

FEPTO-News

NEWSLETTER OF THE FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN PSYCHODRAMA TRAINING ORGANISATIONS

GENERAL TOPIC

May 1997: Assembly in Milano

Imagine Hotel Villa Rosa, lake Isco, near Brescia, some 80 km from Milano Italy, for the next historical FEPTO Assembly. Prepare yourself for an unforgettable professional event; one which will promote European exchange and cooperation in psychodrama as well as being stimulating and full of interesting experiences. Share in the formation of the future of FEPTO and help develop cross-national understanding and good-will among psychodramatists. The rapid growth of psychodrama in Europe demands our combined efforts to establish standards of practice and certification, as well as development of well-conducted research. Furthermore, some social events will surely be arranged for our personal pleasure and recreation. In short, book May 8-11 for FEPTO!

CONFERENCE TITLE:

CONTENTS OF PSYCHODRAMA TRAINING IN EUROPE:

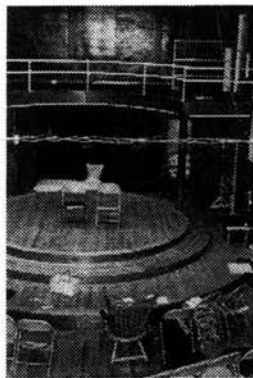
- THEORIES OF PERSONALITY;

- PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AND DIAGNOSIS;

- HEALTH & HEALING IN PSYCHODRAMA

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RENEE OUDIJK: TREASURER

Renee Oudijk (treasurer) reported on FEPTO's finances during the Council Meeting in Cologne:

As funds were transferred from the old ESCOPE account, the organization had a total of 9.000 German Marks.

At the present, the membership cost to belong to FEPTO is 150 German Marks per year. With 40 members the income next year should be 6000 German Marks.

There was a long discussion during the Cologne meeting regarding how to cover the costs of the various expenses and various ideas for individual and organizational membership fees were proposed.

Surely, we will find the best way to balance our finances in Milano.

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CHAIRPERSON

Greetings for 1997

Giovanni Boria, Ph.D. was elected chairperson for the executive council of FEPTO. What is his vision for FEPTO? In an exclusive interview to the Newsletter, he said:

"Dear FEPTO member,

The new year brings you a concrete sign of the FEPTO presence with this first issue of our Newsletter. As you know, our federation is trying to reach its purposes through the activity of the following committees:

Assembly (chair: Y. Nao)

Membership (chair: E. Koberl)

Newsletter (chair: P. F. Kellermann)

Relations with the European Union (chair: P. Fontaine)

Research (chair: J. Burneister)

Training (chair: G. Rojas-Bermudez)

Inside you will find a report from some Committee chairs, to keep you updated about the situation of our organization at the end of 1996. As you see, at this moment we are busy working on two main points:

- 1) to prepare our next General Assembly (Italy, May 1997) in such a way that we can get from it the best results.
- 2) to get a FEPTO legal statute, so we can relate soon to the European Union.

I am sure that we will fulfill our expectations with the participation of all of us.

I take this opportunity with the first issue of our Newsletter to send you my best wishes for the newborn 1997!"

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Greetings from Ella-Mae

Vice Chairperson/Secretary of FEPTO

At this closing of the memorable year of 1996, in which the founding of FEPTO was established, it is now time for us to reconstruct in our feeling and thinking as founding members of FEPTO the emotion that we felt as we lay our pens to sign as founding members in the spirit of ex-change, working together and regeneration. We joined together for a Federation of European Psychodrama Training Organizations from 18 countries to share our hopes, inspirations, aspirations, strivings, and Psychodrama Training orientations, and, united ourselves to create one common goal - a strong FEPTO dedicated to the highest Psychodrama competence among European countries.

Your council members have worked and combined their efforts to amend the 1st published Constitution February 17, 1996, so that it may better meet our needs to attain legal status for psychodrama recognition in Europe. Our first step is to obtain recognition in Belgium, this laying the way in time for legal recognition in all of our respective countries. This project is being spearheaded by Pierre Fontaine, chair of the Relationship with the European Union Committee. The rewritten Constitution is being translated into English, German and French in order to facilitate the project.

The Council and executive officers are planning a professional and rewarding meeting in Milano, May 7-8, 1997. We need particular input from you regarding the themes that we have chosen:

Contents of Psychodrama Training:

- Theory of Personality
- Psychopathology and Diagnosis
- Health and Healing

If your training organization has written materials, and papers that you use in your training (available in English translation), please mail me a copy so that we may begin organizing for Milano.

