European Psychoanalytical Federation

23rd Annual Conference

Passion, Love and Sexuality in Psychoanalysis

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Hilton London Metropole
225 Edgware Road
Dear Colleagues,

our chosen theme for the 23rd annual EPF-conference from March 25th to 28th 2010 in London will be: Passion, love and sexuality in psychoanalysis. Now, in the course of more than 100 years may one not, indeed, say that all has been said concerning these matters and we as psychoanalysts may confidently turn our attention to new and, maybe, more promising issues? On the other hand, we have plenty of good reason to exactly doubt this.

The works of Sigmund Freud, especially his „Three Essays on Sexuality“ (1905) led to unforeseeable changes in the way psychic conflicts and neurotic illnesses were to be conceived of and proved to have an enormous influence upon all areas of human life. The new possibilities for therapy and the cultural changes that opened up, since then have been the subject of a wide range of continual and deepening theoretical and clinical working through and have spread out into an ever widening field of possible applications.

This was, roughly speaking, followed by a second phase in the development of the psychoanalytic theory of method, clinical technique and theory of culture and civilisation initiated by the ground-breaking work of Karl Abraham and Melanie Klein: that is, the intensive, still ongoing preoccupation with (self-)destructive forms of human expression (death-instinct, envy and narcissistic rage).

In the course of this second phase the primary concern with the sexual- and the life-instincts more and more receded into the background. As a corollary of this, related themes have almost disappeared from the theoretical and clinical discussions. Without anticipating the results of future empirical investigations one could purport that the analysis, the representation and conceptualisation of sexual desire is hardly on the agenda any more although its importance cannot be doubted. What happened? Do we nowadays really live in a time where it could be said that by parents and society love and sexuality are handled and dealt with in a conflict-free way? A brief glance into the media seems to confirm this view. Yet, have the sexual taboos really been removed? Can really „anything“ be shown and talked about anxiety-free? What a curious contradiction in terms when one comes to think of human intimacy! Isn’t it, rather, nearer at hand to suggest that previous forms of repression and denial have returned unnoticed in the guise of an apparent conflict-free attitude, multiform bustling activities respectively a lifestyle of „easy going“ and „coolness“?

Recent clinical presentations, case studies and clinical discussions keep, implicitly or explicitly, circling around another phenomenon: the surprised analyst. High frequency analyses begun upon „average“ expectancy eventually end up in an impasse and being at a loss since an increasing number of patients nowadays are, directly or indirectly, communicating to us that they do not experience themselves as „subject“, as coherent other, but, unconsciously, are and have been exclusively preoccupied with living up to and comply with the supposed or real demands respectively expectations of their analyst. They convey that they cannot believe nor experience that it is really them whom it is spoken of. Analysands and/or analysts finally have to admit that the supposed addressee of interventions and interpretations, a mature ego-self, that is, does exist only in rudimentary form or, worse yet, even as a mere semblance. Those analysands I have in mind here sooner or later intimate to their analyst that they have no idea about what they themselves are experiencing nor about what their desires and wishes are. The surprise is in realising that the analyst is not vis-a-vis a „whole“ person but a person obviously without ego-self. This is an extremely disturbing recognition reducing the interplay between the analysand’s free associations and the analyst’s free floating attentiveness ad absurdum. In other words, patients hardly dispose any more of the capacity to be alone in the presence of their analyst (cf. D. W. Winnicott, 1958. The Capacity to be Alone).

This phenomenon is reflected in today’s society which cherishes the illusion about there being total freedom of opinion-making and -expressing. But the opinion of the „mainstream“ is increasingly influenced by the dictatorship of the media and the „world wide web“. The individual is in danger of being deprived of developing his/her own self. In a world rapidly increasing in complexity and non-uniformity the opportunity to give shape to one’s own feelings
and affects within subjective triangular structures is more and more decreasing.

Just as we certainly cannot dispense with the framework of civilisation and culture in order to control and truly liberate our instinctual life (Sigmund Freud) we, at the same time, have also to be conscious of and pay due reference to our humane instinctual needs so that we may be capable to really feel our own self. The self cannot develop and take shape without the subject’s deep acknowledgement of his sexual, libidinal, that is: bodily needs. Its foremost these needs that inform us, make sentient beings of us and which give us the certainty that we exist. Therefore, is psychoanalysis and the psychoanalytic method incompatible with the ‘Zeitgeist’? As early as 1982 Wolfgang Loch, quoting Max Horkheimer, expressed serious doubts whether future social conditions will be such that the necessary time will still be available for the individual and, as a consequence of it, for psychoanalysis in order to offer the individual self the possibility to develop on its own terms and thus facilitating self-recognition, self-possession and self-realisation.

It’s precisely in the face of this development of the subject living in a society which, though uniformed by the media, prides itself on being pluralistic whereas at the same time – nolens volens – more and more restricting the integrity and the freedom of the subject that we have to earnestly ask ourselves if – in order to nevertheless guarantee the developmental possibilities of the individual – it shouldn’t be our foremost and primary task not to neglect the questions of sexuality, love and human passions.

In the name of the EPF Executive and Council, the Chair of the Programme Committee (Ronny Jaffé), the Presidents of the hosting British Psychoanalytic Societies (Sharon Raeburn / BPA and Michael Brearly / BPAS) as well as the President of the Local Organisation Committee (Jan Harvie-Clark / BPA) I warmly invite you to London.

