

FEPTO General Assembly Grasse, 16th of March 2001

9 a.m.-12.30 a.m.

Members present: Council members - Renée Oudijk, Pierre Fontaine, Maurizio Gasseau, Dorothy Langley, Lolita Lopez, Eva Fahlström, Marcia Karp and Judith Teszáry. Members - Anne Ancelin Schützenberger, Chiara Baratti, Nel Bax, Tone Bjorneboe, Rainer Bosselmann, Kerstin Buckley, Jörg Burmeister, Nifont Dolgoplov, Manfred Drücke, Vanda Druetta, Agnes Dudler, Ildikó Erdelyi, Anna Esposito, Jutta Fürst, Evgeni Gentshev, Pirkko Hurme, Tonill Johnsen, Aku Kopakkala, Paola de Leonardis, Grete Leutz, Ildikó Mävers, Elisabeth Mlasko, Chantal Neve-Hanquet, Natalia Novitsky, Annette Pestalozzi, Eva Røine, Judith Rybko, Nicole Saenen, Wilma Scategni, Eva-Karin Strom, Galabina Tarashoeva, Sergey Ulyanitsky, Eduardo Verdu. Leni Verhofstadt-Deneve, András Vikar, Michael Wieser, Monica Westberg, Aris Zeilstra.

Guests: Several guests were present, u.w. Inci Doganer to represent the Özbek Psychodrama Institute of Turkey

Apologies received from: Ella Mae Shearon, Gábor Pinter, Christina Villares, Antonio Roma Torres, Oded Nave and Yaacov Naor.

42.0 The General Assembly was opened by the Chairperson Renée Oudijk. She opened by repeating the aims and objectives of FEPTO and of the task of the General Assembly. She proposed that Roberto de Inocencio would moderate the General Assembly and this was accepted.

42.1 The minutes of the last General Assembly were read. Every member received them in the FEPTO newsletter. They were approved. There were no matters arising from them.

43.0 Chairperson's Report: Renée Oudijk said that as she had published this report in the the Newsletter she would not repeat it in detail here. - As general remark she said that during her first year as chair she was confronted with an unexpected problem how to stay in an effective way in contact with each council- and committee member. She noticed that the FEPTO Board and the FEPTO Committees during the year 2000 found it difficult to formulate a common policy and work together in order to reach common goals. This had lots to do with the various cultures of maintaining contact, for instance how to handle the e-mail correspondence. As an example, as chair, every week she got lots of e-mails and letters that had to be answered, but at the same time important questions about matters of policy were only answered by some people. This makes it difficult to facilitate the process. She promised to give special attention to the communication problem and invited the members to give this matter more attention too.

- She noticed that there was a need to make more bye-laws and guidelines in FEPTO and would continue to facilitate this work.
- She told that there were greetings sent from other countries and read a letter from FEPTO written to the colleagues in Australia together at the Pacific Rim Conference while Anne Ancelin Schützenberger was there. She told also about the founding of the Psychodrama Network and pointed out that the members of FEPTO really can be proud at the work they have done during so many years. In this moment FEPTO is worldwide seen as an inspiring example for how to come together by other psychodramatists.

43.1 Vice-Chairpersons' Report:- As the report was written in the Newsletter, Pierre Fontaine did not repeat it, but continued to give the report from:

43.2 The European Affairs Committee. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, Renée Oudijk and Pierre Fontaine attended a meeting of the European Association of Psychotherapists (EAP) in Dublin in July. The question was if FEPTO wants to become a European Wide Organisation (EWO) in order to take care of the matter of Psychodrama Psychotherapy within the EAP. They reported that it was not in our best interests to join at the moment because:

- a) The EAP is an organisation of psychotherapy and we are in the first place a federation of training organisations. Is FEPTO in the moment interested in and/or ready for to take care/responsibility for psychodrama psychotherapy?
- b) Psychotherapeutic modalities which are not well known by FEPTO has entered the EAP and the question can rise do we want to cooperate with them?
- c) There is an organisational and a financial commitment involved and are we ready for that?
- d) Some members of FEPTO do not approve a EWO-membership of the EAP and it is feared that they may leave FEPTO if we do join.

