

General Assembly Sofia
14th of April 2002

47.0 Chairperson's report.

The report by Renée Oudijk was read in her absence by Aris Zeilstra

I will report you about the activities of the Council and of my duty to represent FEPTO by several occasions:

March 2001 in Grasse (France) the Council held four meetings.

July 2001 the Executive Council came together in Louvain-Belgium. The former Treasurer, Lolita Lopez, took part in this meeting. After that meeting she resigned, as reported in the Newsletter of December 2001.

August 2001 the Training Committee (Pierre Fontaine, Dorothy Langley and Renée Oudijk) came together for three days in Louvain-Belgium. October 2001 There was a 2 days Council meeting in Sofia-Bulgaria of nearly the complete Council together with the local organising committee (Galabina Tarashoeva, Evgeni Gentshev and David Ieroham).

December 2001 the Membership Committee (Ella Mae Shearon and Renée Oudijk) met in Cologne-Germany.

February 2002 the Board held a meeting in London-UK, at Marcia Karp's residence. Unfortunately I could not attend this meeting as I was working in Ghana at that moment.

April 2002 at the Annual Meeting of FEPTO in Bistritsa, Sofia, were four meetings of the Council, commencing the evening of Tuesday 9th April.

I now will mention a number of networking contacts where, together with participants, I developed some aspects of psychodrama and/or I had the honor to represent FEPTO.

April 2001, Bulgaria (Varna and Sofia), I met lots of psychodrama colleagues and also Gabi and Evgeni. With Evgeni I visited Bistritsa to take a first look at place and prices.

May 2001, Turkey- Bergama Conference. At that occasion I was invited by the members of the organising committee u.w Inci Doganer and Arsaluys Kayir to visit together with them the Mayor and the Head of the Police of Bergama and to lay flowers by the statue of Ataturk.

February 2002, not in Europe, but nevertheless important, I was very thankful to be invited by Father John Kirby of the Institute of Cross Cultural Studies and our friend Gong Shu from United States and Taiwan, to introduce cultural drama to local peace workers in Northern Ghana.

Sunday 7th April I was invited to take part of the final exam of the assistant level of the Bulgarian Association of Psychodrama. I could congratulate the trainers for the excellent standard of their candidates.

Last Monday and Tuesday I was invited to work at the pre-congress meeting, organized by the Bulgarian Association of Psychodrama. Together with Aris Zeilstra, I introduced the inter- and intrapersonality model of the "City of Axen" of Ferdinand Cuvelier. We developed this model in action and demonstrate it by using psychodrama as triad of Group Psychotherapy Sociometry and Theatre of Spontaneity.

9th April Last but not least as chair I was invited to make an official visit to the place where the Father of J. L. Moreno was born Plaven (Bulgaria). I visited the local Psychodrama Centre and got an interview from journalists of the local Newspaper.

As the General Assembly asks itself how much FEPTO money is involved in all this I am proud to say that only the expenses for the October Council Meeting in Bulgaria were on behalf of FEPTO. All other expenses for travel, lodging, food etc. were paid by the council members themselves.

As chairperson I saw it as my task to build strong interpersonal network and at the same time clear working relations. Important is to mention that during this year there were many e-mail contacts daily and a progress was shown in the way the council made use of the possibilities of the electronic highway. To be honest I must say that the council did not succeed in all what was in our minds and hearts to produce in 2001. You all will notice that the council members are hard working people. So the work for FEPTO has often to be done in weekends and in the very late or early hours, as could be seen at the time marked on the e-mails we send to each other. The change of the treasurer, the change of the lead in the membership committee and the training committee, puzzled us a lot. Also personal circumstances sometimes had to prevail - today this is the reason I cannot be with you.

In the period 2000-2001 the council members learned a lot from working for FEPTO, from each other and about each other. In spite of the work we did not realized, I am sure that the members of your FEPTO Council, together with the members of the committees, worked for FEPTO to their utmost. You will understand that to day I am proud to mention especially the work the members of the Annual Committee did for us. Their work made it possible to meet each other here in such a good atmosphere.

So to end my report, I like to thank you for the trust you put in us and in me. I am sure that listening to the reports of the Council members, you will get a good impression of the work the Council faced and the way we tried to take care of FEPTO matters.

47.1 Vice Chairperson's report

Pierre Fontaine reported on the committee for European Affairs.

At the General Assembly at Grasse, 2001 we decided not to join the European Association for Psychotherapy (EAP) at the moment. The reasons are in the minutes of Grasse. The first reason was perhaps not formulated enough. Here I try to express it better.

