

The EGATIN committee held its intermediate committee meeting (number 80) in Turvey 25-27th January 2008. Very unfortunate the chairman and secretary (and hostess of the arrangement) were unable to participate because of illness and decease in the near family. However, the remaining five members of the committee worked hard in spite of the changed conditions.

The committee found that the study days in Budapest became a fine balanced international scientific and social event which supported EGATINS function as a network. The fine collaborative work done by Piroska Komlosi was acknowledged. Future study days are already on the drawing board. Heribert Knott will make contact with members of the German institutes for arranging study days in Heidelberg 2009.

Jane Campbell has announced that she will step down from the committee, but we have already got a supplement in Amélie Noack, who will take the function as the secretary. We thank Jane for the sometimes troublesome job of bringing the committee discussions on paper. Zoe Voyatzaki from the IGA-Athens was elected as 'chair elect', and the committee has high hopes for Zoe in that function.

We are also looking forward to the Dublin European symposium in August, where the EGATIN AGORA is taking place on Tuesday evening as an open plenary. The discussion will be on the theme: 'Dialogue between countries and generations - 20 years of EGATIN'.

A fish bowl for discussion of the future development and collaboration of the four different group psychotherapy organizations (EFPP, IAGP, GAS and EGATIN) has been arranged with participation of the chairmen.

Further has EGATIN arranged for a subplenary with the title: 'Group Analytic Identity - Training and Clinical Challenges'.

We have had an invitation from Earl Hopper and Dieter Nitzgen on behalf of GAS to participate in establishing study groups for the reading of Foulkes work, starting with book number one. I have answered them that I don't find it a priority of EGATIN's, but would encourage any Institute interested to participate and to do that within the GAS context.

For your chairman and his fellow members of the working party of the development of the European certificate for psychoanalytic psychotherapy, no meetings has been held since the EFPP meeting in Copenhagen in May 2007. Maybe the pressure for such a certificate has diminished. And there are still some disagreements to solve in all three sections.

The web site is updated and will eventually be more loaded with minutes and newsletters etc. Nobody has yet used the option for changing names and addresses of delegates here. Please remember to inform Heribert Knott, me or the website of any changes in delegates name or addresses.

We have been asked by two members independently, Paula Carvalho and Bettina Fink, about the organization and extension of training in our home institutes. There seems to be a sustained interest in these factual information, to keep up with the history and to compare and develop our own organizations. It was decided in Budapest at the policy meeting that at survey should be initiated in the auspices of EGATIN. There have been some preliminary questionnaires about this. They can be the foundation of a more worked through edition developed by participants in this task force research group. I will recommend that EGATIN also support this investigation economically.

There are probably much more, but we can take it when we see each other in Oslo.

- Don't forget to enjoy spring time.

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Chair of EGATIN