Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the EPF 34th Annual Conference and for the first time in its history a conference that will take place online.

How could the EPF Executive ever have predicted facing such a cruel and devastating reality as Covid-19 when the theme ‘realities’ was chosen for the 33rd Annual Conference to be held in Vienna 2020? This was going to be the occasion of the four-year handover from one Executive under Jorge Canestri, to the newly elected Executive under Heribert Blass. The two teams had met and worked together in January 2020 to plan for the 34th Annual Conference to be held in Nice, France in March 2021. As the time drew nearer for all of us to travel to Vienna the writing was on the wall concerning the rapid spread of the virus in Europe. Jorge Canestri called an emergency zoom meeting for March 1st of both Executives in order to discuss the situation. Lockdown and quarantine had not yet become a reality in Europe but we were all aware that it was on the horizon. In the history of the EPF conferences since the first one in 1976, to consider cancelling a well-prepared programme of an annual conference because of a virus had never had to be faced. After a long discussion we reached the painful consensus that we had to cancel the conference. The risks were too high to all our participants to continue as if life was normal. At the same time we decided to cancel the conference in Vienna we simultaneously decided to postpone the planned programme to take place in Nice, France 2021 instead because we hoped that the worst would be over.

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Despite these losses we nevertheless hope the present stakeholders will have a further thought and reflections on the related questions to realities which existed before this present pandemic and will doubtless exist beyond its resolution.

The EPF Executive wishes all participants an inspiring and personally successful conference. We are very much hoping that our 35th annual conference to be held in Vienna on the theme of Ideals will be in person. Please check the EPF website for more details in 2021.

Heribert Blass, President
Jan Abram, Vice President and Chair of the Scientific Committee
Ewa Głód, General Secretary

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**Friday, March 26, 2021**

- **08:45-09:00 Opening the Conference**
  - Heribert Bias (EPF President)
  - Jan Abram (EPF Vice President, Chair of the Programme Committee)

- **09:00-10:30 First Plenary on the Main Theme**
  - *Konzepte äußerer und innerer Realität und ihre Beziehung zu traumatischen Erfahrungen* (Concepts of external and internal reality and their relation to trauma)
  - Werner Böhleber (German Assoc)
  - *The non-symbolic level of psychical reality* (La psychanalyse et le virtuel)
  - Heribert Blass (EPF President)

- **11:00-12:30 Parallel Panels on the Main Theme**
  - *Chaudron à l’épreuve des sorcières* (What reality-testing in psychoanalysis in the post-truth era? From the logic of the cauldron to the test of witches)
  - Laura Ezquerra (Madrid Assoc)

**Saturday, March 27, 2021**

- **09:00-10:30 Second Plenary on the Main Theme**
  - *Psychoanalytical thoughts for an anthropological ecology* (La psychanalyse et le virtuel)
  - Alfredo Lombardozzi (Italian Soc)

- **14:00-15:30 Parallel Panels on the Main Theme**
  - *Konstruktion, äußere Realität und psychische Realität* (Construction, external reality and psychic reality)
  - Franz Oberlehner (Vienna Assoc)
  - *The therapeutic process in psychoanalysis: regressed modes of psychic reality and the scope for change* (Les perspectives d’analyse thérapeutique en psychanalyse: le verre perdu)
  - Mary Hepworth (former Target, British Soc) Ebenen der Realität in Pedro Almodóvar’s ‘Matador’

- **11:00-12:30 Parallel Panels on the Main Theme**
  - *Panel on the environmental and climate crisis Climate change and environmental crisis* (The brothers’ union against collapse in culture)
  - Alfredo Lombardozzi (Italian Soc)
  - *Disruptive creativity, artificial intelligence and omnipresent control: cultural psychoanalytical thoughts on digital changes of subject and society* (L’union des frères contre l’effondrement dans la culture)
  - Tomas Kajíčkas (Vilionius Soc)

**Sunday, March 28, 2021**

- **09:30-11:30 Third Plenary on the Main Theme**
  - *Male – female – divers? Struggling with the realities of our patients today and our own countertransference reactions* (The internet and the identity of the analyst: ongoing reflections on a problematic area)
  - Dana Amir (Israel Soc)
  - *The Internet and the identity of the analyst: ongoing reflections on a problematic area* (La psychanalyse et le virtuel)
  - Andrea Marzi (Italian Soc)

- **11:30-11:45 Closing Ceremony**
  - *Psychoanalysis and the virtual* (La psychanalyse et le virtuel)
  - Sylvain Missonnier (Paris Soc)
  - *Psychoanalysis and the virtual* (Psychoanalyse und der virtuelle)
  - Giuseppina Antinucci (British Soc)

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**Registration information**

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**Please note:**
This year’s EPF Conference will take place over Zoom. It is strongly recommended for all attendees to either download the Zoom desktop programme or update a previously-downloaded Zoom programme. Registered conference attendees will receive further technical information **one week** prior to the conference. This document will include details on the use of various Zoom functions as well as all necessary Zoom links for the conference plenaries and panels.

Information and an online conference timetable can be found at www.epf-fep.eu. Further details can also be obtained from the Honorary Secretary of your local EPF member Society or from Congress-Organisation Reusch geber-reusch@t-online.de.

Register online at www.epf-fep.eu

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