As in previous years, so in London too, the variation in offerings has been maintained. There will be many very interesting panels and ‘individual papers’ on the main theme of the conference as well as smaller clinical groups of the working parties (some of them to take place before the conference); there will be an additional new offer of working in small clinical groups (‘Deutungsoptionen’, interpretative options), a special offer of Adhoc-Groups, ‘Film and Psychoanalysis’, different forums, special panels „On Research“, „Meet-the-Society“ (The Australian Psychoanalytical Society) and „Meet-the-Author“ (Irma Brenman Pick).

We hope that the London conference too will prove a forum of exchange and understanding where members and candidates meet in a climate of mutual respect thus promoting integration of the manifold European psychoanalytic ‘landscapes’ as they all will be united in the plenary meetings with the main speakers: Anna Ferruta (Milano), Jacques André (Paris), Gregorio Kohon (London), Moises Lemlij (Sao Paolo) and the discussants: Jean-Michel Quinodoz (Geneva), Cathy Bronstein (London), Ilka Quindeau (Frankfurt) and Ruth Stein (New York).

At the request of the IPA and its new President Charles Hanly we will be looking forward to using the opportunity of the London EPF-Conference to celebrate through a special event during the course of the conference the centenary of the International Psychoanalytic Association. To this special event „Meet-the-IPA“ (Saturday, the 27th of March, 14.30h - 17.30h) not only the participants of the conference, the members and candidates of the European Societies including participating guests from North- and South-America but also interested scientists, experts and students from other or related disciplines as well as the interested public and the press are very warmly welcome.

We warmly invite you all to London!

Peter Wegner
(Präsident der EPF)
Friday, March 26, 2010

08:30-10:30 First Plenary on the Main Theme (simultaneously translated)
- Passion, love and sexuality in psychoanalysis
  Peter Wegner (EPF President), Michael Brearly (British Soc)
- Freud’s three essays on sexuality revised
  Anna Ferruta (Italian Soc), Jean-Michel Quinodoz (Swiss Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Anne-Marie Sandler (British Soc)

11:00-12:30 Special Panel on Research (simultaneously translated)
- Psychoanalysis: What kind of a science (and is one)?
  André Haynal (Swiss Soc), Antonino Ferro (Italian Soc) as discussant
  Joachim Küchenhoff (Swiss Soc) as discussant, Chair: Serge Frisch (Belgian Soc)

11:00-12:30 Parallel Panels on the Main Theme
- Male sexuality (Panel in English)
  Teresa Olmos de Palmos (Madrid Assoc), Dana Birksted-Breen (British Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Heribert Blaß (German Assoc)
- Passion and destruction (Panel in English)
  Anna Nicolo (Italian Soc), Erwin Kaiser (German Assoc) as discussant
  Chair: Herbert Kley (German Assoc)
- Infantile sexuality (Panel in English)
  Susann Heenen-Wolff (Belgian Soc), Roberto Basile (Italian Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Anders Zachrisson (Norwegian Soc)

14:30-16:00 Parallel Panels on the Main Theme
- Body and sexuality (simultaneously translated)
  Christophe Dejours (French Assoc), Brian O’Neill (British Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Reinhold Plassmann (German Assoc)
- The capacity of desire (Panel in English)
  Jan Abram (British Soc), Vincenzo Bonaminio (Italian Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Alexandra Billinghurst (Swedish Assoc)
- Crimes and passion: The analysis of a domestic assault (Panel in English)
  Donald Campbell (British Soc), Camilla Bargum (Finnish Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Aleksandar Vuco (Belgrad Soc)

14:30-16:00 Special Panel: Meet-the-Society (Panel in English)
  Australian Psychoanalytical Society
- The Tyranny of distance
  Maria Teresa Hooke (Australian Soc), incl. a film presentation by Joan Thompson (British Assoc)
- Freedom in the world (t.b.c.)
  The creative developments
  David Tuckett (British Soc) as discussant
  Chair: John McClean (Australian Soc)

16:30-18:00 Parallel Panel on the Main Theme (Panel in French)
- Adolescents, pulsions sexuelles et psychose
  Alain Gibeault (Paris Soc), Francois Ladame (Swiss Soc) as discussant, Chair: NN

16:30-18:00 Individual Paper Presentations (for details please check the programme folder)

16:30-18:00 Film Presentation
- The Blank Screen
  by Paolo Boccara and Giuseppe Riefolo (2001, 55 min)

16:30-20:00 Film Presentation
- 1919
  a film by Hugh Brody (1986, 99 min)

18:30-20:00 Meet-the-Author: Irma Brenman Pick (British Soc)
  Gigliola Fornari Spoto (British Soc), Sally Weintrobe (British Soc) as discussants
### Saturday, March 27, 2010

**09:00-10:30 Second Plenary on the Main Theme** *(simultaneously translated)*
- **Love in the transference. Primary identifications and maternal images**
  Gregorio Kohon (British Soc), Ilka Quindeau (German Assoc) as discussant
  Chair: Eva Schmid-Gloor (Swiss Soc)

