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Formlessness: Deformation, transformation

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Dear colleagues,

it gives both of the undersigned great pleasure to invite you to attend the 26th Congress of the European Psychoanalytical Federation, which will take place from 21 to 24 March 2013 in Basel, under the auspices of the German-speaking and French-speaking branches of the Swiss Psychoanalytical Society.

The theme of the Congress evokes those relatively unstructured psychical areas that we come up against more and more; in dealing with them, the work that we psychoanalysts have to do is indeed that of an artist.

In 1905, Freud wrote: „There is, actually, the greatest possible antithesis between suggestive and analytic technique - the same antithesis which, in regard to the fine arts, the great Leonardo da Vinci summed up in the formulas per via di porre [applying something] and per via di levare [taking something away].“ (Freud 1905 [1904], p. 260) Just as the painter applies colour and the sculptor takes something away, the technique of suggestion superimposes something, an action, whereas the psychoanalytic method attempts to lift or take something off - ideally without introducing anything new.

The idea of formlessness makes one think immediately of a sculptor, who transforms the formlessness of a block of marble or of wood; starting from an unexplored territory, he or she gradually enables a form to take shape. Formlessness is thus the source of an initial form, the separation and delimitation of an inside that rejects an outside - it is certainly not an „absence of form“. But does that form pre-exist, is it already present in the raw material, in the Rohstoff of which Freud wrote also? Is it the result only of the sculptor’s gestures and movements, of his or her own creativity? Does the underlying structure of the material enable other forms - or other possible interpretations - to come to life? And what would be the difference between working on the hard block of certain neuroses or autism and on the clay of some borderline states?

With the idea of “formlessness” and the opportunity that Romance languages provide for playing with a particular family of words, there comes to mind other ideas such as form, transformation and even deformation. There are also all the divergences that French and the other Romance languages conceal, whereas German, for example, highlights them: in German, the word for form (Form) does not lead easily to transformation (Verwandlung) or to deformation (Entstellung). Language itself, therefore, is a form, and we are all well aware of the questions and debates to which it necessarily gives rise.

Agreed, then: formlessness is not a psychoanalytical concept - but the questions that it raises were already present in Freud’s thinking about the cauldron of the id, as well as in the clinical and theoretical writings of many other psychoanalysts such as Winnicott, Bion, Milner, Tustin, Matte Blanco, Bleger, Fedida, Anzieu, Roussillon, Ogden etc..

Yet, in our clinical work as psychoanalysts we constantly have to deal with patients whose psychical structures are unstable, vague, indistinct or incomplete - elements of which censorship and resistance make use. „The person we are trying to help needs a new experience in a specialized setting. The experience is one of a non-purposive state, as one might say a sort of ticking over of the unintegrated personality. I referred to this as formlessness“ (Winnicott 1971, p. 55). We may then have the impression that these transformations lead only to fleeting moments of stability before unbinding gets to work again, sometimes giving rise to the loss of all meaning, an absence of meaning that provokes deep anxiety. How, in our clinical work, are we to deal with this kind of suffering and to the failure to understand these neglected or abandoned psychical areas of which the patient may well not be conscious? Formlessness functions as a regressive force, but it must also enter into life’s transformations. Formlessness and movement are therefore connected in an uninterrupted movement, the incompleteness of which lies at the heart of Freud’s theory. In both development and the analytical process, some form or shape does take root, thanks to - and in spite of - that uninterrupted movement.

In the encounter with a patient, every practising psychoanalyst is familiar with and makes use of the astonishing regressive capacity of the analytical situation, even when this is highly anxiety-provoking. The very conditions that surround the session (a quiet consulting room, the analyst sitting out of the patient’s line of sight, patient on the couch, ab-

stinence etc.) open up a path to what Freud called formal and topographical regression, to everything that tends to weaken the strength of representations through a return to sensory images, those capacities that are part of the very concept of the psychological apparatus. That possibility of undoing forms that are too absolute, too perfect, and of getting back to a less secondary-process way of functioning in the analytical situation is offered not only to the patient but also to the analyst’s attentive listening, to our functioning in the course of the session and to our evenly-suspended theorization.

The analytical situation is both a to-and-fro movement between formlessness and form and a return to a different kind of formlessness. Just when formlessness takes on some form, when it is named, it moves on immediately towards something else.

With his idea of deferred action (Nachträglichkeit), Freud showed that psychological forms are constantly being modified; some analysts, however, look for stable and reassuring forms. For themselves? For their patients? Others try to help the patient to live with his or her formlessness, instability, vagueness and perpetual incompleteness. The concept of the malleable medium (Milner, Roussillon...) comes immediately to mind, as well as that of psychic envelopes (Anzieu) or even something to do with autism (Tustin).

Formlessness, of course, is a meaningful concept for analysts working with groups or in psychodrama, since they are faced with group psychical areas that are agglutinated or have not been de-amalgamated, as well as for psychoanalysts who are interested in the social upheavals that are taking place nowadays, with the standardization of towns and cities and the uniformization of people, who find it more and more difficult to make themselves heard and to give some degree of stability to their basic sense of self-identity.

All of these transformations in our patients and in artists go hand in hand with feelings of great pain and profound anxiety when we come close to the absence of form. There is also, however, a feeling of intense pleasure and of aesthetic conflict when something that has not yet come to life is discovered.

In our own analytical training, do we not also experience some disorganization of form, a process of transformation that enables us to break free of forms belonging to the past?

In addition to the plenary sessions with Laurence Kahn, Elias Rocha Barros, Rudi Vermote and René Kaës, several discussion panels will be held in parallel, each of which will take up the theme of the Congress either from a clinical point of view or placing the emphasis on its metapsychology. We have also introduced two groups in which the plenary presentations can be discussed and explored more deeply. In the panel „Encounter with a Society“, we will have the pleasure of discovering the Swiss Psychoanalytical Society.

