

Editorial

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With this issue, JPS enters its second year of publication. The papers in vol. 1/ 2017 drew an unexpected attention. They have been downloaded about 350 times by readers from 55 countries. The papers in English and Spanish, 6 out of 11, captured 210 downloads. As expected, 56% of our readers were from Italy, whereas 23% were from Americas, 9% from Europe and 4% from Asia. The journal is now indexed in some credited scientific repositories. These preliminary editorial results encourage us to contribute to the free dissemination of scientific literature joining the open access movement (Tennant et al., 2016).

As regards to the specific focus of this journal, the readers' liking directly descends, in my opinion, from an increasing interest for psychosocial issues in health research (Martikainen et al., 2002). The investigation of the micro/macro psychosocial systems is, by now, recognized as inherent to the study of the balance between health and disease (Michelson et al., 2016), with an increasing evidence of the modulating or causative role of these variables on the pathogenic processes. This holistic health paradigm is considered eligible to overcome the biological, psychological and social reductionisms (Ashcroft et al., 2017) as well as to prevent the cultural distortion of a "*techno-scientific holism*" (Vogt et al., 2016).

From this year the journal assumes a new graphic design, more user-friendly, however, the focus of the magazine remains unchanged: the study of psychosocial systems and the clinical options of intervention when subjective and interpersonal distress or symptoms occurs. Two research studies are published in this issue. Pepe investigates, in a case-control study, the main components of social cognition and empathy in adolescent anorexic girls. The study highlights that these young anorexic adolescents show a lack of the affective component of empathy but not of the cognitive one. Salvati's study investigates the correlations between family variables and social danger on a sample of 200 male subjects admitted to a Judicial Psychiatric Hospital. The data collected partially confirm the study hypothesis. Three other contributions of this issue are based on field experiences. Di Caprio outlines a mediation programme for couples in crisis by mean of the multi-couples group setting. Mayol narrates his experience as an emergency psychologist dealing with the landing of migrants on Italy's coasts. Fummo provides an account of the use of the symbolic game applied to a dance class. Finally, the case report by Laudanno summarizes a troublesome counseling intervention.

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