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## Editorial

**W**e want to dedicate this publication to the survivors of torture – our clients who have had the strength to tell us their stories and the trust to share their life experiences. We have listened to the horrors that they had to go through, but we also feel privileged to have in many cases been witness to the wonderful transformation of destruction into new life.

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