Grete Leutz and Jörg Burmeister both pointed out that organisations can join independently if they wish. Pierre Fontaine responded that the question of National Membership is indeed a decision of the members within the structure of their country, but that here is the question if FEPTO want to become a member as European Wide Organization (EWO) in order to represent and take care of the Psychodrama psychotherapeutic modality within the EAP. The General Meeting takes notice from the complicate character of this matter and expresses the feeling that this is not the moment to take too urgent decisions.

43.3 Pierre Fontaine stated that the revised book on training was now published. He is selling it for 20 Euros per copy. It was 5 Euros cheaper than last time. There is a discount of 2 Euros if you buy 5 copies or more.

43.4 2nd Vice Chairperson's report: Maurizio Gasseau as vice chair in the Council sees it as his task to be a bridge between East and West, North and South. There is also a need to widen the scope of FEPTO by bringing in other countries, particular those of the Mediterranean area. He suggested that there should be a conference every two years and encourages students to be present.

43.5 Ethics Committee: as chair of the Ethics Committee Maurizio stated that there is a need to address ethics and the Committee is collecting the Codes of Ethics from the countries that have them in order to form guidelines for other psychodramatists.

43.6 Secretary's Report: Dorothy Langley reported that she had completed the minutes of the General Assembly and the Council meetings. She had also monitored the English language of the Newsletter and other FEPTO written work.

43.7 Treasurer's Report: Lolita Lopez reported that there had been an unavoidable delay in the hand-over process. She is responsible for the bank account in France and the past Treasurer, Renée Oudijk for the previous account in the Netherlands. She was elected in 24th March and did not receive the full accounts until 5th June. She started her accountancy at that point.

- In 2000 the expenses of Council members are not all deducted from the books as expenses are only paid after receiving original invoices. The bills will be paid accordingly.
The treasurer presented the Budget for 2000 and said that there is more money to go out than is received. She did several suggestions in order to close the budget. Alternatively we should raise the membership fee. It was proposed by the chairperson and some members (o.a. Gabriela) that the membership fee should be raised by 10% for the year 2002. The motion was passed with 27 votes for, 5 against and 1 abstention.
- Chairperson Renée Oudijk asked as part of the financial affairs the General Meeting to give the Executive allowance to deal with a debt of a member who quitted his membership and at the same time was not willing to pay his debts of former years. This allowance was given.

43.8 Auditors: Eduardo Verdu and Chantal Neve presented the audited account. They checked the books of the year 2000 (from 1st January till 31st December) and proposed to discharge both treasurers, which was accepted unanimously. They had also some suggestions for the accountancy and will take contact with the treasurer about that. They were unanimously reelected as auditors for the year 2001.

43.9 Annual General Meeting Committee: Eva Fahlström presented a model in action about passing information from one conference to another. FEPTO must learn from each General Assembly. An invitation from Nadia from Finland to hold the meeting of 2004 in Helsinki was received. The council asks Eva to take more specific information about this proposal. Till the moment there is more information they will take the offer of Finland gratefully in consideration.

43.10 Research Committee: Marcia Karp stated the goals of the Research Committee:-

- 1) To disseminate information about existing psychodrama research
- 2) To link research being done by FEPTO members
- 3) To inspire FEPTO members to do research
- 4) To report research experiences of colleagues in FEPTO

As she had already published her report in the Newsletter she did not repeat herself. She asked the members doing research or interested in starting research projects, to contact the Research Committee.

43.11 Membership Committee: Eduardo Verdu reported that there were only two members of the committee present-himself and Renée Oudijk. He stated that the present members of the committee found it very difficult to recommend members without having proper criteria for doing so. The statutes of FEPTO are not very accurate at this point. They have looked closely at the statutes, and come to the conclusion that at the moment membership in FEPTO can mean lots of things. Therefore they will start to make a protocol to handle the procedure and ask the Training Committee to work on minimal standards of training for applicants to present in order to become a member of FEPTO. They ask that these can be presented and if needed, voted for in the next General Assembly in Sofia. According to the current statutes of FEPTO they proposed that:

- 1) Dr. Abdülkadir Özbek Institute from Turkey meets the requirements needed to become a member of FEPTO with the exception of a legal form of organisation stipulated by the laws of the country. They have been in contact with the Özbek Institute that informs them that the legal forms will be sent to them. They therefore recommend the General Assembly to accept the Özbek

Institute as a new member of FEPTO on the condition that the missing documentation is presented to the Membership Committee within six weeks from the meeting.