The idea of formlessness enables us to connect in a very rewarding way with other fields such as painting, sculpture, music, philosophy and architecture. Formlessness enables us to reach reality in its depths, to restore it in all of its violence, as the painter Francis Bacon put it when interviewed by David Sylvester3. That is why we have scheduled on the Saturday afternoon a round-table discussion, under the chairmanship of Edward Nersessian, with psychoanalysts, philosophers, neuroscientists, musicians and artists. We are extremely grateful to all of them for accepting our invitation.

We would like particularly to thank the members of the Scientific Committee of the Congress, i.e. André Beetschen, Catalina Bronstein, Viviane Chetrite-Vatine, Udo Hock, Lola Komarova and from the Swiss Society Nicolas de Coulon. Our thanks also to the members of the local Committee: Dieter Bürgin (chair), Daniel Barth, Andrea Hettlage, Manuel Horlacher, Andrea Kotter, Joachim Küchenhoff and Kerstin Westhoff.

The Presidents of the member Societies of the EPF and the Executive wish all of you an excellent Congress.

Serge Frisch, President of the European Psychoanalytical Federation
Franziska Ylander, Vice-President and Chair of the Scientific Committee

Friday, March 22, 2013

08:15-10:30
First Plenary on the Main Theme
(simultaneously translated)
• Opening the conference
  Serge Frisch (EPF President)
• Introduction to the conference theme
  Franziska Ylander (Chair of the Programme Committee)
• La limite et le passage
  Laurence Kahn (French Assoc)
  Jorge Canestri (Italian Assoc) as discussant
  Chair: Wulf-Volker Lindner (German Soc)

11:00-12:30
Group Discussions on Plenary
(English/French and English/German)

11:00-12:30
Parallel Panels on the Main Theme
• L'informe, l'intime, l'inconnu, les processus de transformation et l'objet
  (simultaneously translated)
  Jacques Press (Swiss Soc)
  Michael Parsons (British Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Blandine Faoro-Kreit (Belgian Soc)
• Nachträglichkeit – from frozen image to transforming process
  (Panel in English)
  Rolf Künstlicher (Swedish Assoc)
  Paola Marion (Italian Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Igor Kadyrov (Moscow)
• Clinical Panel on the Main Theme
  The shape of water: Form and formlessness in the analysis of a male transvestite
  (Panel in English)
  Gigliola Fornari Spoto (British Soc)
  Voytec Hanbowski (Polish Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Agneta Sandell (Swedish Assoc)

14:30-16:00
Parallel Panels on the Main Theme
• L'après-coup; form and formlessness in dream work
  (simultaneously translated)
  Bernard Chervet (Paris Soc)
  Susann Heenen-Wolff (Belgian Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Erika Kitiier (German Assoc)
• The unformed, the formation and the deformation – a clinico-cultural approach to their interplay
  (Panel in English)
  Dieter Bürgin (Swiss Soc)
  Joachim Küchenhoff (Swiss Soc / German Assoc)
  Chair: Peter Wegner (German Assoc)
• Clinical Panel on the Main Theme
  Autism and autistic shapes
  (Panel in English)
  Joshua Durban (Israel Soc)
  Bernd Nissen (German Assoc) as discussant
  Chair: Athanassios Alexandridis (Hellenic Soc)
• On Winicott’s area of formlessness: The pure female element and the capacity to feel real
  (Panel in English)
  Jan Abram (British Soc), Ronny Jaffè (Italian Soc)
  as discussant, chair: Ofra Eshel (Israel Soc)

14:30-16:00
Special Panel: Meet-the-Society
• Swiss Psychoanalytical Society – SSPsa/SGPsa
  (Panel in English)

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

16:30-18:00
Meet-the-Author
• Landscapes of the Dark (Panel in English)
  Jonathan Sklar (British Soc)
  Michael Parsons (British Soc) as discussant
  Chair: NN

16:30-19:30
Film Presentation
Saturday, March 23, 2013

09:00-10:30
Second Plenary on the Main Theme
(simultaneously translated)
• Dream, figurability and symbolic transformation. From formlessness to form
  Elias Rocha Barros (British Soc / Sao Paulo Soc)
  Guillermo Bodner (Spanish Soc)
  Chair: Bérangère de Senarclens (Swiss Soc)

11:00-12:30
Group Discussions on Plenary
(English/French and English/German)

11:00-12:30
Parallel Panels on the Main Theme
• Analytical process and transformation of trauma
  (simultaneously translated)
  Thierry Bokanowski (Paris Soc)
  Luis Martin Cabré (Spanish Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Henry Szor (Israel Soc)
• Form and formlessness in art
  (Panel in English)
  Joachim F. Danckwardt (German Assoc)
  Adela Abella (Swiss Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Sharon Raeburn (British Assoc)
• Clinical Panel on the Main Theme
  The primal scene’s deformation at the origin of troubled relationships within the family
  (Panel in English)
  Diana Norsa (Italian Assoc)
  Sylvia Zwettler-Otte (Vienna Soc)
  Chair: John Boots (Australian Soc)
• COWAP Panel: Gendered reflections on formlessness, deformation and transformation
  (Panel in English)
  Joan Raphael-Leff (British Soc)
  Paul Denis (Paris Soc)
  Chair: Frances Thomson Salo (Australian Soc)
• Mirrors on the Screen
  (Panel in English)
  Andrea Sabbadini (British Soc), Simonetta Diena (Italian Soc), Giuseppe Civitarese (Italian Soc)
  Chair: Aleksandar Kontic (Belgrade Soc)