**11:00-12:30 Parallel Panels on the Main Theme**
- **Absence of love and passion** *(simultaneously translated)*
  Evelyne Sechaud (French Assoc), Kenneth Robinson (British Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Tamara Stajner Popovic (Belgrade Soc)
- **On the anxiety to talk about love. Clinical presentation** *(Panel in English)*
  Gerd Schmithüsen (German Assoc), Denny Panitz (Hellenic Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Marta Badoni (Italian Soc)
- **Passion and omnipotence** *(Panel in English)*
  Anna Potamiano (Hellenic Soc), Maria Teresa Flores (Portuguese Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Voytec Hanbowski (Polish Soc)

**14:30-17:30 Special Panel** *(simultaneously translated)*
- **Meet-the-IPA: IPA 100th Anniversary Celebration**
  Charles Hanly (IPA President), Warren Poland (American Assoc), M. Leuzinger-Bohleber (German Assoc), Alcira Mariam Alizade (Argentine Soc) (t.b.c.) and René Roussillon (Paris Soc)
  Chair: Charles Hanly (Canadian Soc)

**14:30-16:00 Parallel Panels on the Main Theme**
- **The analyst's passion and the appropriation of subjectivity** *(Panel in English)*
  Viviane Chetrit-Vatine (Israel Soc), Susann Heenen-Wolf (Belgian Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Haydée Faimberg (Paris Soc)
- **Bisexuality** *(Panel in English)*
  Patrick Miller (Psychoanalytic Soc), Annalisa Ferretti Levi Montalcini (Italian Assoc) as discussant
  Chair: Leena Klockars (Finnish Soc)

**14:30-18:00 Parallel Panel on the Main Theme**
- **Love and sexuality in children, adolescents and adults** *(Panel in English)*
  Rosine Perelberg (British Soc)
  NN, Chair: NN

**16:30-18:00 Parallel Panel on the Main Theme**
- **Le corps de la femme dans la relation amoureuse.** *(Panel in French)*
  La flamme et la braise
  Monica Horovitz (Paris Soc), Laura Ambrosiano (Italian Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Luis Martin Cabre (Madrid Assoc)

**16:30-20:00 Parallel Panel on the Main Theme**
- **The sphinx and the riddles of passion, love and sexuality** *(Panel in English)*
  Sylvia Zwettler-Otte (Vienna Soc), Stefano Bolognini (Italian Soc), Rainer Gross (Vienna Soc)
  Chair: Alain Gibeault (Paris Soc)

**18:30-20:00 Meet-the-Author**

### Sunday, March 28, 2010

**09:00-12:30 Third Plenary on the Main Theme** *(simultaneously translated)*
- **Passion, love and sexuality in today psychoanalysis**
  Jacques André (French Assoc), Catalina Bronstein (British Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Serge Frisch (Belgian Soc)
- **Passion, terror, sexuality and death instinct: Reflections on Sendero Luminosa**
  Moisés Lemlij (British Soc / Peru Soc), Ruth Stein (Israel Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Peter Wegner (German Assoc)
Individual Papers
Friday afternoon, Saturday afternoon

This section of the conference is intended to allow members of the EPF component societies (including candidates) to become more involved with the EPF scientific work and to submit their ongoing clinical work and research for peer discussion and debate. It is also possible for smaller groups to submit their work. The evaluation of previous conferences showed that these sessions were highly appreciated by the presenters as well as the participants. Submitted papers will be selected by the Programme Committee.

If you are interested in presenting please see www.epf-fep.eu for application form and instructions on submitting your work. Submitted papers should be no more than 8-12 pages / maximum 21600 letters. Deadline for submission: 31st October 2009. Enquiries to geber@t-online.de

How to participate in a small group workshop?

A number of pre-registered workshops and discussions on various themes have been described in this leaflet and more details can be seen regularly updated on the EPF website. Those registering online will have the opportunity to select one or more groups during the registration process. Those who register by post or fax should mark their choices on the registration form.

You can select one option for each day that you will be at the conference. If you wish to take part it is essential that you apply within the deadline given in the registration form.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU CAN ONLY SELECT ONE OPTION PER DAY.
The WPCCM aims, rigorously, to try to compare how different psychoanalysts work making the assumption that those who accept the invitations to present are doing “real” psychoanalysis. It has developed a new kind of clinical discussion aiming to help psychoanalysts understand their way of working and how it compares with other ways of doing psychoanalysis: it is called the two-step method and is described in our book Psychoanalysis Comparable and Incomparable.

An experienced colleague will present. The task is to determine the specific method of doing psychoanalysis adopted by the presenter. The method of discussion involves a degree of formality and focus, which, perhaps surprisingly, has turned out to allow a much deeper psychoanalytic reflection. In the groups the presentation and preliminary clinical discussion take about three hours. Another three hours are then devoted to step 1, when the group will try to look at each “intervention” the presenter made in depth to try to decide what it seems to have been intended to achieve and what implicit and explicit ideas about psychoanalytic work lie behind it. Another three hours will be devoted to step 2. Here the aim is to consider different elements of the analyst’s approach and to create an overall picture of how an analyst works based on these components.

The CCM method is now being adopted in groups in meetings around the world. It usually works properly and when it does is very different. It is part of a wider project within the EPF and IPA to explore and learn from clinical differences so that we can better define the essence of the psychoanalytic method.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to be part of the wider project on subsequent occasions.