EAP is an organisation for psychotherapy, or better psychotherapists with three types of members: (1) individual members, (2) national psychotherapy umbrella associations and (3) European Wide Accrediting Organisations (EWAO) of a distinct therapy orientation with individual members. If we join we not only have to create a section of psychodrama-psychotherapy. But also create a Psychodrama-Psychotherapy Association with individual members, who are accredited by us as psychodrama-psychotherapists. This was complicated for us. We asked ourselves: "What do we miss if we don't join EAP?" I think:

(1) We don't have some type of European recognition for psychodrama and our psychodrama psychotherapists.

(2) We miss also the stimulating contact with other psychotherapy orientations in different committees on ethics, research etc.

(3) We don't feel the need to clear up our own situation and to agree about minimal training standards.

Activities: When we decided not to join EAP at the moment, we decided also to treat these omissions in alternative ways. We planned:

1. To discuss training and minimal standards.

– In August 17th - 19th 2001, Renée Oudijk, Dorothy Langley and I discussed about training standards studying English, American, Australian, Nordic, Dutch and Austrian models. Dorothy Langley made a two page summary and Renée Oudijk worked on it. -In September I presented at the Psychodrama conference in Iglo (Montenegro), a lecture on European psychodrama training "Unity in the Diversity".

– On a skiing vacation, Maurizio Gasseau and Jörg Burmeister discussed minimal training standards and phoned me about it. This subject was put on the agenda of the Sofia meeting. There were exchanges between Jörg Burmeister and me. I thank Maurizio Gasseau and Jörg Burmeister for their collaboration.

Personally I find the publication of a directory as important. (See Training committee).

2. **To stimulate the National Psychodrama Accrediting Organisations in their contacts with the National Umbrella Organisations of EAP** for psychotherapy members or not, Nel Bax took the initiative of contacting our Accrediting Organisations and send them a letter inviting them to a special meeting in Sofia.

3. **Contacts with other psychotherapy orientations.** I was asked to present psychodrama and write a chapter in a book edited by Mony Elkaim. It is a book about 12 different psychotherapy orientations published by Le Seuil in Paris. The last chapter is what do we have in common? We received the papers of the co-authors and were invited to Paris for discussions, where each author could explain his closeness and distances to the other psychotherapy orientations. It was possible to play like this spectrogram but we had met to talk about a book and we did so. I felt close to the Client Centred, to Gestalt-to Systemic therapy and to new orientations in Analytic Therapy. It was somewhat reciprocal.

4. **In July 2002 there will again be a World Congress of Psychotherapy in Vienna.** Maurizio Gasseau is organizing a panel on Psychodrama in Europe. There are other psychodrama presentations from our members.

5. **We also, at our London Council meeting, briefly discussed whether FEPTO should become an organizational member of the International Association of Group Psychotherapy, IAGP.** Marcia Karp gave me the address and I asked for general information and specific about the fee. What will our position be towards the International Psychodrama Association?

47.2 Treasurers Report

Chantal Nève-Hanquet reported difficulties in the take over, in September 2001 from Lolita Lopez. Accounts were not accepted by the auditor Eduardo Verdu as they were photocopies and not originals.

The General Assembly was then adjourned at 15.50 for a short emergency meeting of Council and was resumed at 16.15

Chantal Nève-Hanquet was not able to hand some vouchers to Eduardo.

Three members had been through the accounts with Chantal Nève-Hanquet and found them to be in order. It was noted that there were no formal regulations about the way documents should be handled. The present criteria of the auditor are Norwegian. Jörg Burmeister suggested there should be a protocol on how to hand in documents. **It was proposed that the 2001 accounts, with the amendments made by the Council, be accepted: 23 votes for, 7 against and no abstentions.**

Proposed: Marcia Karp

Seconded: Anne Ancelin Schützenberger

For 23, Against 7 - so the motion was carried

47.3 Secretary's Report

Dorothy Langley reported that she had taken the minutes of General Assembly, Council and Executive meetings, and had monitored written English where it was requested.

48.0 Membership Committee

Ella Mae Shearon reported that Renee Oudijk, Gábor Pintèr and she were the only members left on the Committee. They were pleased to inform the membership that:

1. **PiFE** sent in the missing documents. They have fulfilled the requirements for membership and we are pleased to have accepted them as a Member Training Organisation.
2. **Dr Abdülkadir Özbek Psikodrama** (Bergama, Turkey) has sent in the missing documents and is approved by the Membership Committee. They are accepted as a Member Training Organisation.
3. **APRAGI** was a member of FEPTO and the chairperson has written to say that the name has been

changed to APRAGIP. Maurizio Gasseau and Vanda Druetta are the representatives of this organisation in FEPTO.