14:30-18:00
Round Table Discussion
(simultaneously translated)
• Formlessness between art and psychoanalysis
  Chair: Edward Nersessian (American Assoc)

14:30-16:00
Parallel Panels on the Main Theme
• The poetics of psychoanalysis – form, formlessness and language
  (Panel in English)
  Henrik Enckell (Finnish Soc)
  Gregorio Kohon (British Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Rob Wille (Dutch Group / Dutch Soc)
• Children, adolescents and adults
  (Panel in English)
  Daniel Barth (Swiss Soc)
  Lena Necander-Redell (Swedish Assoc), NN (adults) as discussants
  Chair: Paul Denis (Paris Soc)
• In search of the elusive formlessness in groups of analysts working clinically together
  (Panel in English)
  Luc Michel (Swiss Soc)
  Erwin Kaiser (German Assoc) as discussant
  Chair: Antònia Grimalt (Spanish Soc)
• Clinical Panel on the Main Theme
  Motherhood and sexuality in the painting of Louise Bourgeois: Elucidating countertransferential aspects during the pregnancy of a patient in analysis
  (Panel in English)
  Denny Panitz (Hellenic Soc)
  Elisabeth Skale (Vienna Soc) as discussant
  Chair: Majlis Winberg Salomonsson (Swedish Assoc)

16:30-18:00
Individual Paper Presentations
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Sunday, March 24, 2013

09:00-12:30
Third Plenary on the Main Theme
(simultaneously translated)
• The undifferentiated zone of psychic functioning: An integrative approach and clinical implications
  Rudi Vermote (Belgian Soc)
  Antonino Ferro (Italian Soc) as discussant
  Chair: David Bell (British Soc)

Final Plenary on the Main Theme
• L’infortume, le groupe, la formation
  René Kaës (France)
  Chair: Stefano Bolognini (Italian Soc)

12.30-13.00
Farewell Session
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. Submitted papers will undergo peer review by the Programme Committee.

If you are interested in presenting a paper 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: 8th November 2012. Enquiries to geber@t-online.

End of Training Evaluation Project (ETEP)
Wednesday 16.00h-18.30h and Thursday 9.00h-17.30h, Chair: Eike Hinze

Aim: Evaluation of a candidate’s progress and development is an integral part of psychoanalytical training. Thinking about criteria for evaluation is equivalent with thinking about the goals of training. Defining these goals is indispensable for training analysts discussing the analytic competence of a candidate and also for the candidates themselves in order to enable them to compare their actual state with the wished for goals.

The aim of ETEP groups is to explore how a supervisor evaluates the analytic competence of his supervised candidate. This evaluation is strongly influenced and guided by the supervisor’s concepts and clinical models. ETEP groups try to gain insight into how the conceptual background of a training analyst influences his evaluation of a supervised candidate. These concepts are often implicit and have to be deduced from the supervisory work. Surveying and discussing these issues leads to more thoroughly thinking about the question why and how theoretical concepts matter for training. Discussion of evaluation and theoretical models inevitably touches upon the impact of the training analyst’s institute on all aspects of training. In discussing questions of training the triangle supervisor-candidate-institute has always to be taken in account.

Method: A training analyst presents examples from his supervisory work with one or two candidates. The specific task of the participants is then to consider these clinical examples with a view to getting clear when and how the presenter thought the candidate was specifically able to function with a patient like a psychoanalyst and when not. The presenter’s criteria for qualification or his ideas as to what is psychoanalytic work may be implicit or “taken for granted”. It then requires group members to construct the model of evaluation and to test this construction with the presenter. The idea is not to focus on what the group members think the criteria should be, but on understanding what the presenter’s ideas are. This is therefore also an opportunity for the presenter to try to set out his ideas and to reflect on them with colleagues. A final step in ETEP groups’ discussions is to reflect on how the presenter thinks the institute is impeding or furthering the training.

The groups (English speaking) run from 16:00h to 18:30h on Wednesday and from 9:00h to 17:30h on Thursday. Experienced analysts are welcome in these groups. It is not obligatory to be already a training analyst. Every participant is supposed to take part on both days.

On Friday from 11:00h to 12:30h a panel will take place presenting results from the work of ETEP: “Controversial issues in psychoanalytic training: How do theoretical concepts matter for training? Which concepts of outcome and evaluation do we have?” Chair: Majlis Winberg Salomonsson (Swedish Assoc) Presenters: Mira Erlich Ginor (Israel Soc), Shmuel Erlich (Israel Soc), Eike Hinze (German Assoc) Discussant: Bent Rosenbaum (Danish Soc)
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: from the two-step method described in our book Psychoanalysis Comparable and Incomparable, the method has been developed regularly. The project enters now into a new phase in Basel: with the same method, we will discover the metapsychological concepts used by the presenter in such different fields as drives, defenses, affects etc..

An experienced colleague will present and experienced colleagues will discuss it (candidates can assist, but are asked not to contribute to the discussion until the last moment). 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 one hour. Six hours are then devoted to step 1 and 2, when the group will try to look in depth at each “intervention” the presenter made 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 six hours will be devoted finding what are the metapsychological concepts probably; the notions he uses principally will be constructed into clusters, which will help to comparison between analysts. Finally, an overall picture of how this analyst works will be described. The presenter will intervene at each step, commenting the group’s ideas.

The CCM method is now being adopted in groups in meetings around the world. 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, the project finishing in 2014.

In Basel 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.) 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. As these workshops have been over-subscribed every year, priority will be given to past participants but also to new participants applying before Christmas. Moderators will be from among the following: Olivier Bonard, Dana Birksted-Breen, Georg Bruns, Michael Diercks, Marc Hebbrecht, Alessandra Lema, Angela Mauss-Hanke. Please note that the groups begin on Wednesday in the pre-congress time 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.