In London there will be up to six groups of about twelve people using the method. Each group will be made up of colleagues from different European societies. (All groups will work so that non-English mother tongue speakers are helped to express themselves. At least one will use French – if there is sufficient demand. Please indicate if you can use French because this group only works if it includes people who speak French from a wide range of orientations). Groups will start meeting at 16.00h (precisely!) on Wednesday and finish at 20.00h. They will then continue all day until 18.30h on Thursday with breaks for lunch and coffee. The time allows a more in-depth experience.

These workshops have been oversubscribed every year. Priority will be given to past participants but also to new participants applying before Christmas. Moderators will be from among the following: Roberto Basile, Olivier Bonard, Dana Birksted-Breen, Michael Diercks, Dimitri James Jackson, Marc Hebbrecht, Mary Heller, Eike Hinze, Paola Mariotti, and David Tuckett (WP Chair).

Please Note: Groups begin on WEDNESDAY 24th March at 16.00h. This allows participation in many other conference events, including other working parties. Those wishing to take part should attend all sessions of their group. Please be sure to state the languages you can speak on the application form.

If you are an experienced psychoanalytic clinician (10 years in practice) and would like to present some of your ordinary work within one of these groups please let the conference organizers know as soon as possible: geber-reusch@t-online.de
While attempting to develop new ways to approach our discussion on clinical issues, it seems inevitable that at the same time we keep in mind as psychoanalysts our constructs (we cannot not have a theory). It would be an illusion to imagine that we fully understand the basic assumptions of the presenter (underlying his particular way of working) by translating into our own psychoanalytical language what the presenter is trying to convey. Each analyst/translator has his own basic assumptions with which he translates. We shall go on with the task of co-creating a language to discuss differences and understand the presenter’s work. More often than we think clinical material is heard from one chosen implicit basic assumption (recognised or not).

It is part of our goals to train ourselves in listening not only to recognise the presenter’s clinical assumptions but also to recognise our assumptions as well. We shall try to understand from which theory we are listening to the presenter as well as trying to understand from which theory the presenter is listening to his patient and interpreting or not interpreting. We explore the impact that the theoretical assumptions of each participant have on the discussion itself.

In this kind of dialogue we would be using the function of ‘listening to listening’ which I had initially limited to the psychoanalytical listening in the session. That is, to listen to how each intervention in the discussion of the group is heard by the others in a particular context of the discussion. From the gap existing between what the participant thought he was saying and how he was heard we begin to co-create a language to understand the psychoanalytical complexity of each issue. By “listening to how each participant listens to each other“, the sources of misunderstanding may appear and so we begin to recognise the basic assumptions of each participant. Thus, listening to misunderstanding is a valuable tool to discover different implicit basic assumptions.

The analyst presents the sessions, divided in sequences, which allows that in each sequence the group can discuss in the position of not-knowing what would happen afterwards – which was the original position of the presenter as an analyst. This way of presenting and discussing material has become our shared style in this Forum.

We take time (one day and a half) to reflect on ways of understanding the articulation between modes of working and underlying basic assumptions. It is important to share the whole time exchange.

The moderators are: Nicole Carels and Stefan Ballint, Laura Ambrosiano and Dieter Bürgin, Catalina Bronstein and Antoine Corel, Michael Sebek.

Because we are every year overbooked we recommend to those who are interested in this activity to ask to participate by e-mail to the chair Haydee Faimberg: h.faimberg@orange.fr if possible not later than 1st December 2009. Participants of the last year have priority. Please write a short presentation and indicate the languages you understand and speak. We have a group on Wednesday from 17.00h up to 20.00h, which continues on Thursday from 09.00h up to 17.45h (English speaking) and other groups (English or French speaking) on Thursday from 09.00h up to 17.45h, which continues on Friday from 14.30h up to 17.45h. For reasons of methodology in the discussion participants should engage to be present the whole time.

As a reminder the articles some of the participants have read before (written by Haydee Faimberg) are:
‘Listening to listening’, Int. J. Psycho-Anal., 77: 667-677;
Both papers are reprinted as Chapters 7 and 8 in Haydee Faimberg The Telescoping of Generations: Listening to the Narcissistic Links between Generations, London and New York, Routledge 2005.
The WPSPTT offers two interconnected aspects:

• It is a standing research group integrated into the research programme of the EPF;
• It propounds a special way of working in small clinical groups. The clinical exchanges, in particular on an international basis, form an important and fruitful experience in psychoanalysis today.

As a research group, it aims at defining and working through the principal parameters at work in psychoanalytic treatment as it is practiced today in its diverse theories and practices. Treatment is understood in its double meaning of therapeutic modality and transformation of unconscious material. The ‘result’ of the analytic process is then assessed in the characteristics of psychic productivity. Treatment also includes a reflection on the character and modalities of oral and written analytic narration.

Contrary to other kinds of research activity, the methodology does not precede its application but arises and will arise gradually out of the practice of group work on material consisting of analytic sessions. It is a matter of research in action. The method is thus conceived as ‘the possibility of reconstituting the path along which one has travelled without having had a clear consciousness of it’ (Lalande).

