

SATIR INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL

Satir Around the Globe

Welcome to this new section of the Journal, “**Satir Around the Globe.**” We decided to add this section to the journal as a way of inviting all of the institutes, affiliates, members of the Satir network and friends around the world to share some of their work with the larger community.

By presenting what you are doing, we all can be aware of resources, be able to further the impact of our network and stimulate advancements in theory and treatment. We need more bridges between North America and the rest of the world, and I’m sure, practitioners outside of North America could use more bridges between each other.

In the 1980s, Satir would reserve a block of time at annual network meetings (The network was called Avanta at that time) where members were invited to “showcase” their work. Annual meetings ran 4-5 days at that time and Satir wanted to promote members’ efforts to further the mission and provide an avenue for cross-fertilization of ideas.

A variation of this showcasing idea continues to flourish at the International Learning and Resource Network annual conferences where members volunteer to lead sessions on whatever theme they wish to share, thereby forming the agenda. A similar format exists for conferences although the agenda is planned in advance. Large conferences in the Satir network are attempted only every several years now. While the Virginia Satir Global Network meets annually, sessions tend to be brief and generally attract a smaller number of participants. That leaves a large gap that the Satir Global Network (VSGN) partially fills with its website along with the many other functions of the organization. The VSGN has been called the “mother” organization of the Satir Network. We hope to complement the work of the VSGN with our journal and this new section of the journal.

Our *Satir around the Globe* section is not peer-reviewed (also true of the Insights section) but can serve as a place for writers to “get their feet wet” in writing for the journal. It is our hope that the brief reports in the *Satir Around the Globe* section may be an end paper but they may also serve as a stepping stone to the development of a major article in the peer-reviewed section of the journal.

As a kick-off for this issue, we decided that the recent world conference, *Becoming More Fully Human: The Evolution*, held June 24-26, 2016 in Vancouver, would be fertile ground to scout out writers for *Satir Around the Globe* and the journal as a whole. Kathleen Glaus, Ph.D., Psy.D., the journal’s Associate Editor, and I approached each of the presenters whose sessions we attended and personally asked each to write and submit a summary of their presentations at the conference or, if they chose, a formal article in the peer-reviewed section. The conference planners, the Satir Institute of the Pacific and the Satir Global Network each assisted the journal in publicizing our efforts. Satir organizations continue to work together for the good of all and we at the journal thank everyone for helping us in our efforts to further the reach of the journal. In addition to the ten brief reports that are included in this section, three formal peer-reviewed articles were generated from efforts.

Since the journal and its back issues are available online, practitioners, students and other interested parties will be able to find resources on the current work (research, theory and practice) being conducted worldwide under the umbrella of the Satir Model. This is a crucial role that the journal serves in creating access to this model that we all hold very dear.

We are hoping that this issue will entice other educators, trainers and practitioners in whatever setting or discipline to contribute submissions to future issues of the journal in any of the sections we offer.