Candidates are welcome.

Presenters requested: 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 email obonard@gmail.com as soon as possible.
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 (‘listening to listening’ method) 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: Laura Ambrosiano, Stefan Balint, Dieter Bürgin, Nicole Carels, 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 Haydée Faimberg: h.faimberg@orange.fr if possible not later than 1st December 2012. 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 17.00h (English speaking) and other groups (English or French speaking) on Thursday from 09.00h up to 17.00h, which continues on Friday from 14.00h up to 17.30h. For reasons of methodology in the discussion participants should engage to be present the whole time.
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 (3 consecutive meetings). 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 countertransference 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 Basel there will be up to 5 groups including 1 or 2 French speaking groups. Moderators will be among others: Jan Abram, Catherine Desvignes, Bien Filet, Erika Kittler, Luc Michel, Nicole Minazio, Ronnie Shaw, Philippe Valon, Eva Weil.

Please note that the groups will take place on Wednesday late afternoon and Thursday 09.00h to 18.30h. Those wishing to take part should attend all sessions of their group.

Candidates are welcome.

Those wishing to participate in one of these groups should write soonest to geber-reusch@t-online.de and ekittler@online.de
Our experience with the new clinical groups at last year’s annual conferences of the EPF in London, Copenhagen and Paris was so rewarding and the feedback was so positive that we decided to offer these clinical groups again in Basel.

The method we will use again is based on an idea of Wolfgang Loch’s, who has characterized the discussion of clinical material in groups by comparing it to the model of the prism effect: Like the light beam that, when funnelled through a prism, will reveal heretofore invisible parts and make them transparent, the group discussions will reveal thus far unmentioned and unconscious components of the patient and make him appear in his various parts and different nuances.

This process is not aimed at a dimension of ‘right or wrong’ but at a more complete picture of the patient. In its core, the psychoanalytic method as a discourse oriented method, which aims at the mutual understanding between subjects, is particularly well suited to facilitate an understanding between different participants, psychoanalytic schools and traditions. Furthermore, this method avoids making supervision, in the strict sense, the main intent because the group is not only interested in a psychoanalytic process of understanding but also in arriving at possible interpretations.

The initial presentation of the material ends at a point just before the first intervention or interpretation has been made. Only when the group itself has arrived at one or more possible interpretations, will the presenter present the rest of the session.

Information about diagnosis, patient biography, the process, number of previous treatment hours and frequency of treatment will not be provided until the presented session has been discussed in its entirety.

Initial evaluation of the clinical material and of the ensuing group discussions in the last years has raised extremely interesting questions, and our plan is to continue to evaluate and to refine these; this is work which might will occupy us for quite some time. The long term goal is to come up with process oriented, essentially psychoanalytic criteria for the indication of psychoanalyses in different settings.

The independent clinical groups (FCG) in Basel will consist of two moderators, a presenter, a reporter and a maximum of 15 participants. The clinical material may be chosen from psychoanalytic treatments in a variety of settings (one, two, three, four or five times a week). The participants ought to come from differential European societies. Hence a timely registration to participate in the groups is obligatory, otherwise a beneficial mix of groups (different countries and/or societies) may not be maintained.

The groups are taking place on Thursday, 21st of March at 14.30h – 16.30h and 17.00h – 18.30h, before the welcoming reception of the conference. Eligible to participate are all colleagues registered for the conference, including training analysts, members and candidates. Due to multiple requests, in Basel we will offer groups in German, English and French.

The following colleagues will act as moderators:
- Ursula Burkert/Koeln (English/German)
- Milagros Cid Sanz/Madrid (English/French)
- Joachim F. Danckwardt/Tuebingen (German)
- Patrick Miller/Paris (English/French)
- Denny Paniț/Athens (German/English)
- Gerd Schmithüsen/Koeln (English/German)
- Jonathan Sklar/London (English)
- Claudia Thussbas/Berlin (German/English)
- Dorothee von Tippelskirch/Eissing/Berlin (German/English/French),
- Christine Wegner/Tuebingen (German/English)
- Peter Wegner/Tuebingen (German/English)

Those wishing to participate in one of these groups should write soonest to geber-reusch@t-online.de (no later than 15.01.2013).
The EPF Forum for the Psychoanalysis of Children was created at the EPF Conference in Madrid in 2001 under the chairmanship of Bjorn Salomonsson. Now, ten years later, the Group is thriving. It is currently co-chaired by Sandra Maestro from Italian Psychoanalytic Society and by Carmen Wenk-Reich from German Psychoanalytical Association. Its members are Elena Fieschi Viscardi (Spanish Soc), Daniel Barth (Swiss Soc), Danielle Goldstein (Paris Soc) and Jean Louis Fouassier (French Assoc), Antonia Grimalt (Spanish Soc), Noa Haas (Israel Soc), Beate Schumacher (British Soc), Angelika Staehle (German Assoc) and Marco Mastella (Italian Soc).

There are three main events at each EPF conference organized by the Forum for the Psychoanalysis of Children, and child analysts also make contributions to other parts of the conference.

The Pre-Conference Event, on the Thursday before the main conference begins, has traditionally been a day of clinical groups which use the “Weaving Thoughts Method” for discussion. Many participants have returned year after year and are familiar with this method, where the group’s task is to adopt as closely as possible the free floating attention of the analyst in the session while listening to and speaking about the clinical material that is presented. The presenter, who has given a detailed account of a session, listens without responding or debating, and the moderator’s role is to maintain a good working atmosphere for the group. Many participants have commented on the way in which this method of clinical presentation and discussion fosters an openness to unconscious processes in the material, and how the “weaving thoughts” of those present capture something essential to the case. (Those unfamiliar with this method may wish to read: Norman, J. & Salomonsson B. (2005), “Weaving thoughts: A method for presenting and commenting on psychoanalytic case material in a peer group”, Int. J. Psycho-Anal., 86:1281-1298.)