The small clinical groups are made up of 12 to 15 analysts from different analytic cultures working for a day and a half on the same clinical material. The method of the working party we apply was inspired, with some variation, by that of J. Norman and B. Salomonsson, and also that of J.-L. Donnet. This method depends on an analogy between the analytic session and its narrative in a group reacting to the listening and diffracting the analyst’s counter-transference as well as the unrecognised aspects of the patient’s transference. The presenter relates no more than necessary of the session content (speech, affects, and actions) without giving any indication concerning biography, the history of the analysis or the setting. He then remains silent without responding to the questions raised by the group. The fundamental rule of the group is to associate freely on the material. The group thus ‘constructs’ the patient, each participant using his explicit and implicit theoretical references. The divide between theory and practice (J.-L. Donnet) thus becomes reality and makes its exploration possible.

The presenter then takes up his place in the discussion and lends his thoughts and feelings to the group work. This step enables the group to assess après-coup the constructions worked through during the preceding step.

In London there will be up to 6 groups including 1 or 2 French speaking groups. Moderators will be: Jan Abram, Leo Bleger, Stefano Bolognini, Catherine Desvignes, Bien Filet, Serge Frisch, Luc Michel, Nicole Minazio, Evelyne Sechaud, Jonathan Sklar, Philippe Valon, Eva Weil.

Please note that the groups will take place on Thursday 09.00h to 18.30h. And there will be a plenary session on Friday late afternoon. Those wishing to take part should attend all sessions of their group.

Those wishing to participate in one of these groups should write soonest to geber-reusch@t-online.de and sfrisch@pt.lu
Free Clinical Groups (FG) – Interpretive Options  
Thursday afternoon

The six new clinical groups for the London Conference are being run on an experimental basis for the time being. Their method stems from an idea of Wolfgang Loch’s, who spoke about interpretative options in relation to the course of a treatment session or a group session in a Balint group. These are interpretive options that a group develops after hearing about the course of a treatment session, up to just before the psychoanalyst’s first intervention. The subsequent group discussion process can be described in terms of the prism effect: just as a light beam shone through a prism fans out and brings into view all the – previously invisible – elements, so the group discussion fans out the patient’s previously unidentified or unconscious components into their separate elements and subtleties. This activity does not rely on the right-wrong dimension but on building up a complete picture of the patient, regardless of whether each single element can be termed accurate or far-fetched. At the heart of this, the psychoanalytic method, being discussion-orientated and seeking understanding between subjects, emerges as particularly well suited to fostering understanding between different participants, psychoanalytic schools and traditions. Furthermore, the application of this method is not grounded in a supervisory intention but in the whole group’s exploratory participation in a psychoanalytic process of understanding.

The free clinical groups (FGs) offered for the first time for the London Conference will each have a moderator, a presenter, a reporter and a maximum of 15 participants. The clinical material may consist of psychoanalytic treatments with the most varied settings (from one to five times weekly). The participants should be drawn from the widest possible range of European societies. It is therefore compulsory to register in good time to participate in these groups. Registration should in fact be understood as mandatory because otherwise a favourable composition of the groups (different countries and societies) cannot be guaranteed. The groups will meet on Thursday 25 March from 14.30h-16.30h and 17.00h-18.30h, so immediately before the Conference welcoming reception. All colleagues who have registered for the Conference, including all training analysts, members and candidates, are entitled to take part.

As moderators in London, the following colleagues will be available: Milagros Cid Sanz/Madrid, Annalisa Ferretti/Turin, Michael Parsons/London, Gerd Schmithüsen/Köln, Jonathan Sklar/London und Peter Wegner/Tübingen

Should the groups attract strong enough interest, a continuation at forthcoming EPF Conferences is in prospect. One possible long-term objective is to work out process-orientated, essentially psychoanalytic, criteria for the indication of psychoanalyses with different settings.

Those wishing to participate in one of the groups should register for the congress and then send an Email (up to the 15th of January 2010 latest) to Dr. Denny Panitz: depanitz@hotmail.com
On Thursday the Forum will host our customary full day pre-conference. Presentations of psychoanalytic work with children in small groups will focus on the detailed clinical material which will bring us deeper into the psychoanalytic process. The discussions will be facilitated by moderators who work according to the ‘weaving thoughts’ method, which has been used during previous pre-conferences and has proved to be extremely successful and inspiring. (For those who are unfamiliar with this you may read about it in: “Weaving thoughts: A method for presenting and commenting psychoanalytic case material in a peer group” Johan Norman and Björn Salomonsson 2005 Int. J. Psycho-Anal., 86: 1281-1298.)

There will be four parallel groups depending on numbers of participants, accommodating several different languages. If any colleague wishes to present case material from adult work within the framework of the weaving thoughts method, you are welcome to do so. Those who are thinking they would like to present clinical material at the Thursday pre-conference should contact Sandra Maestro sandra.maestro@inpe.unipi.it as soon as possible as it is helpful for the organizers to know this in advance.

On Friday, the programme continues with a Workshop on Psychoanalytic work with Infants and Parents. This is an innovative application of psychoanalysis and has proved very popular with the participants over the 5 years it has run.

On Friday in the afternoon there will be a Workshop on Child Psychoanalysis with a presentation and discussion of a clinical paper linked to the theme of the main conference.

Details of the presenters for both of these items in our programme will be available later.

We warmly welcome to the Thursday pre-conference and the Friday conference programme, both those colleagues who work with children in analysis and therapy, and any other colleague who finds our programme interesting. On behalf of the Forum, we look forward to seeing you in London.