Reminder: Thank you for sending a copy of your passport or legal documentation to me. If you have not yet sent yours, please do so as soon as possible.

Until Milano, *Ella Mae Shearon*

Committee for Relations with the European Union

Pierre Fontaine

On March 13th, Giovanni Boria got in contact with me about FEPTO's project to create a Committee for Relations with the European Union, who's function it is to obtain recognition. The first task was to get a legal statute for FEPTO, which can then be transferred to European Union.

At the European Union, it appears that any legal statute in a member country gives an

European legality. Belgium is very open for international organizations. Taxes are high, but there are no taxes if one doesn't have houses or employ people in Belgium. If we choose for a Belgium legal statute, there are two possibilities for a non-profit making organization with scientific and educational goals like our:

1. Law of 1921 on non-profit making organizations. It is easy and rapid but article 16 says 2/3 of the founding members must be of Belgian nationality. But the Maastricht treaty says that all citizens from European Union have the same rights as Belgian citizens.
2. Law of 1919 on international scientific organizations. It is more free and adapted to an international context, however it is necessary to obtain an agreement by the Minister of Justice, who wishes to know that we are not e.g. an hidden terrorist organization. This process takes time.

In both cases, we have to make some changes to our constitution but I think these changes are logical and they are somewhat identical in both cases. We had contacts with different jurists, and with the Federation of International Associations established in Belgium (FIAB) (4000 member organizations).

I met with Giovanni, Ella and Renée, who necessarily are members of such a Committee, in August in Cologne to discuss these modifications. In September the Council met in Cologne and the proposed modifications were approved, on that level, and the Committee was officially created, consisting of G. Boria, E.Mae Shearon, R. Oudijk, G. Leutz, G. Hogberg, and P. Fontaine (chairman).

We translated the new proposed constitution to French and tried to solve different little problems. We asked G. Boria for an approval and sent the French translation to the Min. of Justice to know if these propositions can be accepted and to let them know about our activities.

Timing: We hope to have discussions in January, a provisional agreement in February, send it to all members in March get answers before April 6th and have one month for final reaction and discussion with the Ministry to know what alternative redactions can be accepted and what not.

It must be presented to the General Assembly in Sulzano (village on Iseo lake), near Milano, and signed to get a rapid agreement by the Minister. If we have difficulties we can switch by changing one sentence and found an association according to the 1921 law. We hope to be approved and published in the *Moniteur* before 1/10/97.

a new book on the life of J.L. Moreno & on Psychodrama by June & Paul Hare was recently published by SAGE in their series of the founders of psychotherapy

FEPTO Training Committee

Graciela Rojas-Bernudez

It is one of the aims of this committee to work towards some consensus about basic definitions in PD training to further reach some shared standards that serve to our mutual recognition (as we all agreed in our working meetings in Louvain).

We begun by centering on some points in part taken from a questionnaire made by Pierre Fontaine and others, and had some exchange of views about them to help to clarify the different ways of thinking about PD training. We accorded the importance of focusing on the contents of the PD training more than on the number of hours. Some main points open to further discussion were posed:

- concepts and consideration of PD by the different organizations and countries (PD as creative or therapeutic method, etc.)
- methods for training PD practice; types of practice
- personal therapy/self experience: individual/group PD therapy
- supervision; the need to see various models of supervision
- specific problems in PD training

These points were developed by means of a questionnaire, divided in two parts. The first one will be sent to all members of FEPTO. We look forward to receive answers and organize this material for discussion in our next meeting.

FEPTO Research Committee

Jorg Burmeister

The subject of our committee is the research foundation of psychodrama in Europe. Research, covers different methodological core aspects and links thereby metatheory, methodology, diagnostic, application and documentation. Moreno himself defended the necessity of research and scientific basis not only for psychodrama, but for psychotherapy as a whole during decades. Today research is regarded as important to guarantee high standards of psychotherapeutic practice. Research in psychodrama reflects the diversity of conceptions of what psychodrama is. What are the most challenging questions and tasks of our committee? Right now, our main concern will be centered upon:

1. a consensus about "basic" theory and/or terminology in psychodrama
2. defining recommendations/standards for process-oriented research in PD
3. defining goals and methods for outcome research in PD

To be continued in the next issue of this newsletter.