

Dietmar Schulte and Kurt Hahlweg discuss the creation and impact of a licensing law for psychotherapists that for the first time includes psychologists in the German National Health Service. They also articulate how this development is tied to training and delivery of behavioral healthcare procedures with empirical support. Readers may be surprised at the results emanating from these efforts in Germany thus far. But there is no question that these developments are having a major impact on the practice of psychology in that country and on training at all levels.

From Australia, Gavin Andrews, a prominent psychiatrist who is also active in creating policy for the World Health Organization (WHO), describes some early initiatives in Australia (and New Zealand) and some of the problems encountered in disseminating these efforts. As he points out, many of these roadblocks will sound familiar to American readers. John Hunsley and Charlotte

Johnston from Canada describe efforts to implement similar evidence-based practice guidelines. They illustrate how the unique circumstances of healthcare delivery in Canada are shaping this effort. Similar efforts around the world are in the formative stages. I am confident that readers will find this international perspective informative and interesting.

On a closing note, I am pleased to report that *Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice* has achieved a rank of sixth out of 87 clinical psychology journals worldwide on impact of citations. This refers to the frequency with which the “average article” in *Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice* has been cited in the most recent year for which these data are available. We believe this reflects the significance of material published in *Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice*. We expect to see continued improvement in these rankings in the years to come.

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