In Paris in 2012, we have introduced a modification of the pre-conference in order to give the opportunity to participants to learn more about technique and specific challenges of the psychoanalysis of children. Therefore also this year in the morning, we will work with the Weaving Thoughts method as usual. In the afternoon, the group will discuss with the same presenter and moderator the issues raised from the weaving thoughts session of the morning.

At the end of the groups, there will be a final plenary session to discuss how the day has gone with all of the participants.

Anyone would like to present in a Weaving Thoughts group should contact either Jean-Louis Fouassier (jean-louis.fouassier@wanadoo.fr) or Danielle Goldstein (goldsteindanielle@free.fr).

On Friday, there are two events organised by the Forum. In the morning there will be the Workshop on Work with Infants and their Parents. This year Maria Knott from the German Psychoanalytic Society will present her work on the follow up of dyads of babies and others and Beate Schumacher from the British Psychoanalytical Society will be the chair.

In the afternoon, in the Child Analysis Workshop, Laura Colombi from the Italian Psychoanalytic Society will present clinical vignettes from the psychoanalysis of a child through adolescence focusing on transformation in countertransference and technique. The Workshop will be chaired by Elena Fieschi, from the Spanish Psychoanalytical Society.

On Saturday, Daniel Barth from the Swiss Psychoanalytic Society will present the clinical case of a child analysis in the parallel panel on adult, adolescent and child psychoanalysis and an adult and an adolescence psychoanalyst will be the discussants.

Candidates are welcome.
The theme of this year’s congress, “Formlessness: Deformation, Transformation”, brings forward, through the use of a term first employed psychoanalytically by Winnicott, “formlessness”, the double potential of adolescence: Transformations which involve a stable sexual identity by the end of adolescence, through the integration and appropriation of the sexually mature body, and the acquisition of autonomy of thought. Or deformation, amounting to developmental breakdown and its sequels, due to the inability to deal with the changes of puberty. Deformations may entail psychotic functioning, as part of more normal mechanisms used by the adolescent, or a full-blown psychotic process, less amenable to being reversed.

The patients who come to our consulting rooms in this very vulnerable time of life may feel threatened by a fear of regression to fusion with the all-powerful pre-genital mother, and form is provided by the firm boundaries of the setting, and by the relationship to the analyst, which may protect, despite a feeling of being trapped in a relationship with no ending. Formlessness is therefore a risk for the adolescent, already in a state of regression brought about by the onset of puberty, the loss and mourning of the undifferentiated infantile body, and the return of Oedipal strivings. The creative potential of formlessness, as described by Winnicott, in terms of a new integration on the basis of the maturational processes and non-alienating identifications, may be afforded by the treatment once trust in the analyst and in the method is established. In the clinical work with adolescents two transformational processes have to meet: the analyst’s and the patient’s.

The forum on adolescence will start on Thursday with two parallel clinical groups, one in English and one in French. On Friday morning a seminar, with the presentation of a paper by Anna Nicolò. Candidates are welcome.

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**Ad Hoc Groups, Forums, Events and Open Meeting**

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday**

**Directors of Training Meeting (DOTM), Friday 14.00h-16.00h, Chair: Eva Schmid-Gloor**

In past years, the EPF Annual Conference included a “Directors of Training Meeting” (DOTM), which was organised under the patronage of IPA by Shmuel Erlich, Chair of the IPA „Education and Oversight Committee“.

Starting from 2013, the meeting will be organised directly by the EPF. We invite all directors of training belonging to a psychoanalytic society, which is member of the EPF, to participate in the meeting.

The aim of the DOTM is to discuss current questions concerning psychoanalytic training. In past years, the exchange between supporters of different training models has proved to be particularly fruitful.

**Newly qualified Training Analysts’ Meeting, Friday 16.00h-18.00h, Chair: Eva Schmid-Gloor**

The „Newly qualified Training Analyst’s Meeting“ is a new initiative of the EPF. Its aim is to allow recently qualified training analysts an opportunity to discuss pertinent issues and problems concerning their new tasks with colleagues from other psychoanalytic societies.

The specific functions within psychoanalytic training require continuous education on behalf of the training analyst. While part of it is provided by local psychoanalytical institutes, the EPF wants to offer training analysts additional education in a surrounding which is unencumbered by the inevitable incestuous and power-related bindings of local institutes.

The participants will share their reflections on admission to training, on supervision, as well as on general aspects of psychoanalytical training.

Team-work will take place in small groups. For reasons of confidentiality only one member of a society will be permitted per group. The number of participants is limited.

Detailed information will be provided by email.
The experience of the psychic treatment of mass-murder survivors and their offspring has been the starting point of this seminar and remains the main focus of our work.

In order to reflect on this clinical experience, we have relied on psychoanalytic texts that question the link between individuals, culture and history – Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego being the prime texts in this investigation. But we have equally relied on the case studies presented by colleagues who took part in this seminar, on the writings of survivors and their offspring, as well as on selected work from other disciplines such as contemporary history, political anthropology, sociology etc.

Bibliographical research centred on the international psychoanalytic publications that have come out since 1945, in the IJP principally, complements and queries our work.