Elena Fieschi: EFIESCHI@terra.es, chair of the Forum for the Psychoanalysis of Children
Adolescence implies an ability to move from autoerotism to genital pleasure. The condition of being in love accompanies and facilitates this process as it allows one to give up a more archaic loving illusion, directed towards the parental objects, and modulate the mourning for their loss and favour the ability of looking at the future and forecast what it might bring.

Falling in love also stimulates growth and testifies to the ability to form relationships with others. It can, however, be tinged by dangerous regression or may represent escape in order to flee from the nostalgia of one's first objects. What is adolescent love, what are its ingredients? How does Oedipal, narcissistic and object love tinge adolescent experiences?

And passion, where the object loses its alterity to become a possession of the other, goes hand in hand with destructivity. Surely, adult representation often distorts that which, in reality, was erotic passion during adolescence.

However, several question marks remain. Does passion during adolescence have a destructive force or does it perhaps imply some advantages for growing up? The first sexual relationships may represent an arrival, but also, they may be a starting point that influences later life. What are the characteristics of the first sexual relationships in adolescence? What anxieties do they entail?

Adolescents today make contact with love and sexual relationships on the internet. What are the risks of such an evolution?

Furthermore, what are the features of transference love in the psychoanalysis of adolescents? Does it expose one to dangerous acting out or interruption and stopping of therapy? What are the technical changes that are required to cope with it?

These issues and others will be discussed at the Adolescence Forum.
In every psychoanalytic society there is a huge investment in thinking, time and libido devoted to psychoanalytic education. The Working Party on Education has been researching the area of psychoanalytic education since its inception in 2000. We invite you to join us for a presentation of our updated research work. This work provides a glimpse and some answers to questions that are interesting for each of us as trainers, trainees and members of our societies.

We want to share with you several research projects that will touch on:

- What candidates, members and training analyst really think about admission, about the training, about qualification?
- What are the specific and unique competences of psychoanalysts? Do these develop during training?
- What is the experience and the meaning of being an analyst and becoming a training analyst. What are the personal voyages to be and work as a training analyst and how these play a role in psychoanalytic transmission?
- How do we know that a candidate can qualify as an IPA analyst?

The presenters will be: Anna Danielsson Berglund, Sweden, Mira Erlich-Ginor, Israel, Bien Filet, Netherlands, Eike Hinze, Germany, Leena Klockars, Finland, Mary Target, United Kingdom, Joan Schachter, United Kingdom, Gabór Szönyi, Hungary, Ursula von Goldacker, Germany and Majlis Winberg Salomonsen, Sweden

Program of the WPE day
11.00h – 11.30h Opening plenary
11.30h – 13.00h Project presentations
14.30h – 16.15h Project presentations
16.15h – 16.45h Closing plenary

About the Working Party on Education
The EPF working party on psychoanalytic education (WPE) has been studying the training of psychoanalysts from a number of points of view and at different levels of depth. Thus, alongside sharing the formal details of approaches to training in the different European societies, efforts have been made to establish the detailed meaning of what occurs as well as the more subtle aims, objectives, anxieties, conflicts and difficulties that exist among candidates and trainers and their effect on the whole process.

The Working Party on Education works through several research projects to tackle the various aspects of Psychoanalytic Education. Interested members are welcomed to join. The WPE aims also at creating a European and International network for exchange of educational work and dilemmas for Training Analysts. In London the WPE will present some of its main projects.

Further details will be posted in the EPF website by January 2010

Mira Erlich-Ginor
Chair, EPF Working Party on Education
**Ad Hoc Groups, Forums, Events and Open Meetings**

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday**

**IPSO programmes** offer an important opportunity for cross cultural engagement with our colleagues in our increasingly pluralistic field. This year, the IPSO programme will consist of a plenary session with a scientific paper presented by a candidate and a discussant, supervisions with training analysts from Europe, and small discussion groups on topics of importance to candidates. We invite your participation. Last but not least, the IPSO tradition includes a lively candidate dinner party.

In **London** **The Ad Hoc Group on Ethics** (Saturday morning) will have a workshop on professional ethics. We are going to discuss the theme: How to use professional knowledge and guidelines in our ethical problems with our patients. Prof. Gaby Shefler from Israel will give a paper, there will be two discussants and after that discussion from the floor. More information will be given at EPF home pages. All the members and candidates are welcome.

**Film Presentation**

*(Friday evening)*

**“The Blank Screen”**

Franco Borgogno (chair), Stefano Bolognini, Antonino Ferro, Anna Ferruta dialogue with Paolo Boccara and Giuseppe Riefolo (the two film directors) and with the audience.

The documentary “The blank screen” (DVD, 55’), directed by the colleagues Paolo Boccara and Giuseppe Riefolo (consultants for Nanni Moretti in his movie “The son’s room”), was created with a twofold purpose: fist of all showing – through clips drawn from the big screen – how both the analyst’s and patient’s figures at work are variously portrayed in films according to the common sense and, secondly, let those disparate clips dialogue with the words and comments of four contemporary Italian psychoanalysts (Anna Ferruta, Stefano Bolognini, Franco Borgogno and Antonino Ferro). The title essentially refers to the “blankness” of the analyst which, according to Freud, is ideally supposed to characterize his psychical stance of working through. Nevertheless we know that “blankness” is inexorably crossed by personal and subjective elements triggered by the very analytic relationship. The whole set of scenes and interviews of the documentary provides the mind of the viewer with new images and thoughts about one possible reading of the analytic journey and about how the emotional experience of both the analyst and analysand may become a fertile process of creative coupling between minds in the “long wave” of the analysis.