4. **The group Analytical Association on Jungian Psychology and Psychodrama GAJAP** represented by Wilma Scategni (Italy). The papers are in order and in addition have been recommended by Giovanni Boria. The Membership Committee proposes acceptance.
5. **Psychodrama Helvetia, PDH**. The Swiss representative is Dr.Marianne Tobler- Schkiolziger. They applied to be an Accrediting Organisation last year in Grasse. The documents have been processed and discussed by the Membership Committee who recommends them as an Accrediting Organisation of FEPTO.
6. **The Association of Finnish Trainers in Morenian Psychodrama, MOPSI** in Helsinki has applied for Accrediting Organisation membership of FEPTO. Their documents are correct Founding Member Ritta Vuorinnen and Sirkku Aitolehti have recommended them. The Membership Committee proposes the General Assembly to accept their request to be an Accrediting Organisation of FEPTO
7. **The Psychodrama Society J. L. Moreno, SPJLM** of Romania, represented by Horatiu Nil Albin, have been processed and approved by the Membership Committee and we recommend the General Assembly to accept this institute as a Training Member of FEPTO.
8. **The Bulgarian Association of Psychodrama, BPA**, President Georgio Antonov and vice- president Dimo Stantchev has applied to become an Accrediting Organisation in FEPTO. They have been recommended by all Bulgarian Psychodramatists who are members of FEPTO. The Membership Committee has approved their application and asks the General Assembly to approve them.
9. **The Institute of Gestalt Therapy and Psychodrama, YCTAB** of Moscow, representative Nifont Dolgopolov, in Moscow has applied for membership as a Training Organisation. Information was presented to us in Russian. The Membership Committee requires a translation into English of the formal documented structure of curriculum. The Membership Committee recommends that the general Assembly accepts this Training Organisation in FEPTO **on condition that these requirements are met within 4 months**. They are to be sent to the Chairperson of the Membership Committee.
10. **The Kivunim Institute of Psychodrama**, applied last year for membership as a Training Organisation. The Membership Committee discussed the application with the Council and after carefully reviewing the application decided to propose the General Assembly do not accept their request to be a Training Organisation member of FEPTO.

48.1 Voting Procedures

Kerstin Buckley read Article 5 of the Constitution. The representative of an organisation if a fully paid up for 2001 can now vote if accepted as a member.

Voting	for	against	abstention
GAJAP	47	1	1
PDH	47	1	1
MOPSI	47	0	1
PS J. L. MORENO	47	2	1
GPI MOSCOW:	45	2	3
BULGARIAN ASS	47	1	1
KIVINUM INSTITUT	7	29	12

48.2 Honorary Membership

Greta Leutz was accepted as an honorary member proposed by Judith Teszáry, seconded by Pierre Fontaine agreed unanimously.

48.3 Annual Meeting Committee Report

Eva Fahlström reported:

It has been my duty to be the link between past and future organizers of FEPTO meetings.

In Budapest I co-ordinate a small informal meeting between the Hungarian organizers and Lolita Lopez, France.

In Grasse I tried to assist Lolita Lopez in her practical work with the organisation. I also co-ordinate an informal meeting between Lolita Lopez and the Bulgarian Organizers, Galabina Tarashoeva and Evgeni Gentshev.

In October I arrived four days earlier than the Council in order to meet part of Bulgarian psychodramatists and give a 2 day Play-Back workshop and a lecture demonstration at the Medical Academy Psychiatric Clinic. Above all I could spend time with Galabina Tarashoeva and try to understand some of the Bulgarian realities.

I hope it was helpful to the Sofia organisers that I arrived five days before our April meeting here in Sofia. I gave again a Play-Back workshop. Being close to Galabina Tarashoeva gave me a lot of insight about the enormous task she, Evgeni Gentshev and David Ieroham have undertaken. Renée Oudijk spent similar time with Evgeni Gentshev.

Future tasks for the next annual committee will be to be the link between the Bulgarian organisers and the Portuguese Association, in this meeting represented by Manuela Maciel Costa.

Further it has been my task to find more information about the Finnish Psychodrama Association's kind offer to host a FEPTO meeting in Helsinki in 2004. The representative of the Finnish Psychodrama Association in this FEPTO Sofia meeting is Aku Kopakkala. I strongly recommend FEPTO General Assembly to accept the kind invitation to meet in Finland after Portugal.

The acceptance of the offer to go to Finland for the 2004 General Assembly was unanimous.

48.4 Report of Research Committee.

Marcia Karp presented a written report.

During the last year we received a list of Empirical Psychodrama Research References since 1994 from Judith Teszáry. The list was compiled by Therapeutic Spiral International.