Below are some of the questions we wish to tackle thanks to the work of European colleagues joining us in this EPF “Ad Hoc” group: What is the current state of the theory of psychic trauma, in the aftermath of twentieth century mass-murders? It seems that the contemporary restructurings and constructions carried out by colleagues working on the topic in the international psychoanalytic community must be examined.

Is the phrase “Collective Traumas” still relevant today? Does it elicit a reflection on the links between the patient’s dissociations and the collective events, compelling us to wonder about the ways in which such links are acted out in the transference and about the modalities of treatment and interpretation they imply? Is individual treatment likely to address the violations inflicted by the collective? Before being elaborated collectively, the historical event seems, in our view, to go through a period of latency that presides over the modalities of transmission of the lived experience from one generation to the next. What would be the nature of this latency period, what function does it serve, what are the psychic operations that take place within it? One of our hypotheses is that man’s cultural condition leads us to think that the scene of the ego is also determined by the scene of collective psychology. In the model suggested by Freud, culture and the collective are inherent in the psyche from the start and this inherited core is made up of the traces of our ancestors’ lived experiences. This is humanity’s archaic heritage.

Over the ten years during which the seminar has been held, some of our colleagues’ interventions have led us to consider the entanglement between the individual and the collective in the experience of the treatment in ways that depart from the exclusive terms of duality and opposition. It has seemed imperative to us, however insufficient it might be, to resort to another logic than that of a simple articulation between the individual and the collective; the limits of these categories are indeed hard to outline firmly and distinctly, when it comes to accounting for the processes we are striving to analyse.

In order to explore such entanglement, each participant has resorted to various models that approach the latter in terms of encasement, of rupture, of exclusive inclusion and inclusive exclusion, of group psychic apparatus and of the work of culture; such models have led us to reconsider the relations between phylogenesis and ontogenesis etc.

Metaphors, transitional spaces emerge, yielding – such is our hope – further theoretico-clinical constructions.

Formlessness, the theme of the EPF Conference in March 2013, gives us an opportunity to include this notion in the presentation of our research.

Do the traces of collective traumas in the context of psychoanalytic treatments have anything clinical to say about formlessness, whether within or without? What is the relation that such Formlessness has with the course of death drives, for example? …

We may wonder whether the effects of traumas in the context of psychoanalytic treatments, when they make themselves obvious to the analyst’s listening, might constitute the psychic counterpart of their repetitions in the collective.

Candidates are welcome.
Panel: Psychoanalysis & University, Sat 11.00h-12.30h, Chairs: Johannes Lehtonen, Franco Borgogno

Trends in the evolving relationship of psychoanalysis to university in Europe

Presenters:
Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber (German Assoc)
The European perspective on the relations of psychoanalysis and university
Sverre Varvin (Norwegian Soc)
The Nordic branch of the IPA project of developing psychotherapy practice and theory (DPPT)
Leena Klockars and Henrik Enckell (Finnish Soc)
The new Finnish legislation of psychotherapy training in the universities

The seminar will concentrate on topical processes that presently affect the relations of psychoanalysis and the universities in different European countries. Several trends in psychoanalysis/university relations are presently active in Europe. Some of them are based on IPA initiative and others on the universities or health care and insurance organizations in different European countries. Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber will give an overview of the current trends in Europe. Sverre Varvin will describe the co-operative work of the four Nordic countries (Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland) for improving the status of psychoanalysis vis-à-vis the national authorities (university institutions, government, health care and insurance).

This work has been divided into three sections, the impact of the public sector, the impact of research and the outreach activities of the psychoanalytical societies. Leena Klockars and Henrik Enckell will inform of the new Finnish legislation that came to force from the beginning of 2012, which moved the training of psychotherapists to the universities. According to the new law the responsibility of psychotherapy training is placed in the universities but the training will be given in conjunction with the traditional psychotherapy training organizations. It is expected that the new law will in time have far-reaching consequences on the status of psychotherapy training. The role of the psychoanalytical training in this new situation will be discussed.

Ad hoc Group on Ethics, Sat 14.30h-16.00h, Chair: Leena Klockars, Claire-Marine François-Poncet

In Basel there will be again an Ad Hoc Group on Ethics. This time we will focus on discussing what does it mean to be psychoanalyst today? Where do we come from and where are we going? What are the ethical grounds of our everyday work and practice? There will be a paper and a panel about these issues. The more detailed program will be seen on the EPF webside.

Ad Hoc Group on Ageing: The IPA Committee on Ageing – of patients and psychoanalysts

An ageing membership and its implications

The issue of an ageing psychoanalytic membership requires our full attention: The European study (see EPF Bulletin 64, 2010) provided a snapshot of our present situation: 70% of our membership is between the ages of fifty and seventy, and there is a problem recruiting a sufficient number of younger candidates.

This panel will focus on the implications and imperatives for the psychoanalytic community suggested by these demographic facts and trends. The panel will begin to take up the thorny question of what constitutes “old”? And when and why do we label an analyst “old”? How do candidates experience the age environment of our organizations? There is an imperative to ask whether this affects the recruitment of candidates and if so, how? The imperative to anticipate and have structures or systems in place to empathetically address impairment in our midst is clear from experience worldwide and will also be explored.

Three papers will be given on these topics by the following contributors: Audrey Kavka (American Assoc) & Batya Monder (New York Soc), by Maria Teresa Hooke (Australian Soc), Gabriele Junkers (German Assoc) and others.
Freud deals in this paper with the question of external and internal and with reality-testing aiming at refining an object that has once been perceived. Negation belongs to the instinct of destruction, while affirmation belongs to Eros. The original wording of Freud’s thoughts can help us to discover small differences in translations into English, but also into other languages. Sometimes we might become aware of subtle shifts in the meaning and of new aspects.

In English and German; contributions regarding other languages very welcome.