**“1919”**

Introduction: Andrea Sabbadini. Interview with its director Hugh Brody.

The film, written by Hugh Brody and Michael Ignatieff, is about two former patients of Freud, now in their late 60s, who meet and reminisce about their analysis, their lives and the historical events around the year 1919. The film, which cleverly alternates present day action with archive material and flashbacks, is widely considered as one of the very best ever made about psychoanalysis.

It was originally released in 1986 and stars Paul Scofield, Maria Schell, Frank Finley, Diana Quick, Clare Higgins and Colin Firth.
Panel Psychoanalysis and University
(Saturday morning)

“Who?, “Where?”, “What?”, “In Which Way?” and “To Whom?” are not only the questions that Paula Heimann suggested any analyst should ask himself when exploring the patient’s communications but also the questions we intend to address through the results of the research on “Psychoanalysis and university in Europe” that we are proposing in this panel. How many psychoanalysts teach in the university and where, what, in which way, and to whom do they teach? Who is doing research on psychoanalysis and related topics, and what precisely are they researching on? What are the main issues they emphasize while combining their clinical experience as psychoanalysts with their teaching, surviving in the academic world, relating with their psychoanalytical societies, and about the future of psychoanalysis, particularly that of psychoanalysis inside the university…? This is a pilot study which tries to draw a map of the European IPA psychoanalysts working in the university (and, of course, a map of their activities, problems, hopes and anxieties) so to set up a network and to open a debate about all these issues. In this panel the results of this research will be discussed, so that the various difficulties that we experience concerning everything that is connected with psychoanalysis and university may arise and be faced together.

Presenters-discussants: Franco Borgogno, Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber, Beth J. Seelig
Chair: Claudio L. Eizirik

Ad hoc Group on Ageing and IPA Committee on Ageing of analysts and patients
(Friday morning, Saturday morning)

The Times of our Lives: Ageing
The 6th “EPF Ad hoc Group on Psychoanalysis and Ageing” in collaboration with the “IPA committee on ageing: of patients and analysts” (both chaired by Gabriele Junkers) aims at fostering the exchange among those colleagues who are interested in discussing issues of ageing of patients, analysts, candidates and psychoanalytic societies. By focussing on the impending change of demographics and advanced age, it is the aim to clarify some important background issues that have an impact on the conscious as well as unconscious communication between analysts and patients, training analysts and candidates as well as the exchange among each other within psychoanalytical institutes. The discussion will include specific issues that the question of time and ultimate death raises for the life perspective of analysts.

At this conference two panels will continue the discourse since 2002:
Danielle Quinodoz (Geneva) will open the first panel by talking about: “Growing old: a journey of self-discovery”. David Bell (London) will discuss a new perspective on ageing: “Knowledge of time and death, felt as the realisation of persecuting objects”.

The second panel is devoted to the different facets of the ageing process of the analyst. Eduard Klain (Zagreb) will speak about “Problems of elderly psychoanalyst” and Lilo Plaschkes (Israel) discusses “Looking back memories”. We hope you will contribute your thinking to the discussion following the papers.
Panel on Current Topics
Friday, Saturday

“Psychoanalytic treatment of patients who have killed: Why do some seriously ill patients kill and others don’t?”

We will present the continuity of treatments of the same group of patients presented at the EPF conferences since 2000. These are all patients suffering from Personality Disorders and/or Psychotic Illnesses who received hospital orders rather than prison sentences from the courts following their convictions for having killed.

This year, we will compare and contrast those seriously ill patients who have killed with other seriously ill patients who have not or who we believe won’t. We will try to examine the differences in the minds and mental states with those that do and those that don’t. Some will have enacted violently physically and others, violently psychically. Reference to genocides and civil wars will come up in the discussion.

Carine Minne (British Soc)
Leslie Sohn (British Soc)

The EPF Programme Committee for the London 2010

The following colleagues from EPF member Societies make up the Programme Committee:

Chair: Ronny Jaffé (Italian Soc))

Member: Maria Teresa Flores (Portuguese Soc)
Susann Heenen-Wolff (Belgian Soc)
Leena Klockars (Finnish Soc)
Louis Martin Cabre (Madrid Assoc)
Jane Peringer (British Soc)
Understanding how analysts create a specifically psychoanalytic opportunity in preliminary interviews.

The Working Party on Initiating Psychoanalysis (WPIP) has a broad remit to explore ways to improve referrals for full psychoanalysis. One central task is to share and develop our skills for beginning psychoanalytic treatment, and in particular for conveying to an unprepared patient the specific opportunity offered by the experience of psychoanalysis.

Small group clinical workshops in the Vilamoura, Athens and Barcelona conferences have helped the WPIP to study how psychoanalysts do preliminary interviews that lead to full psychoanalysis. Beginning with the Vienna conference, this has been extended to include the study of preliminary interviews that did not lead to psychoanalysis, leading for example to psychotherapy or to no treatment at all, in order to investigate what patterns might differentiate this kind of preliminary consultations from ones that lead to analysis. The workshops began by working blind to the results of each interview, to see whether or not they can predict its outcome. This procedure, with a new set of questions, worked very well at the Brussels conference last year.

