

Letter from Zerka Moreno

Dear Friends,

When J. L. Moreno started his psychodrama-focussed journal in 1947, ten years after *Sociometry* appeared, he actually had a larger forum in mind. The new journal was called *Sociatry: Journal of Group and Intergroup Therapy*.

The title did not attract sufficient subscribers. Moreno renamed it *Group Psychotherapy: Journal of Sociopsychopathology and Sociatry*.

In 1954, volume 7 of the journal appeared simply as *Group Psychotherapy*. Moreno had a habit of changing names of his organizations but *Sociometry* stayed under its name throughout.

He bequeathed *Sociometry* to the American Sociological Association in 1955, after 18 volumes had appeared. Anyone who has ever had the chance of reading these issues will be struck by the width and depth of the journal's contents. From 1937 onwards, *Sociometry* was a pioneering publication, containing some of Moreno's most original contributions. Unfortunately, the new owners neglected it and the journal disappeared.

He never expressed disappointment, but instead began another journal, very little known, containing contributions from writers in other languages, which made it very expensive to print. It achieved only seven volumes. That one was entitled *International Journal of Sociometry and Sociatry* and it ran from 1961–1968. A listing of the tables of contents of all the journals we edited over the years would certainly make for interesting reading.

Group Psychotherapy, too, underwent changes of name. Moreno altered it to *Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama* in 1979, with volume 23.

After Moreno's death, I too, as editor, felt like changing its name, because of the previous ASA neglect of *Sociometry*, in 1976 with volume 29. It became *Group Psychotherapy, Psychodrama, and Sociometry*, which reflected its current contents. I was assisted by a number of capable co-editors who headed the various sections. My editing ended with volume 34 in 1981, when Helderref took over the journal.

Note that Moreno emphasized Sociatry, or the Healing of Society.

Whatever the fate of this new journal, under whatever name, that is the guiding light we must remember and practice to honor its founder.

I wish the new publication a healthy, long, and productive life.

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