Considerations on Freud’s Original Text: 
Die Verneinung, G.W. Bd. 14, 11-15
(Negation, S.E. 19, 234-239)

This short paper Freud’s contains essential ideas regarding the theme of the conference. It deals with a special point of metapsychology, but touches also upon technique.

Negation is a form of confirmation from the unconscious. Negation allows unconscious ideas and thoughts to make their way into consciousness. Thus thinking can free itself from the restrictions of repression and from the compulsion of the pleasure principle.

Outreach in Europe: A workshop on conditions, strategies and difficulties
Saturday 11.00h-12.30h, Chairs: Paola Marion, Stefanie Wilke

Psychoanalysis is often not acknowledged and respected despite its broad clinical competence. How can we gain more candidates and how can we find ways to support psychoanalysis in our culture and society? How can we find ways to make the psychoanalytic method understandable and attractive for the public without hurting its intimacy? As European Outreach Committee our task is to seek out way to improve the image and the knowledge of psychoanalysis in the communities served by our component organisations.

The European situation is rather complex as there are 39 different societies with more than twenty different languages spoken and with many different cultures and national histories. This needs to be respected and leads to different group identities within the different societies.

We decided to prepare a panel on outreach each year at the EPF-Conferences to support international discussions. We started in London 2010, Copenhagen took place in 2011, and then Paris in 2012.

This year our wish and goal is to stimulate the reflection and the discussion on outreach in Europe. After an introduction by the European Outreach Committee a discussion will be opened with the floor and the representatives of the European Psychoanalytical Societies discussing what is meant by outreach and comparing various aspects in building successful outreach strategies.

Treating patients who have killed:
The importance of diagnostic clarification

Since 2000, Dr Leslie Sohn and I have regularly presented, at the annual EPF conferences, the long-term psychoanalytic treatments of severely disturbed patients who have killed. These are patients psychiatrically diagnosed as suffering from Personality Disorders but who manifest psychotic states, particularly at the moments of killing. For this EPF workshop, we would like to propose a theoretical understanding for the shifts in mental states that repeatedly arise in these patients from being manifestly personality disordered to being manifestly psychotic. We will stress the importance of diagnostic clarification in terms of assessing risk of enactment and treatment needs.
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IJP Workshop on writing a psychoanalytic paper for the International Journal of Psychoanalysis
Saturday 11.00-13.00h, Chair: Dana Birksted-Breen, Workshop Leader: Rachel Blass

In this workshop essential aspects of preparing a paper for publication will be discussed. These will include issues such as: what makes a paper worthy of publication, the role of the literature, the role of clinical material, how ideas may be justified, on developing and presenting ones ideas, choosing a title and writing an abstract, possible obstacles to beginning and finishing a paper and the process of submitting papers and being reviewed. The workshop will demonstrate how these issues could be dealt with by working together on a concrete example of a potential paper for submission.

Those interested in participating in this workshop are invited to submit in advance papers or simply ideas for papers that they are working on or thinking about writing. Examples will be selected from these. Please send these to Rachel Blass r.blass@ucl.ac.uk It is hoped that through this workshop the participants would feel encouraged to submit their papers for publication and would be better equipped to do so.

The workshop will be in English. Please register with Brigitte Reusch geber-reusch@t-online.de if you wish to participate in the workshop so that we can send you the paper to be discussed in advance.

IPSO
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

As part of the EPF conference, the International Psychoanalytical Studies Organization (IPSO) offers a program providing an important opportunity for the intercultural dialogue between candidates in the pluralistic European psychoanalytical landscape.

The 2013 IPSO program will include the following activities:

- 4 IPSO Workshops with the ‘Listening to listening’ discussion method (Chair Haydée Faimberg) open to candidates and recently graduated members on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. There will be two parallel workshops in English and French in the morning (9am-1pm) and in the afternoon (3pm-7pm). Haydée Faimberg and Dieter Bürgin are moderating the groups.
- An opening event with welcoming words by our hosts and the IPSO Representatives followed by a plenary session with a paper presentation and discussion on Thursday afternoon, March 21, 2013.
- During the EPF Conference we will have 4 supervisions with training analysts from different countries.
- As a traditional part of the IPSO program, there will be the IPSO dinner party on Friday evening, March 22, 2013 for people to meet, dine, dance, discuss and exchange about psychoanalytical training and practice in the different psychoanalytic traditions and cultures.

The detailed program will be announced later this year 2012. For questions concerning the IPSO program please contact Holger Himmighoffen or Anna Mária Hansjürgens, email: IPSO-Europe@ipso.candidates.org.uk

IPSO has also a Website:
http://www.ipso-candidates.org.uk/

We cordially invite all candidates coming to the EPF Conference to participate in the IPSO program!

Holger Himmighoffen
(IPSO Vice President for Europe)
Anna Mária Hansjürgens
(IPSO Vice President-elect for Europe)
Valeria Nader
(IPSO President)
Please note that prices are shown in SWISS FRANCS!

### Registration fees

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For this meeting the EPF made it possible to lower the fee by € 20,-.

**What is included in the registration fee?**

- Participation in the scientific meetings. Note: some groups require pre-registration.
- Welcome reception: On Thursday 21 March participants are invited to a welcome reception at the Congress Center Basel. Drinks and light refreshments will be served.
- Farewell cocktail: On Sunday 24th March drinks will be served at the Congress Center Basel to mark the close of the conference.
- Refreshments during the coffee breaks.
- Other social events.

Certification (professional development points) has been applied for.

