

FROM EDITORS

Dear Readers,

The autumn aura confronts us with the passing of time. The funeral of Queen Elizabeth II has become a symbol of transition for all of us, uniting billions of people around the world in reflection and wistfulness. Changes and integration have been topics that psychiatry and psychotherapy have been facing for centuries. Ability to deal with suffering and pain, illness and loss, but also to be open to changes and novelty, to search for hope and renovation. In our autumn issue of APP, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with the set of as always interesting and innovative publications, in which the authors try to take on these challenges.

Sylwia Michałowska discusses essential and sensitive topic of sexual satisfaction, relationship satisfaction, and body image in patients with BRCA mutation after prophylactic mastectomy and/or adnexectomy. She shows that there are relationships between body assessment and sexual satisfaction as well as between body assessment and relationship satisfaction, and that there are differences in these areas between the groups of women who performed preventive mastectomy, adnexectomy, both procedures or non.

Mashayekhi et al present comparison of serum IGF1, IGF2 and IGFBP1-6 concentration in children with different stages of autism spectrum disorders, suggesting that IGFs and IGFBPs may be involved in the pathogenesis of ASD.

Sakhvidi et al in their original paper indicate that temperament and character or at least some of their traits may predispose response to depression treatment.

Marzena Piłat presents in her qualitative pilot study fear of death among voluntary migrants while Krysian Konieczny outlines challenges and difficulties of psychotherapy during COVID-19 pandemic.

A very significant aspect of psychotherapy concerning ethics of online sessions is discussed by Emilia Rutkowska. She points out ethical codes and recommendations for therapists working online.

Authors from USA, Hernandez et al, prepared thorough analysis of clinical recommendations for addressing impasses in long-term psychotherapy, stressing that clear focus on principles of psychology and goals that reflect maintenance of gains, development of strengths, and promotion of enrichment can ensure that the therapy continues to produce change over the length of the relationship.

In a paper closing this September issue Dawid Subocz indicates the essential role of the attachment relation in the pathogenesis of auditory hallucinations. He shows that cognitive dysfunctions along with hereditary genetic susceptibility to auditory hallucinations may constitute factors distorting the correct interpretation of traumatic intrusions of relational experience.

We hope that each of you will find in the following articles answers to important questions and doubts or inspiration for your own scientific and clinical work

Wish you a pleasant reading!

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