ABSTRACT:

This presentation will look at the two major strands in the counselling and psychotherapy profession – the manager practitioner discourse and the practitioner researcher relational discourse. It will briefly survey their history, the present state of affairs and will speculate about where they are leading us. Finally, and most importantly, it will discuss how we can position ourselves in relationship to them: a process which requires courage, colleagueship and consciousness-raising but is also rewarding and liberating.