There are reports from Sweden of plans to carry out using Tom Treadwell's diagnostic instruments measuring interpersonal relationships: The Social Networks Inventory.

Also, Michael Wieser reports on work with psychodrama and psychosomatic illness. This is available on the psychosomatic website.

All other research shall be reported to this Committee

48.5 Newsletter Committee Report

Judith Teszáry reported two issues were published during the year 2001. It is costly and time-consuming in order to reduce the expenses and send out the news more often, the council in the London meeting decided to buy the Acrobat program and distribute the Newsletter to the members by e-mail which can be printed out by ACROBAT Reader (can be downloaded free from the net) and send paper copies to the ones who do not have e-mail and access to the internet.

The next Newsletter which is almost ready, consisting of 8 reports by our members will come after the Sofia meeting.

During the year, I have been working together with Galabina Tarashoeva on the program for this Sofia meeting and on making decisions of financial questions in concerns of this meeting together with Pierre Fontaine and Chantal Nève-Hanquet.

48.6 Report of the Training Committee

Christina Villares Oliviera was not present. Pierre Fontaine reported that he tried unsuccessfully to contact

her directly and through Antonio Roma Torres. Anne Schützenberger reported that Christina had written to her saying that she was not doing much psychodrama nowadays.

It was agreed to appoint a new chairperson at the next Committee meeting.

Pierre Fontaine distributed a written proposal entitled 'Training in FEPTO'.

He spoke about the importance of having a good directory about the training in FEPTO.

Pierre did a proposition to take care of such a directory, but want to have your reactions and your support, because it is not easy to put limits. He proposed the following content:

0. Introduction
1. FEPTO
 - 1.1 History -10 pages (he has made a draft for the first 5 years)
 - 1.2 Composition of the committees - 2 pages
 - 1.3 Committees: present situation and projects, 1 page for each committee.
2. Countries and Organisations - countries in the alphabetical order of their English name- For each country an history of psychodrama in that country (the text must have the agreement of all member organisations of FEPTO from that country (2p = 40p)
 - A list of all training organisations in each country, also those who are not FEPTO members (?) 1 p (done in 1995)
 - Each Organisation with its identity and training program 2p or 4p each = 80por120p
3. Trainers (main or senior trainers, TEP) Founding Members of FEPTO 1p + photo. How to limit this to important trainers in the Organisation? 100p
4. Bibliography of these trainers (or bibliography of who's who of trainers?). No more than 10 important publications, indicating the 3 most important trainers - total 15p
5. Synthesis about training and recommendations on minimal European standards?

48.7 Report of the Ethical Committee

Ildikó Mävers reported that the committee had contacted each other by e-mail and have studied various codes of practice. They hope to produce a FEPTO code.

48.8 International Affairs

Jörg Burmeister reported that there is a new proposal for Psychodrama organisations to join together at an international level. He recommended organisations to join the IAGP.

49.0 Retiring Council Members

Grete Leutz suggested that if people retire from the Council before the end of their 2 year period, they should be asked for written confirmation.

50.0 Scholarships

Pierre Fontaine recommended a collection to make a bridge fund for scholarships for non FEPTO Member Institutions/Organisations who intend to be one, for this meeting and possibly the next. This was agreed unanimously and a collection was immediately taken (since we cannot FEPTO money to non members).

50.1 Auditors.

It was agreed that two auditors, **Nel Bax** and **Aris Zeilstra** both from Holland will be appointed, to prevent the difficulties that had arisen with an auditor who could not see the receipts personally. There was some discussion as to the advisability of two auditors of the same country, but it was agreed that it would simplify matters.

50.2 Membership fee

Last year it was already agreed that the membership fee for 2002 be increased by 10% so it will be for:

Training Organisations	165 Euros
Accrediting Organisations	165 Euros
Founding Members	82.50 Euros

Members of the Council then retired as it was the end of their term of office.

The meeting closed at 6.00 p.m.

Election of the New FEPTO Council

The meeting opened again at 6.30 p.m.

1.0 Resignation

Ella Mae Shearon announced her resignation from the Council. Pierre Fontaine thanked her for her long service. She had been on the Council, prior to its inception as FEPTO.

2.0 Election for Council

The new council was elected by the membership as:

Eva Fahlström	47 votes	Marcia Karp	42 votes
Judith Teszáry	47 votes	Jutta Fürst	41 votes
Maurizio Gasseau	46 votes	Chantal Nève-Hanquet	40 votes
Pierre Fontaine	44 votes	Gábor Pintèr	33 votes
Dorothy Langley	43 votes	Renée Oudijk	31 votes

FEPTO secretary,
Dorothy Langley