

## Editor's Notes

In many ways this issue of the journal is dedicated to the memory of Professor Doctor Zohair Nooman. In it you will find the obituary of Hossam Hamdy, my editorial, and the comments of Professor Doctor Henk Schmidt. You will also find a picture of previous Secretary General, Zohair Nooman. This issue of the journal also highlights articles from African countries and those that emphasize community-orientation. These are themes that were very much a part of Dr. Zohair's vision. And, as you will note in the article by Henk Schmidt, Dr. Zohair wrote some of his thoughts in Arabic as well. For the African experiences, there are the articles by El Gaili, le Vigouroux, and Jinadu. There is also a commentary by Guilbert on the le Vigouroux article.

Another theme of this issue is community-orientation. Two theoretical articles by Worley are included and, again, those of El Gaili, le Vigouroux and Jinadu also emphasize the community-orientation theme. Of course, the article by Henk Schmidt stressing the views of Dr. Zohair has a community-orientation theme as well. The section entitled "Practical Advice" by Kalishman speaks to how one would go about evaluating community-oriented programs. The position paper by Ferrari speaks to "service-learning" in the United States.

Beginning with this issue a regular feature of this journal will be interviews with people representing community. Jane Westberg, an associate editor of this journal, has kindly agreed to undertake and write up these interviews. The first one, included in this issue, is an interview with Rosalina Batista, from Brazil. We are very grateful for Laura Feuerwerker's translation skills in this endeavor. Because the name of The Network has community in it we thought it appropriate that the journal it sponsors should include the thoughts of people from communities. Look for this series in future issues of the journal.

Of course you will want to look for other important items as well. I recommend the articles by Thistlethwaite, Zanolli, Sutnick *et al.* and Al-Ansari *et al.* Look, also, for the section entitled "Making a Difference" as this time it has a very important interview with Hafiz El Shazali. And the interview with the new president of the Student Network Organization, Stefan de Greef, by the other of our associate editors, Jan Van Dalen, is worthy of your time.

Always, as represented by the "Letter to the Editor", we welcome your views. Hopefully the reading of the journal will stimulate you to respond, as was the case with Geoff Norman. Please be in touch with us either by e-mail or by post at the addresses below.

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