training (MINUET)*. Denise Ernst took over as editor, followed by Ralf Demmel in 2002 and Allan Zuckoff in 2004. During this time, the *MINUET* continued to serve as a vehicle for distributing conceptual articles, international updates, and distilled summaries of some of the topics discussed on the listserv. In 2005 the publication was renamed *MINT Bulletin*, in recognition of its evolution from newsletter to venue where readers could find new ideas and conceptual frameworks, accounts of training experiences and novel training exercises, descriptions of current trends in MI research and work in progress, and advances and struggles in MI practice, all put forth in a spirit of "dialogue without diatribe, critique without competition."

By 2009 it had become apparent that the publication was ready for its next leap forward and a working group of MINT members was convened to consider the *Bulletin* of the future. That working group evolved into the editorial board of a new journal, which would expand its pool of authors from members of MINT to all who wished to contribute while maintaining a spirit of openness, informality, and shared respect for the MI community and for the counseling approach that brings us together. In February, 2010, the final issue of the *Bulletin* announced our arrangement with the University Library System of the University of Pittsburgh to publish an open access journal online, introduced the editorial board, and predicted that the first issue would "go live" later that year.

As so often happens in the glow of enthusiasm at the launch of a new endeavor, we significantly underestimated the complexity of the task we were undertaking and the time it would require us to complete it. Nonetheless, two years after our first public announcement, we hold to our mission of providing an outlet for articles of interest to the worldwide community of practioners, trainers, and researchers of motivational interviewing, as well as a virtual space where members of MINT can communicate with each other (and the wider world) about their experiences related to the ongoing development and dissemination of MI.

Motivational interviewing is a living, dynamically evolving approach to counseling, whose ongoing development is a product not only of the relentless innovation of its founders, William R. Miller, PhD, and Stephen Rollnick, PhD, but also of the creativity in training, research, implementation, and practice of thousands MI aficionados in dozens of countries and languages. We welcome your comments and contributions and hope you will find our journal a reflection of that open and creative spirit that characterizes MI as well as those who are drawn to it.



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