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This second special edition of the ADR Bulletin will, I think, provide you with some very stimulating reading. Sharon Press, President of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR), provides an overview of some of the significant challenges that the ADR movement faces. She identifies six major trends:

- institutionalisation;
- regulation/codification;
- legislation;
- innovation; and
- internalisation and co-ordination.

Readers will find many parallels with what is happening in Australia.

Associate Professor Tania Sourdin provides some further cause for thought to those of us who are seeking the answers to the dilemma of evaluation. In her paper she provides a useful summary of several major recent efforts in this important area. She concludes optimistically that there may be 'a more coherent policy approach emerging and the Government and other key sectors are supporting quantitative and qualitative research in the ADR area'.

Bruce Argyle and Kerry Williamson's article titled 'Mediation Approaches Involving Larger Groups' should be of interest to those who are called upon to work outside the traditional two party paradigm. Behind the authors' comments lies over 10 years' experience of work with families, schools, communities and workplaces. Recognising the increased complexity faced by mediators in these situations their agency, Regional Extended Family Services (REFS), has adopted a number of strategies and approaches to achieve more positive outcomes.

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