2) The application from the Kivunim Institute founded by Oded Nave and Yaacov Naor lacked a list of certified psycho-dramatists. According to the statutes a list of certified psychodramatists should be presented in order to become a member. The Kivunim Institute believes they will have such a list by the end of the year. The Committee cannot recommend an approval of membership for this applicant at this time, but encourage them to apply as soon as they present a list

3) The application from the Psychodrama Institute for Europe, PifE, meets the requirements of membership in FEPTO as Accrediting Organisation with the exception of a list of certified psychodramatists. The committee has asked the president of PifE, Ildikó Mävers, and she informed them that such a list exists and will be presented to the Membership Committee right after the meeting in Grasse. The Membership Committee therefore recommends the General Assembly to welcome the Psychodrama Institute of Europe as a new member FEPTO with the condition that the missing documentation is presented to the Membership Committee within six weeks of today.

4) Last night the Membership committee received a fourth application from Psychodrama Helvetia, Switzerland. The application came in later than that normally accepted in general order to be treated for the General Assembly. It is written in German and lacks a formal structure of the accrediting documentation and a legal form of organisation stipulated by the laws of the country. The committee cannot therefore recommend the Psychodrama Helvetia as a member of FEPTO at this moment. They ask Psychodrama Helvetia to write a summary of the application in English and send in the missing documents needed according to the statutes of FEPTO, so that the General Assembly has the opportunity to vote on them in our next meeting in Sofia. The applications were available to the General Assembly before casting votes. The General Meeting votes unanimously for the proposal of the Membership Committee.

43.12 The Newsletter Committee: Judith Teszáry stated that there is a difference between being the chairperson of the Newsletter Committee and editing the FEPTO NEWS and she has been doing both. The Newsletter Committee is working on interchange between newsletters in Europe. There have been 2 issues of FEPTO NEWS. She invited everyone to send material and asked for news of Institutes as well, because the FEPTO News represents Member Organisations. She will put the FEPTO-news in Acrobat so people can print it out for themselves. It should save both time and money. But the next issues will come in paper by post People do like to be able to read papers. She asked to be informed of changes in addresses both postal and e-mails. Information, news and articles can be send to: judith.teszary@chello.se

The meeting was adjourned at 12.45 p.m. to continue later.

4.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

The General meeting reopened at 4.30 p.m.

43.13 Christina Villares had already published her report in the Newsletter. In her absence Pierre Fontaine brought an updated report that much work was done in Budapest on the topic of minimum standards. Pierre Fontaine is still working on the Questionnaire. There was a suggestion from Renee Oudijk of producing this Questionnaire at the website.

43.14 Ethics Committee: Maurizio Gasseau reported that the Committee is still collecting data and it is very difficult to collate. The committee is commencing from Moreno's statement of Ethics.

43.15 Website: in the absence of Antonio Roma Torres, Renée Oudijk informed the General Meeting about some ideas of Antonio as she discussed this matter with him during the IAGP meeting in Jerusalem. Antonio offered to make a separate page for every Committee in order to stay in better communication with interested members. He invites the chairs of every Committee to send him an introductory text and matters of interest and questions their committee wants to share with the members. He offers to make a link to the e-mail address of the chair of the committee. A questionnaire of the Training Committee, a protocol of the Membership Committee, the questions of the Newsletter Committee, the Research Committee and the Ethics Committee and matters of interest of all other committees can reach everyone who is able to connect with on the FEPTO homepage: www.fepto.go.to very easily.

44.0 Any Other Business: It was proposed by Renée Oudijk to create Anne Ancelin Schützenberger and Pierre Fontaine Honorary members for their work in FEPTO. It was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was also given to Grete Leutz for her work of 50 years.

45.0 Suggestions for the next meeting in Bulgaria:

- 1) Participants are issued with name labels and a list of participants be distributed before the meeting.
- 2) There is a need to have information from the Council transmitted by e-mail for speed of execution.

46.0 The meeting was closed with the Chairperson's remark that she learned that 'spontaneity without structure is chaos. She expressed her thank-fullness to the moderator Roberto and gave her compliments to all 55 participants that they succeeded in being together for so many hours around the central concerns of FEPTO, in an open and spontaneous way without falling into chaos.

The General Meeting closed at 6.00 p.m.