Five such workshops will again be held in London. In each there will be a presentation of an initial consultation or series of consultations, followed by an exploration of their dynamics and what the group thinks the likely outcome will be. This will involve general clinical discussion as well as a more focused exploration to look for specific patterns, using an improved discussion method based on accumulated experience. The groups will be limited to about 15 people working together for two extended sessions. Four workshops will be in English and one in French. Participants receive more detailed information about methods and procedures before the workshops.

A plenary session at the end of the day will be devoted to comparing workshop experiences and findings.

WPIP team members are: Bernard Reith, Chair (Switzerland), John Boots (Australia), Penelope Crick (United Kingdom), Alain Gibeault (France), Ronny Jaffe (Italy), Sven Lagerlöf (Sweden), Mette Møller (Denmark), Elisabeth Skale (Austria), Rudi Vermote (Belgium) and Peter Wegner (Germany).

N.B.: These workshops are open to members and candidates of IPA societies and study groups on advance registration. As they do not function if they are too big, we are obliged to limit the number of seats. Since they are much in demand and generally oversubscribed, it is important that those who register for them really intend to participate.
Registration information

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Please note that all prices are mentioned in British Pound – this is important for your payment.

What is included in the registration fee?
- Participation in the scientific meetings. Note: some groups require pre-registration.
- Welcome reception: On Thursday 25th March participants are invited to a welcome reception at the Hilton London Metropole. Drinks and light refreshments will be served.
- Farewell cocktail: On Sunday 28th March drinks will be served at the Hilton London Metropole to mark the close of the conference.
- Refreshments during the coffee breaks
- Other social events
- „Meet-the-IPA“

Certification (professional development points) has been applied for.
Details to follow on the EPF website at www.epf-fep.eu
There is an optional dinner-dance and IPSO party for which booking is separate.

Information and contact details

Information and an online conference timetable can be found at

www.epf-fep.eu

Details can also be obtained from the Honorary Secretary of your local EPF member Society.
For registrations, hotel, dinner-dance and excursions please contact Geber + Reusch.

Return the enclosed registration form to:

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Hotel Accommodation

On the occasion of the annual meeting of the EPF Geber+Reusch has managed to reserve an allotment in the Hilton London Metropole.

**Hilton London Metropole**
255 Edgware Road, GB-London W2 1JU.
The hotel is situated right in the heart of London, just 10 minutes from Oxford Street and Marble Arch. All rooms have air conditioning, mini bar, tea and coffee making facilities, high speed internet access, safe, shower/bath, WC. The Livingwell Health Club offers swimming pool, fitness equipment and sauna.

**Other hotel options:**
There is a great variety of hotels close to the Hilton. Please check with [www.expedia.co.uk](http://www.expedia.co.uk) or [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com).

Travel Insurance

Congress-Organisation Geber+Reusch offers a travel insurance. For further information please contact Congress-Organisation Geber+Reusch.

Excursions

The Local Organizing Committee is preparing a list of activities to complement the Scientific Program and add some local colour to your visit to the EPF in London. There will be 2 tours on offer (date and time see registration form). The first one is called 'Tate a Tate'.
It is a specialist guided tour of two of the most important arte galleries in London: Tate Britain and Tate Modern, both of which are on the banks of the river Thames. As well as a guided tour of the two galleries this event includes a short scenic boat trip along the river between the two galleries. The second tour on offer will be a special visit to the Freud Museum lead by a psychoanalyst.
The LOC is also compiling information on theatre, operas, art exhibitions and concerts in London during the congress, so that participants could book their own tickets in good time before arriving in London. In addition there will be hospitality at each of the two institutes on the Friday evening of the Congress, and a lively jazz dance band for the dinner dance party on Saturday evening.

**Transport**

**By Underground:**
Edgware Road Tube Station is opposite the hotel

**From Heathrow Airport:**
15 minutes via Heathrow Express rail service to Paddington Station or 60 minutes by car

**From Gatwick Airport:**
30 minutes by Gatwick Express to Victoria Station

**By Rail:**
Paddington and Marylebone Rail Stations just 5 minutes away by taxi. The new Eurostar Terminal at St. Pancras is just 10 minutes from the hotel.
Yet did I not, as some my equals did,
Demand of him, nor being desired yielded;
Finding myself in honour so forbid,
With safest distance I mine honour shielded.
Experience for me many bulwarks builded
Of proofs new-bleeding, which remain’d the foil
Of this false jewel, and his amorous spoil.

But, ah, who ever shunn’d by precedent
The destined ill she must herself assay?
Or forced examples, ’gainst her own content,
To put the by-past perils in her way?
Counsel may stop awhile what will not stay;
For when we rage, advice is often seen
By blunting us to make our wits more keen.

Nor gives it satisfaction to our blood,
That we must curb it upon others’ proof;
To be forbod the sweets that seem so good,
For fear of harms that preach in our behoof.
O appetite, from judgment stand aloof!
The one a palate hath that needs will taste,
Though Reason weep, and cry, ’It is thy last.’

William Shakespeare
From: Sonnets and 'A Lover's Complaint' (1609)