Details to follow on the EPF website at [www.epf-fep.eu](http://www.epf-fep.eu)

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### 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**

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### The EPF Programme Committee for Basel 2013

**The Programme Committee:**
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- Kerstin Westhoff (Swiss Soc)
Visit the Novartis Campus

There will be a guided tour of the Novartis Campus. Novartis, one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world, has in recent years transformed their work area St. Johann in Basel (office buildings, research and production facilities) into a highly regarded architectural campus. Knowledgeable guides will show this outstanding architecture and explain the design philosophy behind this modern work area with its focus on innovation and encounters.

Afterwards an aperitif will be offered. 200 participants can participate in this English speaking tour – on “first comes, first served” basis! Meeting point: 18.30h in special arranged busses from the Congress Center Basel. Return at approx 21.00h.

Cost for round trip: SFr. 25.-- pp

Schedule for the theatre will be available at the end of 2012 – will be mailed as soon as it is published.

Social Events

For Friday evening:

For Saturday evening there will be two optional events:

Dinner in the “Weiherschloss Bottmingen”

The beautifully located 14th century castle surrounded by water and nestled amidst a romantic park, is located southerly from Basel and has been tastefully refurbished in the last few years. In an unrivaled atmosphere you can enjoy a fine-dining cuisine awarded with 15 Gault Millau points.

Meeting point: 20.00h Weiherschloss Bottmingen, Schlossgasse 9, 4103 Basel

Cost: Price at time of printing not yet known.

For Saturday evening there will be two optional events:

Fondation Beyeler Riehen/Basel – exhibition by Ferdinand Hodler from 27.01. - 26.05.2013

From 27.01.-26.05.2013 the exhibition in the Fondation Beyeler is dedicated to Ferdinand Hodler and his late works. During his last 5 years, 1913 – 1918, the painter took up his great themes of life which he has shown in series and variations: the beauty of the Swiss Alps which he painted from far and near, his obsession with death, the struggle with himself and his fascination of women. The exhibition presents the artist’s self portraits as well as a well known series of striking images of the last months of his beloved Valentine Godé-Darel. A highlight of this exhibition is his monumental figure composition “Looking into infinity”.

The Fondation Beyeler opened in 1997 and the gallery owner, art collector and patron of the arts Ernst Beyeler and his wife Hildy opened their world famous art collection permanently to the public.

The museum in Riehen/Basel is one of the most important buildings for modern and contemporary art in Switzerland and has been visited since the opening by more than 4 million people.

After an English speaking guided tour which lasts for 1 hour an Apéro Riche (small dinner incl. drinks) will be offered in the restaurant Berower Park (opposite the Fondation).

Meeting point: 18.30h entrance of Fondation Beyeler, Baselstrasse 77, Riehen/Basel (tram station right in front of the foundation. Mobility ticket can be used)

Cost for guided tour and Apéro Riche (small dinner incl. drinks): SFr 110,-- pp
On the occasion of the annual meeting of the EPF Geber+Reusch has managed to reserve an allotment in the conference hotel:

Swissotel Le Plaza Basel directly located at the Congress Center Basel and only a few minutes’ walk to the Rhine and old town. All bedrooms have bath/WC, safe and mini bar. There is a direct passage to the Congress Center Basel. With your hotel confirmation issued by Geber+Reusch you can make use of all public transport free of charge in Basel incl. the airportbus from EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg.

The Taxiphon-Genossenschaft offers a charge card (please ask the driver) which you can use to get discounted rates for your travel in Basel.
Tel: 061 444 44 44.

Congress-Organisation Geber+Reusch offers a travel insurance which can be booked with the registration form.

More hotels you can book online via https://hotel.basel.com/EPF/D

Hotel Rochat Historic hotel in a listed building in Basel’s historic centre. Central and very quiet. 2 minutes walk from the city centre and just 10 minutes from the exhibition centre. Comfortable rooms with cable TV, radio, direct dial telephone with ISDN, WiFi and mini bar await you.

Hotel Basilisk The Hotel Basilisk is located near the exhibition and congress centres, the Rhine, with its beautiful promenades, and the old town, with its diverse sights and culinary delights. All guests receive a Mobility Ticket upon arrival, with which you can travel free on all buses and trams in Basel. Please show your confirmation to receive the Mobility-Ticket.

Hotel Ramada The highest habitable building in Basel is located right next to the Congress Center Basel. All rooms have shower, bath, toilet, safe and minibar. Free Wi-Fi internet.

Hotel du Commerce Welcome to the 3-star Hotel du Commerce in Basel! Just a few steps from the Messe Basel exhibition centre you will find the peace and quiet you need to recover from strenuous work days. Or take advantage of our location and enjoy the full range of Basel’s cultural offerings.

Hotel Krafft The Krafft is located in the centre of Basel, with an impressive view of the opposite bank of the Rhine, with its historic buildings and the cathedral. “Simplicity, authenticity and quality” are the principles of this hotel.

Hotel Spalentor Completely renovated in 2012! Wander through the famous Spalentor to the Old Town, the heart of Basel. Our guests can expect free Wi-Fi and cycle hire, a minibar and an extensive breakfast buffet (included). The city’s public transport network, free to use during your stay at the hotel, will take you quickly to the airport, train stations and to Basel’s trade fair centre. Each of the generously sized rooms has a coffee maker, flat-screen TV, DVD player and iPod docking station.

Hotel Stücki Stücki is an attractive, modern hotel, which was embedded in the Stücki shopping centre in Basel’s Kleinhüningen district. Only 10 minutes drive from the airport, the hotel is situated close to the three-country borders, the Basel exhibition centre and the city centre.

All hotel guests receive a mobility ticket which is valid during your stay and in zones 10, 11, 13 and 15.
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, hotels, transfer, and Saturday evening options please contact Geber + Reusch at geber-reusch@t-online.de

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